

STURGEON CHAIN LAKES ASSOCIATION

-Meeting Minutes-

DATE: January 5, 2023

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	
Mark McKenna	X	
Brian Nosie		X
Gary Jensen	X	
Neil Gardner	X	

- I. Meeting called to order by Matt Specht @ 6:04pm. Roll taken – see above.

- II. Administrative Updates:
 - a. Treasurer’s Report. (Tom Erickson)
 - i. Bank Account = \$4,754.44
 - ii. Cash to be Deposited = \$150.00
 - iii. Receivables = \$0
 - iv. Outstanding Bills = \$0

 - b. Legal Update. (Matt Specht)
 - i. 501(3)(c) status. The Association was able to obtain Tax Exempt status. An email was sent out to the membership but we should also get it on the website.
 1. Because of our Tax Exempt status we are now required to file a form 990-N with the Federal Government on an annual basis. President Specht will ensure this is completed.

 - c. Membership Stats. (Dede Antonelli)
 - i. 2022 – 77 paid memberships.
 - ii. 2023 YTD – 57 paid memberships.
 - iii. 2023 YTD - \$575.00 in additional fisheries donations.

 - d. Website. (Brian Nosie)
 - i. Brian Nosie is working on significant changes to the website.
 1. Adding past years recap and current years goals for each of the programs
 2. Board of Director pics and contact info need to be completed.

- ii. Seasonal newsletters. We need to talk about whether we should be doing seasonal newsletters via email/website.
 - a. What content goes into the newsletter?
 - b. Who will be responsible for publication/writing?
 - c. Can we somehow partner with Marie Erickson on Side Laker to just get a small Association update section and a link on website?
- iii. We need to get Brian Nosie specific dates on when we will be doing upcoming events around our core 6 projects and membership drives.

III. Program Updates:

- a. Aquatic Invasive Species. (Matt Specht)
 - i. Statistics for 2022 project were submitted to Brian Nosie for publication on website and emailed directly out to the membership.
 - ii. 2023 grant has been written and submitted. We will once again be partnering with the Soil and Water District.
 - 1. May want to tap into some of the grant funding to put up some additional signage around AIS and the importance of cleaning and inspecting.
- b. Fisheries Management. (Matt Lucas and Bill Vukich)
 - i. Need a final update on can collection \$\$\$. How much did we end up getting?
 - ii. Stocking DID NOT occur in Fall of 2022. Instead, we will move stocking program to Spring of 2023.
 - 1. Lucas to find out when we are shooting for on Spring stock.
 - 2. How many volunteers do we need to make it happen?
 - 3. How much money do we need to meet our goal?
 - a. Any additional grants, donations, etc. coming in?
 - iii. Get with DNR and find out what strain they are putting into our lakes and why? What strains are we putting in?
- c. Water Health/Clarity. (Neil Gardner)
 - i. Water clarity sampling will be done this year. Starting probably in May and continuing for 5 months total.
 - 1. One to two samples need to be taken from each lake and the same time, so we will need volunteers so that we are coordinated to help Neil get this done.
 - ii. Discussed the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources grant for projects relating to water health and shoreline stabilization. Decided we didn't have a project big enough to justify writing an application.
 - 1. Right now our lakes are pretty healthy. We need to stay on top of the AIS program to ensure that it stays that way. If we deem it necessary to seek these funds out in the future we will.
- d. Water Levels/Static Dam. (Matt Specht)
 - i. President Specht will be meeting with Rep. Lislegard on the week of January 23rd at his office in St. Paul. Topics of discussion will be the static dam and the break walls at the channel entrance to Little Sturgeon.

- e. Channel/Landing Maintenance. (Dave Sorensen and Mark McKenna)
 - i. Dave Sorensen and Mark McKenna will get a date on the website for a Spring and Fall channel and landing inspection. At that point we can remove any debris or beaver dams that are becoming problems for navigation.

- f. Community Infrastructure. (All)
 - i. Matt Specht has been in communication with the Township supervisors about the need to look at widening some of our roadways to create walking/biking lanes for safety.
 - 1. Matt Specht presented Township with the "Town of French Land Use Plan" dated May 2000 where this very item was studied and discussed.
 - 2. Also sent several links to grants to help fund this sort of infrastructure project.

 - ii. Will wait til summer to address this issue with Township. Matt Specht will contact Township and get on to the agenda of a Township meeting where our members can come and voice their opinions along with me.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm by Matt Specht.