

STURGEON CHAIN LAKES ASSOCIATION

-Meeting Minutes-

DATE: August 30, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:	<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

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- **Bank Account Balance:** \$6276.50.
 - Bills Due: \$3587.65 to Soil and Water District for AIS grant project.
 - Deposits Available: \$550.00 for new 2023 membership dues.
- **501(C)(3) Status:** IRS denied status due to an error on the form. Matt Specht will be refiling so that members will be able to deduct dues and donations to the Association.
- **Association Website:**
 - Brian Nosie and his company Emerging Business Solutions graciously donated their time and money to create a website for the Association. The address is: sclamn.org.
 - Website will have a lot of info about the core programs that we will run: Aquatic Invasive Species; Fisheries management; Water health and clarity; Water level management; Channel and landing maintenance; and Community Infrastructure.
 - We will also have a listing of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.
 - Brian is in need of additional pictures for the website and there is also some additional organizational work to be done. It should be fairly wrapped up by the end of October 22.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

- **Fisheries Management** (Matt Lucas and Bill Vukich)

- **Water Levels/Static Dam** (Matt Specht)
 - No new update other than Matt S. touched base with Representative David Lislegard, who is running for a MN House Seat for District 7B. He has worked with other communities in the past regarding opening up their static dams to allow the Township to manage the level of the dam so that both sides get what they need for water. He is interested in sitting down to learn more about it. Matt S. will schedule a meeting.
- **Channel and Landing Maintenance** (David Sorensen)
 - Volunteers needed for September 11, 2022 to run channels and landings and assess for damage, debris, rocks, etc.
 - Move and/or pick up what you can.
 - Mark any rocks with buoys.
 - Meet at Rudstrom Landing at 11am.
- **Community Infrastructure** (All)
 - There is still interest in working with Township to widen shoulders on several of our primary roads for walking/bike lane.
 - This is a safety concern for the community.
 - Township meeting September 6th.

ELECTIONS:

- The goal of the Board would be to have representation from each of the seven lakes that we serve. Right now we have representation from Big Sturgeon, Little Sturgeon, the Sturgeon River, and a non-lakefront.
- We would like to encourage community members from South Sturgeon, Side Lake, West Sturgeon, Perch, and Beatrice to join as Board members.
- Elections for interested parties:
 - Motion was made to add Mark McKenna (W. Sturgeon) to Board. Motion was seconded and the “yes” prevailed. Mark McKenna will be a Board member.
 - Motion was made to add Brian Nosie (W. Sturgeon) to Board. Motion was seconded and the “yes” prevailed. Brian Nosie will be a Board member.
 - Motion was made to add Neil Gardner (Beatrice) to Board. Motion was seconded and the “yes” prevailed. Neil Gardner will be a Board member.
 - Motion was made to add Gary Jensen (Perch) to Board. Motion was seconded and the “yes” prevailed. Gary Jensen will be a Board member.
- Still need representation for South Sturgeon and Side Lake.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- Corporate sponsorship. Have their logo on the Association website. Maybe \$150 a year?

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.