

Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association
3rd Quarter Board Meeting
July 14th, 2021

Vice-President Aiello called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

1. Roll Call:

Board members present: John Aiello, Dee Kirby, Terry Moody, Micah King, Mary Pat Cavanagh, Dawn Keiser (phone), Larry Michaud, Jim Corrigan, Lisa Wentworth.

Board members Excused: Cynthia Lamar, Becky Hendricks, Valerie Nester, Adam Pallai (Council of Clubs), Carol Schempp.

Board members Absent: Peter Murphy, Markus Veile,

New Lake Board Members: Welcome Jeff Cox and Rob Tucker. Introductions were made and more information on these two will be shared at our next meeting.

Questions and Answers concerning Deer Population:

Dan Brill-CWLP and Tammy Miller-IDNR and Todd LaFountain from CWLP Water Division

Tammy Miller from IDNR and Dan Brill from CWLP gave a general history and overview of the ordinance between the State of IL. Dept. of Natural Resources (IDNR) for selected Lake Springfield Marginal Properties to be used in the IL. Recreational Access Program (IRAP) for the Office of Public Utilities. In Summary:

*In the last aerial survey of the deer population, there were found to be 77 deer per square mile. The optimal number is 15-20 deer per square mile. The ecosystem becomes out of ideal conditions when the deer population becomes this heavy. CWLP now has two years of survey data which is done by an aerial company out of Marion, IL by helicopter.

*Illinois does not allow sterilization/birth control and because there were homes somewhat adjacent to these remote selected areas, shotgun was ruled out as a method. Therefore, controlled archery was found to be the preferred method of herd elimination.

*It takes years to decrease this size of herd population.

*5 "more remote" areas were selected -see attached map of these areas.

*Experienced bow hunters will be selected from Sangamon and those counties "touching/surrounding" Sangamon County only, (Sangamon, Macoupin, Morgan, Menard, Logan, Macon, Montgomery and Christian Counties). Those hunters chosen will

be sent an informational packet with detailed instructions and deer donation information, maps, etc.

The hunters are required to first harvest a doe and they will have to send in a picture, have it recorded, etc. These hunters will be asked to do a survey post season to see if anything needs to be changed for the following season. Purple paint will be used to mark the necessary boundaries.

*Hunting in these selected areas follow the same time as open Bow Season: Oct 1 thru 15, Oct. 16-31 and Dec. 16-31

*Conservation police/security will be the ones to call if an injured deer is on one's property, etc.

*Any deer not used by a hunter can be donated to the local food pantry. The processing cost to process the first 60 deer donated will be covered by Turasky, Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry Program and CWLP. One deer can help provide up to 200 meals.

*Depending on the post season survey, there could be changes made as to maybe more than the first doe.

Here a few questions that were put into an earlier email to Dan Brill to answer prior to the meeting. Dan's answers are highlighted in red:

1. What safety precaution will be taken to keep hikers out of designated areas? **To my knowledge there is no hiking in the designated areas at that time of year, no hiking trails currently exist, except by UIS's Spencer House, they will be notified. Some of the areas are very thick with underbrush and hiking would be difficult.**
2. Will all residence adjacent to designated areas be notified and how? **There are very few if any residences directly adjacent to hunting areas that is why they were chosen. Residents will be notified by mail.**
3. What precautions will be in force to keep a wounded deer from existing the area? **Asking for experienced hunters to apply so hopefully that isn't an issue. The areas chosen I believe range from 20-80 acres. If a deer is wounded it should be found before leaving the area. Hunters would need permission from adjacent property owners to retrieve a deer if that happened. That would be similar to a deer wounded by a car, coyotes or sickly.**
4. Will signage and "Do Not Enter" tape be placed around designated areas? **There will be IRAP signage at each location. This will be similar to shared public lands such as Lake Sangchris and Site M. People enter the woods at their own risk. Another reason we are looking for experienced hunters and areas not used by the public.**

Todd LaFountain from CWLP Water Division stated that after hunting season, this project would be re-assessed and a reminder that it will take years to thin this size of a population down. There will be a final deer count done after season.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Wentworth

Lisa gave an updated summary of all income and expenses and an account balance. DNO Insurance has been paid along with money given to the North End Fireworks (which has been postponed til Labor Day) and the Motor Boat Fireworks.

There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Jim Corrigan and a 2nd given by Mary Pat Cavanagh and approved by the Members present and voting including Dawn Keiser by phone.

Secretary's Report: Dee Kirby

Dee had emailed all members of the board, the May Board Minutes and the June Executive Board (with all board members invited). There were no further additions or corrections to the these Minutes.

There was a motion to approve the May and June Minutes by Lisa Wentworth and a 2nd given by Micah King and approved by the Members present and voting including Dawn Keiser by phone.

Dee will send out tonight's minutes later this month to Board Members and also to Markus for the website.

Vice-President's Report:

Vice President Aiello stated as a reminder that SLSIA serves as an informational hub center for ALL lake lease owners and community. Regarding the issue of the deer hunting being allowed on selected lake properties, SLSIA takes the stance of having no opinion other than making sure that as many safety measures were taken into consideration within the ordinance regulations. John had received several concerns from lake owners regarding safety and after talking to Dan Brill-CWLP and Tammy Miller-IDNR, safety was given top consideration.

Report on Committees:

Membership Committee: Becky Hendricks-Chair & John Aiello-Co Chair:

John reported that SLSIA currently has 338 members. This number represents 44.1% of ALL lake lease holders. There are 766 lease holders' total. This includes lake clubs, the Wild Life Sanctuary, property that backs up to the Sugar Creek and Gordon Road. Some of these lease holders are not actually on the lake.

Newsletter, Website and Facebook (Marketing): Markus Veile

Markus was not present for tonight's meeting.

Bylaw Committee: Cynthia Lamar

Cynthia was not present for tonight's meeting.

Auditing Committee: Terry Moody

Terry Moody reported that he has all information and plans to complete the audit by the end of July.

City Council Liaison Report: Kim Curry & Micah King

Micah King stated that things remain slow and had no news to report.

Directory Committee: John Aiello

John stated that he will need assistance with this project again in 2022.

Sherel Nutt Scholarship Committee: Jim Corrigan

Jim Corrigan thanked everyone who helped with this year's scholarship review. Lisa Wentworth, Treasurer reported that all three of the scholarship winners had been paid and a written congratulations went out to them.

Lake Clean Up Committee: John Aiello

John reported that he hopes to have an in person clean- up day in May 2022. Carol Schempp assists John with this Committee.

Council of Clubs: Adam Pallai

Adam Pallai was not present for tonight's meeting. A copy of the current lake events for 2021 can be found on the SLSIA website. John stated that the co-chair position that Kent held will be vacant and will need to be filled. Suggestions were made that perhaps Adam could suggest someone from one of the lake clubs to assist Larry Michaud with the 2022 lake event schedule.

Adam wanted to let the executive board know that the annual presidents meeting for Lake Council will be Thursday, August 26 at Larry Michauds home.

Social Events Committee:

Despite the rainy weather, "The Gathering at the Beach House" was a success in late June. There were approximately 100 + people who came out to enjoy the food truck and other furnished treats. It was nice to see people enjoying themselves in conversation and meeting new families who live on the lake.

Tentative, Sept. 11th has been reserved for the "Dinner on the Waterfront" event at the Beach House. Ideas of food and music were discussed. Mary Pat Cavanagh agreed to chair this event with supporting members Dee Kirby, Lisa Wentworth, and Dawn Keiser helping her. This committee will be making some calls into venues and set a date to plan further.

There was a motion to approve all of the Committee Reports made by Jim Corrigan and a 2nd given by Mary Pat Cavanagh and approved by the Members present and voting including Dawn Keiser by phone.

New Business: VP John Aiello

Nominations and elections:

Rob Tucker was elected to be on the SLSIA Board. There was a motion to approve by Dee Kirby and a 2nd given by Lisa Wentworth and approved by the Members present and voting including Dawn Keiser by phone.

Jeff Cox was elected to be on the SLSIA Board. There was a motion to approve by Lisa Wentworth and a 2nd given by Terry Moody and approved by the Members present and voting including Dawn Keiser by phone.

Motion made by Micah King to have VP John Aiello take the position of President. John accepted. There was a motion to approve by Jim Corrigan and a 2nd given by Mary Pat Cavanagh and approved by the Members present and voting including Dawn Keiser by phone.

Motion made by John Aiello to have Micah King take the position of Vice-President. Micah accepted. There was a motion to approve by Terry Moody and a 2nd given by Jim Corrigan and approved by the Members present and voting including Dawn Keiser by phone.

John brought up that there had been a SLSIA planning committee held in 2019 outlining how SLSIA could serve as a depository and make information available to lake lease holders and community. He suggested that this meeting's results should be reviewed and a plan of action developed.

Next Board Meeting: 4th Quarterly Meeting is Wednesday, November 10th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and place and/or mode of meeting will be announced at a later date, (in person vs Zoom)

Motion to adjourn this meeting made by Jeff Cox and 2nd given Scott Tucker and approved by the Members present and voting including Dawn Keiser by phone. Meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Dee

Dee Kirby