

**STONY LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES AUGUST 5, 2017 CAMP MINIWANCA FOUR SEASONS LODGE**

Board members present: Jon VanderPloeg, Steve Schlaudt, Kathy Sullivan, Julie Stivers, Ruth Fox Fleming, Libby Brouwer, Nancy Migas, Deb Mitteer
Approximately 60 in attendance

Jon VanderPloeg opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and introduced Camp Miniwanca Director Matt Loper and AYP Director Anna Kay, who addressed the meeting briefly. Board members and POA members introduced themselves. The minutes of the August 6, 2016 annual meeting, distributed previously by e-mail and website, were approved.

Kathy Sullivan gave the Treasurer's report. Copies of budgets from 2014-2016, and 2017 to date were distributed, along with proposed figures for 2018. A motion to approve the 2018 budget was made and seconded, approved.

Board Elections

Julie Stivers gave the report for the nominating committee, provided by Janie Denman. Many thanks to Janie Denman and Steve Schlaudt, who are stepping off the board this year. Other Board members whose terms expire this year who have agreed to serve another term were nominated and elected: Jon VanderPloeg, Julie Stivers, Jeff Larmore, Deb Mitteer, Nancy Migas. New Board members were nominated and elected: Ellen Yonker & Kate Johnson. Board officers were nominated and elected: President Jon VanderPloeg, Vice President Jeff Larmore, Treasurer Kathy Sullivan, Secretary Julie Stivers.

Committee Reports.

Jon reported that the Picnic in the Park was again a success, thanks to Mary Alice Antonioli for providing her hangar as a refuge from the threatening rain. The pot luck also went well, but the organizers are thinking of bringing back the BBQ wagon next year. Many thanks to Deb Mitteer for organizing the food, and to all who brought some.

T.K. Jones updated the membership on sailboat racing. Two races so far this year had ideal conditions. 8 participated in the first, 6 in the second. All youth sailors now receive ribbons.

Fishing Tournament chair George Patten was unable to attend the meeting, but reported that the Adult winner was Shaun Richardson with a 28.5" Northern Pike. Kids 1st was Jack Richardson 17" Largemouth Bass; Kids 2nd was Eden Mulder 9.5" Crappie; Kids 3rd Nate Boudreaux 9" Largemouth Bass.

Jeff Larmore reported that the Boat Parade had seven participants, a bit down from last year, but still an enthusiastic group on boats and shore. Be sure to check out Matt Ferguson's photos on the SLPOA Facebook page.

Nancy Migas reported that the Ice Cream Social was again very well attended, going through four sheet cakes and nearly 250 bowls of ice cream.

There was discussion about the date for the 2018 event, as July 4 falls inconveniently on a Wednesday next year. Camp Ao Wa Kiya can only accommodate us on a Saturday, so the choices were June 30 or July 7. The Sparkler 5k committee had already decided to go with July 1 to hold to their tradition of the

first Sunday in July, and the general feeling in the membership was to have it the same weekend as the Sparkler, as many people travel to their cottages for that. So the 2018 Boat Parade and Ice Cream Social will be held on June 30.

Kathy reported on the third Sparkler run. 867 runners and walkers were registered, another new high mark. 95 sponsors and nearly a hundred volunteers made the event another huge success, resulting in a donation to Crystal Valley Care Fund of \$20,487. She reminded the membership that there is a committee of eleven people who work basically all year round to make this happen, the reason why this race is quickly earning a reputation as one of the best organized and most pleasant runs in Michigan. Kudos to founder Janie Denman and all who participated and volunteered, and to hard-working chair Kathy Sullivan.

Jeff gave a short report on the 2016 History Tour by Boat, which was rained out after the first boat left the dock. Many thanks to all who volunteered, and who have stepped up to repeat the tour this year on August 19. Chuck & Linda Dawson have agreed to open their cottage again for the house tour. After this summer we will take a hiatus on the tour and see if demand and volunteer enthusiasm will bring it back in the future.

Libby Brouwer reported on calendar and hat sales. Only about 50 calendars remaining, and hats are sold out. Thanks again to Matt Ferguson and Emily Brouwer for judging the photography competition. Many hours of work.

Deb Mitteer and Ruth Fleming reported that memberships are up from last year, with 116 paid members as of this date. We should reach our goal of 125 by the end of the summer.

Julie Stivers reported on communications. Anyone who is not getting our e-mails is asked to contact her at stonylakepropertyowners@gmail and be put on the list.

John Stivers reported on the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program. The water quality parameters are for the most part looking good. He thanked Jim Mitteer and Tom Best for helping with the water sampling, and talked about stream sampling sessions to analyze the bugs in Stony Creek just below Marshville Dam and just above the Stony Creek dam, assisted by volunteers from the White River Watershed group and Stony Lakers Helen Kelly and Tom Owczarski. More volunteers welcome -- an especially great activity for young people.

Dave Zoller reported on the water plant harvesting July 13-19. There seemed to be a lot less plant matter in the lake this year. The harvesters took out only 8 truckloads, compared to 23 loads last year and 60 loads the first year six years ago, all composted at Rabe Orchards. It is possible that removing the plant biomass is lessening the nutrient load in the lake, resulting in less plant overgrowth, but there are many factors that influence that, including the murkiness of the lake this year because of all the rain and the drop-off in zebra mussels. The pre-harvest survey identified no Eurasian watermilfoil, so there was no herbicide treatment this year. The final report of the Lake Improvement Board for this summer will be posted on the SLPOA website. Dave emphasized again that he should be contacted if anyone has any suggestions, not the harvesters while they are working. He can be reached at dzoller@hotmail.com.

Jon VanderPloeg reported on the Water Quality Committee appointed by the Board last year to address issues including the level of the lake and the need for dam repair. Last year the membership voted to ask the Lake Improvement Board to assist with accomplishing that, but that Board turned down our

request. The Water Quality Committee decided to proceed with having a professional survey done to establish what the current lake level is, to generate a document that can be filed in public records for reference in case of a catastrophic event. A bid was received from Hepworth for \$1000 and accepted by the committee. The Board of Trustees at their July 2017 meeting approved the expenditure.

*Post Meeting note from the Board.

In order to keep the budget in balance, the Board decided to use the allocation for a community donation to help fund this project, as well as dipping into our fund reserve. The result was that we were unable to fund the park bench project from Benona Township that was proposed at the 2016 annual meeting. Apologies for not being more clear about this at this year's meeting. The park bench that will be installed in the township park soon has been purchased by Benona Township. The decision by the Board was influenced by the very large community donations we have been making with the Sparkler to Crystal Valley Care Fund. Membership funds will pay for the lake level survey, which benefits all who own property around the lake.

There was no old business raised.

New business included a petition to the Oceana Road Commission, organized by John & Cindy McKinnon, to pave Stony Lake Rd. Copies were circulated and will be presented at the August 23 commission meeting.

Discussion also about dangerous diving at the Stony Lake Oval, speed limits, life preservers, tubing behaviour.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m.