

**Stony Lake Property Owners Association
Annual Meeting July 14, 2012 at Camp Miniwanca**

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President George Patten. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were introduced: Vice President John Mixer; Trustees Jon VanderPloeg, Megan Bueschel, Julie Stivers. Absent: Linda Kozminski, treasurer; Barb Glashouwer, secretary.

Minutes of the annual meeting of July 9, 2011 were read by Julie Stivers and approved. Treasurer's report was given by George Patten and approved. Both minutes and treasurer's report are posted on the SLPOA website.

Committee Reports:

Community Picnic in the Park June 30

Jon VanderPloeg reported that a good time was had by all, brats and a bluegrass band were thoroughly enjoyed by about 75 people. Suggestions for changes have been noted, improved event planned for next summer.

Sailboat Racing -- George reported that races were scheduled for the same afternoon. Results of all racing will be posted to the website.

Fishing Tournament July 7

George passed around plaques to be awarded to winners in junior and senior divisions. Winner in the Junior Division was Lydia Glashouwer with an 8" Bluegill; Senior division winner was Gary Carpenter with a 22" Dogfish.

Mary Chandler suggested that the plaques in the Stony Lake Inn be updated; George will do it.

Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program

John Stivers gave the Board a copy of the CLMP Annual Report, with results from Stony Lake included (nine years of results available on-line at MICORPS.org). He remembered with appreciation the late Jim Gilliom and his contributions to the program, and asked for a volunteer to do the Secci Disc testing he was doing. He explained the program, reported on the fees for this summer, and asked for a renewal of the fee for lab work and registration, which were \$217 this summer. George Patten moved to approve the fees for the coming two summers (2013 and 2014). John asked for an amendment to add the cost of monitoring the east end of the lake. After discussion, the motion was tabled until after the report from the Lake Board representative.

Stony Lake Board

Dave Zoller reported that the CLMP data has been very useful to Progressive Engineering AE, the firm contracted for lake management. Tony Groves from that company has said he uses the data. He has visited the lake twice this summer to survey the plants and once to map for the harvester. A new harvesting service has been hired and will start sometime after July 18. The process should take a week, and will involve the harvester completing five concentric circles around the lake, beginning with the end of resident's docks.

Harvested materials will be removed from the lake at the public access and the Stony Acres launch (thank you to Stony Acres residents for making this possible). A third site at the west end of the lake would be very useful -- contact Dave Zoller if anyone knows of a spot to access the conveyor. This summer the plants developed very quickly in the warm weather, as with all lakes. The harvesting will be at the same time as last year, but the plants will be more mature, which is, according to Tony Groves, a good thing, as they probably won't come back. No spraying for Eurasian Watermilfoil was needed this year, which will save us some money. Individuals wishing their waterfront to be sprayed can contract using the Lake Board permit, contact Dave Zoller for more information. The Lake Board will schedule a meeting after the harvesting process; the date will be posted on the SLPOA website. A request was made to post more information about the Lake Board on the website.

The motion to approve CLMP fees for two years approximately \$200/year plus any seasonal increase, with additional lab fees for a second location on the lake, or \$400/year, \$800 for two years, was reintroduced and seconded. Discussion included asking John to check on the feasibility of the second testing with Progressive AE. **Motion approved.**

POA Newzletter and archive

Julie Stivers asked if anyone at the meeting had not received the new "Newzletter" this spring, and everyone had. She also asked any past board members to give her any files they wanted to get rid of pertaining to the SLPOA and she will create an archive, to be stored at the library or at the historical society, pending their approval.

Upcoming Events

August 18 Cottage History Tour by Boat.

Megan Bueschel reported that the tour would be based on the Stony Lake History book, plus input from residents, and asked anyone who had anything to add to the book to get in touch with her. The tours will launch from the dock at Whippoorwill cottage, and will include a tour of that historic 19th-century cottage. Parking and registration will be at the public swimming beach/docks. Cost will be \$5. Three captains and three docents will take groups of eight around the lake, pointing out sites and cottages of historical interest. Megan's e-mail is on the website for volunteers to help out. This will be a fundraiser for the potential resurrection of the Stony Lake Club. Jon VanderPloeg asked that all funds raised for the club be put in a separate fund, which will be turned over to the SLPOA if the project does not come to fruition.

August 25 Movie Night in the Park

George Patten reported that the date was moved to later in the season, as last year's June event was too bright for good visibility. A family-oriented film is planned, notice will be posted on the website and in the SLPOA notice board by the store. It was suggested that we call this a "Walk-in Movie."

Old Business

John Mixer said that the beach cleaning machine that was discussed previously was not purchased by the township. Jonseck's has bought one and now contracts with Benona

Township to clean the Stony Lake oval. The camps have contributed to funding the cleaning at intervals as they are afforded. Sharon Zoller made a motion to contribute \$1000 to the effort this season. The motion was seconded. Discussion: Megan said that she was going to bring up in new business on behalf of a beach neighbor the problems residents are experiencing with the Stony Lake oval beach traffic and parking. She asked if it was possible that the POA might use some funds to increase traffic control. Sharon Zoller said that the township has advised residents to call the Oceana County Sheriff's Dept. when experiencing problems. Sharon amended her motion to approve \$1000 for the POA Board to spend after researching the best ways to make the oval beach safer and cleaner. Seconded. More discussion. Marlene Pierce said that years ago the POA and Miniwanca contributed to the township to hire a security person (known as the constable). That program was discontinued because of liability. George Patten asked residents to send anecdotes about problems at the beach to him via the SLPOA website. Tom Moore of Camp Miniwanca said that the best thing to do to report vandalism is to call 911 and they will respond. They have also experienced increasing problems at the beach and camp. Jon VanderPloeg suggested that the POA coordinate efforts with Camp Miniwanca. **Motion approved.**

Other Old Business

Mary Chandler reminded the association that the defibrillator is up and available on the south side of the Stony Lake Inn (on the right as you're looking at the doors). It was used once this year when the 911 dispatcher directed a caller to the Inn to get it and use it though unfortunately the woman had already passed away.

George Patten answered questions about the directory, which is still being refined. Password was given at the meeting and can be obtained by e-mailing through the website.

New Business

George explained the finances of the SLPOA and the policy authorizing Board spending. Expenses for activities this year were higher, about \$1100. He asked the POA to increase the spending authority to that amount, a \$400 increase or 35%. The motion was made and seconded to increase discretionary spending by the SLPOA Board to \$1100. **Motion approved.**

Program

Jon VanderPloeg presented a program about "The Old Stony Lake Property Owners Association Clubhouse," which used to stand next to the store. He has researched the club, with help from Megan Bueschel, and is working on a plan to resurrect it. He asked residents to sign up on a sheet if they were interested in helping, and he will also post information on the SLPOA website.

Minutes submitted by Julie Stivers, for Barb Glashouwer, secretary.