

**STONY LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING JULY 19, 2014  
CAMP MINIWANCA FOUR SEASONS LODGE, 9:30 a.m.**

Board Members present: Stephen Schlautdt, Megan Bueschel, Janie Denman, Jon VanderPloeg, Julie Stivers. Approximately 70 in attendance

President Jon V. opened the meeting and thanked Camp Miniwanca for hosting. Board and Members introduced themselves.

Tim Simon from the Oceana County Sheriff's Dept. gave a talk about boater safety and certification classes offered by his department. Classes are scheduled at the Pentwater Yacht Club on August 7 and 8 this year. He pointed out changes in the personal watercraft law, which now requires drivers ages 14-15 to operate with adult supervision only, and age 16 to have a certificate in order to operate alone. We are looking into having certification classes at Stony Lake next year, and a sign-up sheet was available. For more information about the classes and to put names on the list, call Tim at 231.873.6771.

Janie Denman gave the Treasurer's report for Linda Kozminski, who was ill and could not attend the meeting. As of July 17, 2014, we have 73 paid members (several more did pay at the meeting). We had a starting balance this year of 8,617.65, ending balance 10,017.81. The report is attached to these minutes.

Janie then reported on the Finance Committee, which has been working on putting together a budget report that includes previous year and current year figures, as well as next season's proposal for approval by the membership. The Committee proposed a revision to Article VI of the by-laws. A motion was made to approve the revision, seconded and passed unanimously. A sample of the proposed report was also distributed, and the budget outlined for 2015 was also approved unanimously. By-law revisions and the sample budget were distributed at the meeting and are attached to these minutes.

**Board elections.**

Former President George Patten, who has been a Trustee for the past two years, has decided to step down. The Board and membership gave him a big round of applause and thanks for his many years of service. Good news is that he will still run the fishing tournament on 4th of July weekend!

The Board nominated Kathy Sullivan and Melissa Patten for two-year terms. The nominations were seconded and approved unanimously.

The Board also proposed revisions to Article V and Article VII of the by-laws, in order to clarify when terms begin and end, and to clarify the budget the Board operates within. The proposal was seconded and approved unanimously. Discussion included the suggestion that Board terms be staggered, so we don't have everyone leaving at once, and looking into term limits.

Jon V. reported on his research into incorporating the SLPOA. For many years our organization has been a loose one, and operated mostly OK as one. But we are doing more activities now, and it has become imperative that we secure a Tax ID number. To do that we need a simple incorporation. Jon proposed we become a non-profit, non-stock membership entity in Michigan. We would adopt our current by-laws (as amended) as the

by-laws of the corporation. With this we can get a federal tax number. Cost to do this is about \$25. A motion to accept the proposal was made and seconded. Approved unanimously.

### **Committee Reports.**

Jon reported on the picnic, which had about 100 attendees again this year. Much praise for the band, Awesome Distraction. He also said that after the picnic, Chad & Katie Sosnowski (Chet's BBQ) insisted on keeping only enough of the food revenue to cover their costs, and donated the remainder, over \$300, back to the SLPOA. Big round of applause for their generosity. And their food. They are our neighbors on the lake, and their "hobby business" is Chet's BBQ. An outstanding service.

Jon also reported that the Pavilion project has been put on hold for the time being. The plan for a separate clubhouse has been abandoned, but talks with the township about a pavilion in the park have been promising. It is a very slow process, however. He also reported that he has been having talks with Mary Antonioli about holding events in a large airplane hanger on her property off Stony Lake Road.

John Field gave the Sailboat Racing report for Tim O'Connor, who could not attend the meeting. They are trying to get more people involved both in sailing and organizing the races. It's a big job and any volunteers would be most welcome. E-mail through our website if you can help. To help attract newer sailors, they are going to start offering any sailor under 20 a participation gift certificate -- \$5 at the SL Store Ice Cream Shop. T.K. Jones then presented the first Don Souter Memorial Award for Promoting Sailing at Stony Lake to Tim O'Connor for his outstanding job keeping the racing going. A handsome trophy will be conveyed to Tim, big round of applause.

Results from the Fishing Tournament (added later to these minutes due to George Patten unable to attend meeting): Adults, Mike Roskamp with a 19" largemouth bass; Kids, Jack Richardson with a 15.75" largemouth bass. Many thanks to George for keeping this going.

Janie & Julie reported for Barb Glashouwer, also unable to attend, on the Boat Parade and Ice Cream Social. We had a dozen boats this year, all elaborately and creatively decorated. We were overwhelmed by attendance at the Ice Cream Social, unfortunately running out of ice cream and cake. We'll get more next year! First Prize, voted on by all in attendance, was Aloha, created by the Baker family. Second was the S.S. Minion, by the Mixer family, and Third was Disney Magic, by the VanderSchuur family. Trophies and ribbons were awarded to all.

John Stivers reported on the Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program. Results over the past few years are encouraging. The complete report can be found on [stonylakepropertyowners.com](http://stonylakepropertyowners.com) under the Water Quality tab. Volunteers to participate in the program are always welcome.

Lake Board representative Dave Zoller was unable to attend the meeting. Tom Best, the newly elected rep. from Claybanks Township hasn't had time to get up to speed, but communication from the Board Consultant said that the Shoreline Owners Handbook will be printed and mailed by September. Harvesting started the previous Wednesday. Notice

of meetings of the Board will be posted on the SLPOA website and notice board, and in e-mails to members.

Julie S. reported on the newsletter and communications. We are taking bids for a graphic designer and printer for the publication, services which have been donated to this point thanks to Board member connections. We have enough funds to pay for this now that we are taking advertisements from local businesses.

Julie also thanked Jim Mitteer for his work in redesigning and managing the website, now much easier to use. Big round of applause.

Janie reported on the upcoming History Tour by Boat III, August 16. The tour will include the Bridgeview Cottage. Ten boats will take passengers, twice as many as last year, so there should be room for all. Reservations will open August 1, e-mail [jlcastivers@comcast.net](mailto:jlcastivers@comcast.net), or use the link on the website.

August 30 Movie in the Park -- Jon V. and his wife Pam have taken this on in previous years. There is some uncertainty about continuing. We will post info when we have it.

No old business was brought up.

#### **New Business.**

Jim Mitteer gave a report on the proposed reconstruction of Scenic Drive and the possibility of a bike trail from there to Longbridge Road in Pentwater. This is an Oceana County Road Commission project and questions should be directed to them.

Jon V. introduced a lawyer from Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge of Muskegon, who will be giving a program about "Passing Down the Family Cottage" at the Applewood Grille on August 5 at 8:30 a.m.

Janie D. presented an idea for a 5K run next year. Discussion of dates and routes. General approval was expressed for the idea. Many members felt that a Sunday run on the 4th of July weekend would be a good idea. Tim Simon offered the Sheriff's Dept. support for traffic control on the day of the event.

Merry Rosenberg reported on problems with night fishing on the lake and lights shining into cottages, as well as noisy generators. Jon V. appointed her to form a committee to look into how it might be solved. A member said he would talk to some fishers that may be part of the problem.

Stephen Schlautdt asked members to contact Board with ideas for activities or service event suggestions the association could sponsor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Julie Stivers, Board Secretary

**ATTACHED:** Treasurer's Report; By-law revisions proposed and approved; sample budget report

**ATTACHMENT #1  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
ANNUAL MEETING JULY 19, 2014**

Cash received to date:

Membership	1825.00	
T-shirt profit	370.54	
News Ads	400.00	(note, there is another \$100 to be booked for that)
Donations	654.00	
TOTAL	3240.54	

Cash outflow:

Postage	158.65
CLMP fees	237.00
Publicity	100.00
Picnic	
Band	600.00
Tent	305.08
4th of July	
trophies	294.65
cake	100.00
plates	54.00
TOTAL	1849.38

Starting Balance	8,617.65	Ending Balance	10,017.81
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**ATTACHMENT #2**

**Proposal to Revise SLPOA By-Laws July 19, 2014**

**Article IV Officers and Trustees**

Current Language:

**Article IV** – Officers and Trustees shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Revise:

Officers and Trustees shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. Terms begin with the September Board meeting in the year members are elected, and run through the next two summers, ending at the September Board meeting.

**Article VI (Annual Meeting) add:**

At the Annual Meeting the Finance Committee shall present a statement of expenses and income from the previous summer, a projected summary from the current summer, and a proposed budget for the upcoming summer.

**Article VII (Powers of the Board), #2:**

Current Language:

(2) To expend the funds of the Association, which are in the hands of the Treasurer, for purposes passed on by a majority vote at the annual meeting, or other called meeting of the Association. In addition, the Board may expend a total of not more than \$1100.00 annually for purposes requiring attention between meetings.

Revise:

(2) To expend the funds of the Association, which are in the hands of the Treasurer, according to a budget passed by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting, or other called meeting of the Association. In addition, the Board may expend a total of not more than \$1100 annually for purposes beyond the approved budget requiring attention between meetings.

**ATTACHMENT #3  
SAMPLE BUDGET FOR DISCUSSION 7/19/2014**

	2013 actual*	2014 est.**	2015 proposed
<b>Events Expense</b>			
Picnic		1065	850
4th of July	298	300	350
Annual Meeting	500	200	200
Boat Tour	182	200	250
Movie in Park	250	250	250
Sailboat Races	<u>121</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>150</u>
<b>TOTAL EVENT EXPENSE</b>	2416	1900	2200
<b>Activity Expense</b>			
Newsletter Postage	160	160	160
production & printing	0	0	850
T-Shirt costs	?	1000	1000
Lake Monitoring (CLMP)	242	237	250
Community Donations	<u>100</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITY EXPENSE</b>	502	1697	2560
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	2918	3597	4760
<b>Events Income</b>			
Picnic Underwriting	600	600	?
Boat Tour Proceeds	250	500	500
<b>Activity Income</b>			
Newsletter Advertising	0	500	600
T-Shirt Sales	?	2000	2000
Misc. Donations	100	321	200
Memberships	<u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2500</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	2950	5921	4800

\*Some of these numbers are estimates

\*\*Activities for 2014 are not yet finished!