

SANFORD LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING
February 24, 2014 - 7:00 p.m. - Village of Sanford Office

No guests were in attendance

PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tuttle at 7:00. The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Steve Tuttle, President; Adam Beebe, Vice President; Kurt Partlo, Treasurer; Scott Scarpelli, Director/Water Quality; Jeanette Snyder, Director/Communications; Rob Vallentine, Director/PR; Bill Gebo, Director/Water Quality and Ellen Peden, Director Fireworks/Picnic. Directors absent: Lee Walko, Director/Membership and Web Site; Sharron Such, Secretary and Joe Manelis Director.

AGENDA

It was moved by Vallentine and seconded by Scarpelli to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

Partlo had one correction from, "A debit card has been obtained to use for online access and deposits, to, an **ATM card** has been obtained..." Then, a motion by Gebo and seconded by Vallentine was made to approve the minutes from October 28th 2013. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT OPENING COMMENTS (Tuttle)

Accomplishments for the last year include; water quality weed control coordination with Edenville, Township and the weed application people (Savin). The continuation of the monitoring of the dam issues was mentioned. Steve also said that the Economic Impact Study, regarding the importance of retaining the dam to the county in terms of revenue and jobs, has been completed with the help of the SLA. Newsletters were mentioned in terms of their quality and frequency.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurers report (Partlo)

Currently there is \$12,489.25 in checking which does not include a pending check (grant) from The Midland Foundation for \$10,000. The Savings account (fireworks fund) holds \$3,074.40. Total of both accounts equals \$15, 563.65. The budget for this fiscal year (October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014) was discussed some adjustments were made and the budget will be voted upon next meeting (4/28/14). The report also included the funding of the Economic Impact Study (\$36,540) through monies from earmarked donations from citizens, DOWPAC money, Midland foundation, and General Fund portion from the SLA which will be replaced by the upcoming DOWPAC contribution.

Motion was made by Partlo to pay the second half of the invoice for the Economic Impact Study to Public Sector Consultants contingent upon receipt of the \$10,000 foundation grant. That would leave only \$962 dollars to come from the general fund of the SLA which the board will find a way to replace by the end of this fiscal year, insuring that no funds from membership will be used to fund the study. The motion was seconded by Beebe and carried unanimously.

The budget also addressed a new goal of 275 members for this year, currently there are 224 members.

SLPA sub committee report (Valentine et al)

They are still meeting with the county commissioners. There has been a change in leadership the Chair is Jim Leigeb and the Vice Chair is Nick Finley.

Water Quality Report (Scarpelli and Gebo)

They have met with Savin to discuss weed control coordination. Questions raised were; is that the best solution (Vallentine), and are we putting too much weed control chemicals in the lake (Scarpelli)? Michigan Lakes and Streams Association has sent inquiries about the kind of monitoring we are doing in the lake, both Beebe and Scarpelli have been involved in Sechi disk readings and will reply to the MLandS.

Membership report

Tuttle suggested that we give new homeowners on the lake one free year membership to the SLA.

Communications (Snyder/Vallentine)

There are four main events coordinated by the SLA, they are the boat swap, the fireworks, annual picnic and the founders day parade. The spring newsletter and all of the publications sent by the SLA will include information promoting all of those events. There will be two electronic newsletters sent to our membership and one general public mailed to all lake front and back lot owners . The articles for the first news letter are due on March 14th. There will be one on lake safety, key objectives for the SLA this year (Tuttle), Sechi disk and water quality information article (Scarpelli), Economic Impact Study (Beebe), Raising the water level (Snyder), Financial report blurb (Partlo) and an article about free membership for new homeowners including the info to call the president for the free membership.

New Business Items

Economic Impact Study. (Beebe)

Adam distributed a synopsis of the study and explained that this will be used to exemplify the value added to the county by having and sustaining the dam. It will be shared with county officials to help them understand the impact on the county revenue and jobs related to having the dam. We only have one commissioner that resides on the lake, this tool (study) will provide information about the importance of retaining the dam to all the commissioners . It will provide real numbers that can be used to fund raise (if necessary) and use to assure the quantity of water within Sanford Lake.

Little Forks Conservancy (Gebo) Bill introduced the idea of putting the Little Forks Conservancy logo on our web site with a link to its web page and visa versa. Tuttle moved to include the logo/website information for two months as a trial period Gebo second it the motion was passed.

Sub committee for water quality (Scarpelli) Scott suggested that there be a group of people (committee) involved in the water quality monitoring, issue identification (erosion, sediment ect.) and weed discussion. The subcommittee would be members of the SLA who would be interested. An article will be generated for the newsletter promoting the new committee and inviting members to join.

Elections (Walko) The following positions are up for election this year, Vice President Adam Beebe, Treasurer Kurt Partlo, Water Quality Bill Gebo and Scott Scarpelli, Membership and web site coordinator, Lee Walko

Board position Lee Walko has asked to be excused from his duties as web site coordinator by year end and membership director due to his increased work schedule and is not seeking reelection.

Michigan Lakes and Streams Conference May 1st and 2nd at Boyne
Ellen Peden has volunteered to attend.

Fireworks contact received (Peden) the work has begun for the contract approval from the township for the fireworks which will be on Friday July 4th, 2014. The rain date is July 5th.

Next Meeting is April 28th.

Beebe motioned to adjourn, Scarpelli second and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Peden