

Sage Lake Association

Minutes of the May 30, 2020 Meeting

Zoom Video Conference

In attendance: President Patti Rogers, Vice President Marv Bartal, Treasurer Mary Ellen Parrott, Trustee Brian Hassell, Trustee Betsy Miner-Swartz and Trustee Randy Stump. Secretary Sharon Green was absent. Approximately 36 members participated.

President Patti Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Which was conducted using Zoom video conference. She introduced the 2020 Board of Directors and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Robin Miner-Swartz supported by Brian Hassell to accept the proposed minutes of August 29, 2019 meeting as sent by email and posted on the Association website. Motion carried.

Treasurer Mary Ellen Parrott gave the Treasurer's Report. She reported overall in the Sage Lake Association fund is \$69,269.55. As of May 27, 2020, 1,079.93 in 5K, 32,014.16 in Fireworks fund, \$7,109.04 in Fish Fund, \$885.00 in Lake Weed Control, Neighborhood Watch has \$3,338.50 and General Fund has \$24,842.92. 94 members have signed up this year. Mary Ellen thanked Avery Sinkoff for helping reconcile last years financial records. A motion was made by Betsy Hubbard supported by Ron Brooks to accept the Treasury report as given. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Meet and Greet was scheduled for June 13 and is canceled.

Kids' Fun Day was planned for June 27 is canceled.

7th Annual Sage Lake Firecracker 5k - Betsy reported that we've registered 56 people so far and the goal is 100. We've raised \$1,350 with half going to Hale Area Fish to support residents hurt financially by COVID-19. Deadline is June 19 to register and receive your packet in the mail. If you register after that, we will make them available at Frank and Patti's pole barn at 683 Second Ave. on Friday, July 3.

Sage Lake Gear – Betsy reported that we've been working on new logos and finalizing what we'll order after nearly 200 people responded to the Survey Monkey poll about gear options. Looks like we'll offer two short- and two long-sleeved options, along with a drink-related item and a sticker. We're ordering more options with fewer quantities and will sell them at tables throughout the summer.

Quilt Raffle- Robin Miner-Swartz reported last year the quilt raffle made over \$2000. Next week we will know if we will have a quilt raffle.

Boat Parade—Parade will be on Saturday July 4th at 7:30 p.m. and the theme is Superhero will happen. All participants must social distance. Registration is free. If you plan to participate, register at Sagelakeassociation@gmail.com. A number will be assigned to you to put on your boat. Participants will meet at the DNR boat launch and follow the others around the lake. The participating boats will be judged and prize money will be awarded to the best three decorated boats. First place will be awarded \$100, second place will receive \$75 and third place gets \$50. All viewers can vote for their favorite boat by going to Sagelakeassociation@gmail.com by midnight. Votes will be added and the winners will be announced on the following day.

Fireworks Display is scheduled for Saturday July 4, at 10:15 p.m. as long as State restrictions don't prevent it. Wolverine Fireworks Display Co does a great job. The display is shot from the Aukers property and hundreds of boats collect in the center of the lake, near the middle island to view it. We must continue to follow the social distancing guidelines.

Day after fireworks - Volunteers are needed to help with the morning following the display. If you can help clean up the Auker property, please show up at 10 a.m.. Participants should wear masks and bring trash bag and rake. Make sure to social distance while cleaning up.

Boating Safety class originally scheduled for July 11 has been canceled. Folks wanting to take the class can do it online.

Sage Lake Annual Fishing Tournament scheduled for July 12 at 8 am is canceled.

Sage Lake Area-wide garage sale was scheduled for Aug 1st is canceled.

Neighborhood Watch – no report.

Lake Maintenance updates are on the website. Goto Sagelake.org

Wildlife – Beth reported. One loon is nesting. Buoys are not put out with hopes chicks will survive. The buoys were meant to keep people away but seemed to attract attention instead. The last 2 years no chicks survived. Loon platforms were discussed in trying to help chicks survive. Beth said they could not put the platforms out because they are not in Michigan and the platforms need to go out as soon as the ice melts. Eric McGregor volunteered to help build the platforms and put out in the spring. We are looking for a volunteer to help Beth Stump report wildlife. Beth is not in Michigan Jan to Mid May. Loon reports need to be complete. For example, she needs to know when the first loon is spotted on the lake, when nests are occupied and if chicks are born. She needs someone to help her report the dates. She will complete the reports but was not here when the

loons first arrived or nested. Please send an email to Sagelakeassociation.com if you can help Beth out with reporting wildlife to the DNR.

Volunteer Appreciation Party was scheduled for Aug. 22 has been canceled.

Group buy in's. Still waiting to hear what the propane rate will be for Sage Lake Members on propane. Patti did talk to Forwards and they will offer a similar rate as they did last year. He said he should have this information in early June.

Sage Lake Fire & Ice (winter event). Betsy reported there was double attendance over the previous year. 150 people attended. 16 entries. 1st place was Robin Sitko. 2nd Place was Adam Paulsen. Adam made his chili with Bison and venison. 3rd place was Jeff Smith. Next year's event will be on February 13, 2020.

Goose Round-up –We have 130 lake front owners who indicated in our last survey that they would sign a petition for a goose round-up. We need 70%. There are 433 Lake front lots. We need 303 signatures to meet the 70%. Would anyone like to take this on as a project to get the amount of signatures needed? No volunteers.

High School Scholarship- We have received one application from Hale High School. We are giving a little more time to get more applicants. Betsy suggested posting on social media.

Annual clean-up day Saturday June 20th at Hill Twp Transfer station from 9 to noon.

Fish stocking – Brian Hassell introduced our guest speaker Addie Dutton. Addie is one of the new DNR fisheries biologists based out of the Bay City She received her B.S in Fisheries and Wildlife management from Lake Superior State University in May 2015. She has worked in Alaska, Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming and Utah. She worked on her master's thesis in Montana where she studied food web interactions due to heavy stocking of the federally endangered Pallid Sturgeon in the Missouri River and Yellowstone River. Her presentation was posted on Facebook groups and sent out to Sage Lake Association members with an email. Her contact information is duttona@michigan.gov.

New Business – no new business

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am. Motion made by Marvin and supported by Wendy Bartal.

Respectfully Submitted,

by Wendy Bartal and Patti Rogers, substitute Secretaries.

