

**STONY LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
MINUTES, JULY 18, 2015 STONY LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP 9:30 a.m.**

Board Members present: Jon VanderPloeg, Kathy Sullivan, Janie Denman, Julie Stivers, Stephen Schlaudt, Nancy Migas. Approximately 60 in attendance.

President Jon V. called the meeting to order in the midst of a sudden and dramatic thunderstorm, introduced the Board and asked members to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the July 19, 2014 meeting, distributed via e-mail and website, were approved.

Kathy S. gave the Treasurer's report. To date for 2015 we have received \$2,565 and spent \$5,352, with a balance of \$7,876.66 in our checking account. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved.

Janie D. gave the Finance Committee report. The budget summary for 2015 to date, and a proposed budget for 2016 was distributed. We are on track for 2015, taking into account that we had decided to spend down our balance a bit on enhanced activities for members. We have received only 69 paid memberships to date (with several more paying at the meeting). The goal is to increase that to 100, which would cover our fixed costs. Income from events and merchandise would fund our activity expenses. More or less. Many thanks to Janie and the finance committee for their work in getting us on budget. A motion to approve the budget report and 2016 budget was made, seconded and approved. Jon V. also added a big thank-you to Kathy S. for her hard work in securing insurance for the POA. Round of applause.

The Nominating Committee report by Julie S. began with another big thank-you to Board members Megan Bueschel, Barb Glashouwer and Linda Kozminski, who are stepping down at the end of this summer. All have been hardworking and creative members, and have said they will continue to be involved in POA activities. Megan created the History Tour by Boat, Barb is the energy behind the Boat Parade & Ice Cream Social, and Linda has been the SLPOA Treasurer for nearly two decades. Jon V. especially recognized her dedication in serving the organization for so long in this capacity. Big round of applause from the members.

The Nominating Committee (Melissa Patten, Megan Bueschel, and Kathy Sullivan) moved that the Board nominate for re-election Jon VanderPloeg, Julie Stivers, Janie Denman, Nancy Migas and Stephen Schlaudt. After a deafening clap of thunder in which the lights flickered out for a few seconds, the motion was seconded and approved.

The Board then moved to elect three new members for two year terms, as recommended by the committee: Jeff Larmore, Deb Mitteer, and Jim Baker. The motion was seconded and approved. Their terms begin in September 2015 and run through September 2017. The Nominating Committee invites nominations from the membership, please contact

them at stonylakepropertyowners@gmail.com to express interest. One of their major goals is to represent every area of the lake.

A slate of officers was then nominated by the Board for two-year terms also running Sept. 2015-Sept. 2017: Jon VanderPloeg, President; Stephen Schlaudt, Vice President; Kathy Sullivan, Treasurer; Julie Stivers, Secretary. Motion seconded and approved.

Julie S. presented a proposal for a by-law change to move the Annual Meeting from the third Saturday in July to the first Saturday in August. The reason is the increase in activities for the 4th of July weekend, which had been the traditional time for one of the three Board of Trustees meetings each summer. It was impossible to meet that weekend this year, and it is anticipated that with the Sparkler 5k returning, it will preclude that again for the foreseeable future. It is at that meeting that the Board prepares for the Annual Meeting, and it makes it very tight to accomplish necessary tasks such as Board member recruitment and budget reporting. Some discussion, as the third Saturday in July has been the traditional meeting time for many decades. A very good suggestion came from the floor: Move the meeting for two years and see if attendance is affected. This was put into the form of a motion, seconded, and approved. Next year's Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, August 6, 2016.

Jon V. reported that the incorporation accomplished last year resulted in successful location of an insurer for the SLPOA. Thanks to the hard work of Kathy S., we now have a liability policy with a local company. This is part of the plan laid out at earlier annual meetings to organize the POA in a responsible and sustainable way.

#### Committee Reports.

Jon V. reported that the Picnic was very well attended, with about 150 neighbors including folks from the lakeshore and surrounding communities. The pot luck was great, the music too. Some discussion about whether to continue providing a main course. We hope to get Chet's BBQ back next year.

Julie S. read T.K. Jones' report on Sailboat Racing. The July 4 race under ideal but light conditions had 8 entries. Kathy Mosentine was first in single sail with Gary Adamo second. Andy Kozminski was first with a Hobie 16, beating his brother Michael who was sailing with his five-year old son Rowan. Chuck Dawson was third. T.K. has talked with Camp Miniwanca about possible participation by their sailing instructors. Next race is August 1, anyone interested in participating can e-mail him at tyrekjonesacro@yahoo.com.

Julie also read reports from George Patten on the Fishing Tournament and Barb G. on the Boat Parade. Winners in the tournament were Aidan Fore with a 22" dogfish in the kids division; Shaun Richardson with a 19" lake trout in adults.

Winners of the Boat Parade, which included 9 boats, as voted on at the Ice Cream Social, were #1 the Baker family with "Pirates of the Stony," #2 the Mixer family with "May the

Fourth Be With You,"; and a tie for #3 between the Larmores with "Stony Lake's Mystery Machine," and the VanderSchuurs with "The Rolling Stonys." Many good photos can be seen on Facebook.

Janie D. reported on the spectacular success of the first Stony Lake Sparkler 5k and 1-mile Fun Run. 506 runners participated, with 138 in the fun run, mostly youngsters, which was great to see. A wonderful time was had by all, thanks to Race Director Janie and her planning committee: Kathy Sullivan, Libby Brouwer, Pam VanderPloeg, Merry Rosenberg, Deb Mitteer, Tom Owczarski and Katie VanBokkelen, plus 70 volunteers! What a day, what an event. 65 sponsors underwrote the costs (including the SLPOA as a gold sponsor), resulting in a donation to the Crystal Valley Care Fund of \$11,579. Tons of credit to the SLPOA. Janie expressed special thanks to photographer Matt Ferguson, whose wonderful pictures can be seen on the SLPOA Facebook page and on the Sparkler website, and to Andy Skinner at the Oceana Herald-Journal for great coverage.

John Stivers reported on the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program, which we have been participating in since 2004. In recent years he has seen a steady trend toward better numbers. His full report and a link to the CLMP program website can be found on [stonylakepropertyowners.com](http://stonylakepropertyowners.com). He expressed special thanks to Tom Best and Jim Mitteer, who have joined him this summer to complete the testing. More volunteers would be welcome.

Dave Zoller reported on the Lake Improvement Board. The harvesters were on the lake beginning July 9, finishing up yesterday. They took out 24 truckloads, about the same as last year, compared with 60 the first year. It is thought that the harvesting keeps down the level of plant overgrowth. He also showed the Resource Guidebook for Homeowners that was produced by the Lake Board and mailed to all taxpayers on the assessment roll this past spring. Additional copies are available to all, and will be distributed in the little store, café and hardware store. The five-year initial plan ends with this summer. There will be a public hearing on August 17 to decide whether to continue. A motion of support for the Lake Board was made, seconded and approved, and a request made that a letter from the SLPOA be sent to the Board expressing that support. Dave also mentioned that there has been some concern about the dam on Stony Creek, and that it is not in the responsibilities of the Lake Board. The township and the county are looking into whose jurisdiction it falls within.

Julie S. thanked the membership for funding design services and printing for the newsletter. It makes getting it together much less complicated.

Nancy M. reported on t-shirt sales and welcome packets. She has run out of shirts in certain sizes, but is taking orders and will obtain more if she gets enough orders. Hats are still available at \$15 and will be sold at the Boat Tour in August. Welcome packets for new property owners include information about the association and about the area.

Members who have new neighbors are encouraged to contact the association to have a packet delivered to their house.

Kathy S. reported on the History Tour by Boat 2014, chaired by Janie D., and the upcoming fourth tour on August 15, chaired by Steve S. and Kathy. Last year we had 32 volunteers, including 16 new ones. Ten captains volunteered their time and boats, two going out twice. It was a great success. Special mention was made of Denise Morningstar, who had provided a wealth of historical information for the tours, and was able to go on the 2014 tour thanks to the assistance of Jim Mitteer, and died the following month. Planning for this year's tour on August 15 is underway; the home tour will feature the original cottage of John Huey, one of the oldest on the lake, now owned by Bruce and Kathy Fox. Many thanks to them for opening their lake house for the tour. Tickets will go on sale to the membership e-mail at the end of July, before public sales.

Steve S. reported on Boating Safety classes, scheduled this year at Pentwater Marina. He asked for a show of hands of people interested in the classes and there were a half dozen or so. He will try to schedule them at the lake next year. Deb Mitteer pointed out that according to new boating laws, anyone on a personal watercraft between the ages of 16 and 38 must have a certificate stating they have completed a boating safety class.

Jon V. spoke briefly again about the need for volunteers -- a list of volunteer opportunities was available and will be posted on the website. We also need to encourage people to pay their membership dues. A membership brochure is in the works, a draft of which was available at the meeting. Members were asked to take a copy and give it to a neighbor they knew who had not joined the association.

Old Business. Merry Rosenberg asked again that if anyone knows who is out shining for fish late at night (early in the a.m.) to please ask them to be more considerate of their neighbors. It is loud, bright, and sleep-disturbing.

New Business. Julie S. reported that there have been requests for non-voting memberships from people who are not property owners on the lake but wish to receive the newsletter and e-mails. She suggested \$15. It was moved, seconded and approved to offer these memberships.

Dave Z. suggested that when the lake level is high, boaters be extra considerate of other people's property and travel at a no-wake speed when near docks and shoreline.

Emilee Best suggested that we publicly thank Jim Mitteer for his Facebook page "Stony Lake Recollections," which is a forum for all things historical Stony Lake. Round of applause.

There also was discussion about the speed limit on the road as it goes from the public beach past the little store. Contact will be made to the township expressing concern about the danger the faster limit has caused.