

# STURGEON CHAIN LAKES ASSOCIATION

## *-Meeting Minutes-*

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DATE: May 31, 2022

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	<u><i>In Attendance</i></u>	<u><i>Not in Attendance</i></u>
Matt Specht	X	
Dede Antonelli	X	
CJ Specht	X	
Tom Erickson	X	
Dave Sorensen	X	
Matt Lucas	X	
Carl Schneider		X

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- Meeting called to order at 6pm.
- Reviewed current membership – approximately 75 households currently.
- Introduction of the current volunteer board members were made.
- Reviewed Association bylaws for any potential changes.
- Reviewed finances. \$1,049.47 in account. \$754.00 in receivables.
- Formal elections of Board.
  - Motions were made, seconded, and voted on by membership in attendance.
    - Matt Lucas elected as board member with 1 year term
    - Carl Schneider elected as board member with 2 year term
    - Dave Sorensen elected as board member with 3 year term
    - CJ Specht elected as board member with 1 year term
    - Tom Erickson elected as board member with 2 year term
    - Dede Antonelli elected as board member with 3 year term
    - Matt Specht elected as board member with 1 year term
  - Board voted to assign leadership roles within Board members.
    - Matt Specht – President
    - Dede Antonelli – Vice President
    - Tom Erickson – Treasurer
    - CJ Specht – Secretary
    - Dave Sorensen – Sgt. At Arms
- Reviewed what the Association has done since taking over in August 2021.
  - Administrative
    - Filed legal name with Secretary of State.
      - Sturgeon Chain Lake Association (SCLA)
    - Drafted bylaws
    - Filed for tax ID # with IRS
    - Obtained liability insurance
    - Started process to apply for 501(c)(3) status

- Conducted channel maintenance.
  - Moved rocks, logs, branches, garbage, etc. from channel
  - Discussed bouys to mark where we know there are rocks
  
- Public landing maintenance.
  - Rudstrom landing dock repaired and leveled.
  - South Sturgeon landing prop wash hole filled in. Need to confirm.
  
- Stocked walleye fingerlings into lakes.
  - 350 lbs put in by DNR (20 fingerlings per pound - \$20 per pound)
  - \$2000 additional purchased by Association and private donations.
  
- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Project.
  - Wrote grant for funding and was awarded \$25,000
  - Project will run all summer long in partnership with the Soil and Water District.
  
- Water Levels. Still working with DNR to finish study on static dam levels. Emergency legislation was submitted by Rep. Sandstede but it is currently still sitting in committee.
  
- Introduced Neil Gardner to discuss water clarity.
  - Tests conducted every 5 years. Last one was 2018 and next one will be 2023.
  - Needs volunteers from Association to help take samples.
  
- Bill Vukich or Matt Lucas was going to contact Itasca County to see if we can initiate a fish stocking program with them as well. That way we could double up on our stocking efforts every year.
  
- What do members want the Association to work on?
  - Widening shoulders of road before someone gets hit and killed walking.
  - Attend Township meeting to see what needs to happen to start process.
  - Building a webpage.
    - Brian Nosie graciously offered to build Association a website and maintain it for the first year!
    - We will meet with Brian to get the ball rolling on this.
  - Board voted to make annual dues \$50 per household.
  
- Meeting adjourned.