

LAKE ALEXANDER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
Sunday, August 2, 2020 -5:00 P.M.

Dr. Bill Faber called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M.

Board Members Present: Dr. Bill Faber, Gene Champeau, Doug Cook, Darline Molde, Jerrid Sandstrom, Dave Schleichert, Mark Schmitz, Matt Skjonsby, Alice Sunde

Secretary's Report:

Doug Cook made a motion, seconded by Dave Schleichert, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2019 Board Meeting. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report:

Alice Sunde presented a financial report with transactions from July 13, 2019, to August 2, 2020. The checking account at the Randall State Bank had a balance of \$10,642.36. Investments, which includes Certificates of Deposit, totaled \$18,951.51, giving our association a grand total of \$29,593.87. A motion was made by Jerrid Sandstrom, seconded by Mark Schmitz, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bogs/Water Level:

Matt Skjonsby stated that the lake level was considerably low this summer until four to five inches of rain in July was received, which raised the lake waters to a normal average. The water is flowing out of Fish Trap Lake Creek at a good rate.

Aquatic Vegetation/LID

RMB Laboratories conducted a survey for invasive aquatic species, and as a result Lake Restoration treated 15.4 acres of Curlyleaf Pondweed on May 27th at a cost of \$17,000. No treatment for Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) was conducted since no measurable EWM was detected. Dr. Faber commented that Northern and Eurasian Milfoil have become a hybrid which makes it difficult to distinguish between native and invasive plants.

The proposed 2021 LID assessment will remain the same as last year at \$75.00 for all littoral property owners.

Fisheries:

Doug Cook has been in contact with Eric Altena, DNR Area Fisheries, and there was no stocking of any fish done this year due to the 2020 pandemic. The DNR's plan is to stock 2.5 million walleye fry in the spring of 2021. An electrofishing survey will be done in the fall to determine the rate of natural reproduction.

Gene Champeau will assume the chairmanship of the Fisheries Committee.

Shoreline Restoration Project:

Doug Cook reported that the Valesano/Girtz project was completed last year for which they received a \$500.00 reimbursement; however, one half of the project was destroyed last fall due to the high water level.

Membership:

Paid membership for 2019-2020 stands at 339, the highest it has been for several years. Thanks was expressed to the Property Owners for their support.

OLD BUSINESS

Veliger Testing/Zebra Mussels:

There will be no veliger testing now that large amounts of zebra mussels have been found in several areas on the lake. Property owners are encouraged to be observant for the presence of zebra mussels when taking out docks and lifts this fall season. At the present there is no known treatment.

Secchi Disc and Chemical Monitoring:

Dave Schleichert reported findings of secchi disc readings of 21 feet of water clarity in May, and in July, 14 feet of clarity was charted due to blooming algae.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Board Officers:

Due to the Coronavirus 2020 pandemic, the annual meeting in July had to be cancelled; therefore the election of Board Members was not held. A motion was made by Alice Sunde seconded by Mark Schmitz, to postpone the election until the 2021 Annual Meeting, making it a four year term. Motion carried. The Board Members whose terms are due to expire in 2021 are Gene Champeau, Dave Schleichert, and Darline Molde.

2020 Association Dues:

A motion was made by Mark Schmitz, seconded by Matt Skjonsby, to suspend the dues for the 2020-2021 season, a result of the annual meeting cancellation due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Motion carried. It was determined that the treasury should maintain a healthy balance since expenditures are minimal.

Clean-Up Day:

Another casualty of Coronavirus! This event was to be scheduled in 2020, but the Board decided to postpone the Clean-up Day to the fall of 2021. Alice Sunde stated that a chairman is needed, and she recommended that Bob LeMieur, (Little Falls) be contacted for providing the disposal equipment

RVBO's:

Dave Schleichert was concerned about the recent increase numbers of RVBO parcels on Lake Alexander. Dave will investigate the tax issue, septic systems, and the legality of the RVBO'S and report back to the Board.

Newsletter:

A Newsletter will be sent out to all property owners with pertinent information concerning issues on Lake Alexander. Board Members will contribute articles and E-Mail them to Darline no later than August 23rd!

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jerrid Sandsrom, seconded by Alice Sunde, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Darline Molde, Secretary