

**Sage Lake Association Meeting
Sage Lake, Michigan**

MINUTES OF MEETING ON June 25, 2022

Board members present: President Patti Rogers, Treasurer Mary Ellen Parrott, Secretary Sharon Green, Trustees Brian Hassell, Betsy Miner-Swartz and Randy Stump.

The meeting was called to order by President, Patti Rogers on June 25, 2022 at 10:02 am; 28 people in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report: Minutes from May 28, 2022 were sent by email and posted on website. Discussion none. A motion was made to accept from Randy Stump, 2nd by Terri Clark. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mary Ellen Parrott reported. The treasurer's report as of 6/23/22 was \$21,325.67 Fish Fund, \$3,253.89 Neighborhood Watch, \$28,092.36 Fireworks Fund, \$26,371.91 General Fund, \$79,043.83 Total. Mary Ellen reported that we have 210 members to date. A motion was made to accept treasurer's report by Bill Drangin and 2nd by Betsy Mason. Motion passed.

Reports from Committees:

- **Meet & Greet** – is scheduled at Laurie & Doug Dinnebeil's house at 762 Crammond this afternoon 4-6 pm. Each attendee brings a favorite wine, choice of drink or appetizer to share. Join the Dinnebeils and meet your neighbors.
- **Rough Fish Tournament** – Chris Hoelscher reported. The tournament was right on target and very successful with a little over 1200 lbs. of fish that were taken from the lake. Those fish were donated to local rehabilitation sites to help feed the other wildlife. We had 18 boats that showed up the first night from all over Michigan. Thank you from the fishing committee to the homeowners for putting up with the lights and such at night. Remember the goal is not to eradicate these fish from the lake but to bring their populations in check. Next year we will not be targeting garpike due to the sizes of those that came out of the lake.
- **Fish Habitat** – Chris Hoelscher also reported. He gave out a presentation to all present that talked about the Sage Lake Habitat Restoration Initiative. It showed the different types of habitat restoration, what the importance of those are, how each type benefits the lake and the fish. At the end he talked about the next steps the fishing committee is doing to move this initiative forward.
- **9th Annual Sage Lake Firecracker 5K walk/run** - Betsy Miner-Swartz reported that we had 222 people to date signed up, down from last year but quite a few first timers. There was a great article about the race in the Ogemaw paper and she thinks that we picked up a few from that. Kenyon's will have breakfast for the

volunteers and have given us permission to use their property for overflow parking, which is great as the gentleman whose lawn we have been using has limited parking this year. Hope to see you all there this year at the 5K race. Amy Jalics has again this year made an amazing quilt with a dock and sunset lake scene. The second item this year is a giant waterpad, so please come out and purchase tickets for both of those raffles. Volunteers please show up Friday to set up and load coolers at the race site, and to sell gear at 683 Second Ave.

- **Sage Lake Gear and Raffle** - Betsy Miner-Swartz had samples of the new gear this year. Sales will start Friday, July 1st at 683 Second Ave. at the barn from 4-7 pm.
- **Boat Parade** – Parade will be on Saturday, July 2nd @ 7:00 pm starting at the DNR boat launch and the theme is Decades. Register at sagelakeassociation@gmail.com. Registration is free. We have 3 boats registered at this time. Last year we had 15 boats in the parade and 490 votes cast for the winning boat. Line up is at the launch at 6:45 pm.
- **Sage Lake Firework Display** – is scheduled for Saturday, July 2nd at 10:15 pm. Wolverine Fireworks Display Co. does a great job. The day after the fireworks, volunteers are needed to help with clean up at 9 am. If you can help clean up the Auker property, please show up at 431 N. Gentry by 9 am. Tony Stockton and his team will lead the efforts.
- **Kids Fun Day** – Sharon Green reported that it is scheduled for July 9th from 12-3 pm at Cruisins. Please bring your children & grandchildren out for a fun filled day. Vicky & Mark have generously donated their property and an ice cream cone for all the children. Volunteers will get a ticket for a lunch paid for by the Sage Lake Association. If you know someone or would like to volunteer for that time and day, please let Sharon Green know. Ron & Mary Kraatz have again donated their barn for parking. Laurie Powless, Kim Davis and Sharon are hoping to have some new updated games for the children to play. Hope to see you there.
- **Boating Safety** –is scheduled for July 9th from 9 am to 3 pm at the Hill Township Hall. Lunch is provided to those who attend. Registration is free, please register at sagelakeassociation@gmail.com. You need to be over the age of 12 to attend and ages 12-16 years old will need to have a parent/guardian to be with them the whole day. At the end of the program, you will receive a boating safety certificate.
- **Sage Lake Annual Fishing Tournament** – it is scheduled for July 23rd at 8 am. \$10 fee for all ages. Brian Hassell will run this tournament and details will follow.
- **Sage Lake Community Garage Sale** – scheduled for August 6th from 9 am to 4 pm. Participants can choose to add longer hours and more days to their own sales. To be included on the official map, please email Betsy Miner-Swartz (betsmine@gmail.com) your address, please include whether you are in Lupton or Hale, days and hours of your sale and put Sage Lake Community Garage Sale in the subject line. Maps will be distributed at Crusins and Lovewells. Pick up copies of maps to distribute at your own sale at 683 Second Ave. on Thursday, August 5th. A porta john will be available at 683 Second Ave. for shoppers. Community garage sale signs will be placed around the lake and the sale will be announced in local newspapers and on Facebook. The sales have been very successful in the past with lots of shoppers!

- **Lake Maintenance** – Brian Hassell reported. PLM is doing a very good job and the lake looks better than last year. We have less Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and more of the good native plants growing. EWM is the most managed invasive aquatic plant in the US and found in at least 65 counties in Michigan. Several of the Native Pondweeds, Largeleaf, Thinleaf, Flatstem, Illinois, Clashing and Sago Pondweed are coming back. We have a little of the Exotic (Invasive) Curly Leafed Pondweed mostly by Kenyon's. Curley Leafed Pondweed (CLP) is found in 34 counties in Michigan and 48 states. It out competes native aquatic plant species, reduces diversity and forms dense colonies that can hinder fish movement and recreation activity. Currently our biggest concern is Starry Stonewort (SSW) and EGLE does not allow treatment with the proper chemicals until July. PLM's last treatment targeted 40 acres of Wild Celery, 20 acres of Nuisance Natives and EWM, 10 acres of Curley Leaf PW/EQM and 5 acres of Algae in the channels. The plan for the Wild Celery is to apply for an offshore revision for some of the shallow areas that boats go through for the July treatment. The goal in this is to reduce the amount of boat chop later in the season which is one of the biggest issues. PLM is going to target shorelines for Wild Celery now to stunt the growth. We also have noticed more fish beds in area throughout the lake while doing the survey last week.
- **Shoreline cleanup cost** – Patti was asked last month by one of the members to check into the cost of cleanup of our shoreline. She contacted three companies, and received these responses:

 1. Huron Lakes Weed Control out of Pinckney MI - Cost \$15,000 for a couple of days work
 2. Savin Lake Services - too busy this year but maybe next year \$13,500 for cleanup
 3. PLM – looking into the cost and will get back with us
- **Volunteer Appreciation Party** – is scheduled for August 20th from 4-8 pm at 683 Second Ave. Dinner and refreshments will be provided to all who volunteered to help make SLA the successful organization it is.
- **Group Buy In's** – still waiting to hear what the propane rate will be for Sage Lake Members on propane. I did talk to Forwards and they will offer a discounted rate to the SLA members. He said he should have this information in early July. SLA will send out information when it is available. A reminder that if you go to Sunrise Café and show your membership card, they will give you a 10% discount.
- **Sage Lake Special Assessment District (SAD)** – This is a tax assessment to control and/or eradicate aquatic plants and algae in Sage Lake. The current petition expires in December 2022. We need 50% of the parcel owners to sign and return the petition for it to pass. We currently have about 800 parcels and have 329 signed petitions. We just mailed out petitions on June 18th to those who have not signed. Once we have 50%, Hill Township will hold two public hearings and request bids from potential service providers. Each of the providers will be able to have a meeting at Hill Township and then Hill Township will pick the provider. We need volunteers to go door to door and collect signatures.
- **2022 Election Year for Sage Lake Association Board** – Bill Drangin will be the chair of the nomination committee. Some names have been given to Bill for the

election. If anyone would like to make a nomination for a person to hold one of the board positions, please let Bill know. The following have already been nominated: Patti Rogers for President, Betsy Miner-Swartz for Vice President, Mary Ellen Parrott for Treasurer, Sharon Green for Secretary, Brian Hassell for Trustee, Randy Stump for Trustee, and Ken Ehlen for Trustee. Please let Bill know if you would like to be nominated for any of the positions.

New Business

- No new business

50/50 Raffle winner was Michelle Sbonek who won \$32.50 Congrats to her!

Meeting adjourned: 11:05 am

Respectfully submitted Sharon Green