

Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association
Quarterly Board Meeting
November 13th, 2019
TRN Club

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

1. Roll Call:

Board members present: Larry Michaud, Mary Pat Cavanagh, Dee Kirby, Valerie Nester, Lisa Wentworth, Becky Hendricks, Teri Holland, Cynthia Lamar, Terry Moody, Markus Veile, Don O'Neal, Council of Lake Clubs Representative Adam Pallai.

Board members excused: Dawn Keiser, Kathleen Sorensen, Peter Murphy, John Aiello,
Board members absent: Micah King, Vicki McGuar, Mike Monseur, Carol Schempp, Pat Wheat, Jim Corrigan,

2. Guest Introduction by President Nester:

Guests Invited were Dan Brill and Mike Romer from CWLP.

Mike is the Utility Property Manager at CWLP and he started this position in September 2019.

Dan is the Supervisor of Land & Water Resources at CWLP. This position used to be focused on just the biology of the lake but now it has grown to include leases and other aspects of the lake. He encouraged anyone to call the CWLP Office with any questions. Some of the topics that he discussed were:

- *CWLP is applying for grants for help regarding such things as soil conservation, water conservation etc.

- * Two of the grants are with National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Regional Conservation Property Partnership (RCPP) for improvement of water quality and looking at surrounding agricultural property in regards to keeping and improving the water quality, nutrients, and sediment of our lake.

- *Some of the grants, the city would have to match the grant money in order for the grant(s) to be given. Some of the grants have already been applied for and the city will know the status of these later in February and March of 2020.

- *Stated that approx. 5000 rip raff was applied to the lake's shoreline this year

- *No grants known to be given in regards to dredging.

- *Interested in looking into smaller partnering grants for such things as bathrooms in some of the parks, bike trails and boat docks having better access for canoes etc. especially around the S Curve.

- *Dan can be reached at 757-8660 ext. 124 and Mike at 757-8660 ext. 9

Some of the questions that the Board asked were in regards to where the sewer project status was and Dan answered that the project was waiting on the Sanitary District and he was told they were out of funds. There are a couple lanes that are being completed now. He

heard that Linden Lane and Hawthorn Lane are to be next. Dan stated that at least half of a lane has to be committed for the sewer to be installed down a lane/street. After a lane decides that the majority wants to hook up with the sewer, then remaining homeowners that do not hook-up at that time will then have 5 years to comply or if their septic system fails, or if homeowner is selling their home, then they can take advantage of hooking up. Dan and Adam stated that there are approx. 450 houses hooked to city sewer and approx. 300 houses still on septic.

Valerie stated that she hopes that the Board can continue to work with the City and CWLP and are appreciative of their attendance at the meeting tonight.

3. Valerie introduced the next guest Adam Pallai- Representative for the Lake Council

Adam stated that the summer events are winding down. There are a handful of clubs ~~are~~ still doing raffles and the Fire Fighters have their Burgoo scheduled for this next weekend.

He thanked SLSIA for paying for the calendar printing. These calendars are given out with each boat registration. There was a discussion regarding the restructuring of the calendar to have phone numbers of lake clubs removed and just have the important lake information and numbers on one side leaving space for events on the other side. All events are open to the public. Some events still have TBA dates to be announced. Printing could be around Thanksgiving with the intent of having it available to the lake clubs for the first Thursday of December giving time to have them ~~to~~ distribute and in time for the open Frozen Event scheduled in January.

Valerie added that she thought that the event Fishing Has No Boundaries on September 26th could be added to the calendar. This is a public event. TRN is the host of this event and approx. 30-50 adult participants are expected. This event grows each year and a second event one half day has been added for ages less than 18 years with a disability to fish from shore. It is scheduled for May 2nd at South Wind Park and sponsors are needed.

Fire Fighters have a January 24th "Glow Bingo" fund raiser for FHNB.

The 10th year Lake Chili Challenge Cookoff is scheduled at the Sangamon Surf Club in March. The Boy Scout Camp Illinek is the charity selected for 2020 and all proceeds will go to this Camp.

In a recent Lake Council Meeting there was discussion looking at general boating navigation, use of docking lights that more lighting at night, the use of neon lights on boats that confuses other boaters. Mike Badger is one of the CWLP Officers on the Water and he suggested that there could be a Public Ad Campaign for educational boating tips and hoping to involve the Lake Marina to support this endeavor for an additional educational pamphlet to be included in the boating registrations.

Valerie introduced the next guest, Greg Kelso, who is a member of the Land of Lincoln Power Squadron which is now known as the America's Boating Club. He is one of the main instructors for the safety classes and added that perhaps this short education could be printed on neon paper and be included as a part of the Safety Class Schedule notices that are available in early February. He also reminded members that these boating classes are free and available in early Spring. They are weekly for 4-6 weeks. There are course books that can be loaned out for free for this class. There are 2 similar classes offered, one is through the IL DNR and the other is called the Kwedar Clinic. This information should be included in the newsletter.

Greg continued stating that there were lights out on the 55 Bridge and that CWLP is aware and working with IDOT on getting a permit to close a lane in order to repair the lights. Greg stated that CWLP had done a nice job putting out more buoys and will get them back out in the Spring.

4. Treasurer's Report: Lisa Wentworth

The Hog Roast brought in \$168.00 after expenses were paid. Expected future expenses will be for the calendar printing. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Teri Holland, 2nd by Becky Hendricks and approved by all.

5. Secretary's Report: Dee Kirby

Dee had emailed the August 2019 minutes to members of the board prior to the meeting and had some paper copies available at the meeting. The November minutes will be placed on the website. There was a motion to approve these minutes made by Lisa Wentworth and a 2nd given by Mary Pat Cavanagh with the rest of the Board approving.

6. President's Report on Committees: Valerie Nester

President Nester stated that quarterly meetings for 2019 were at the TRN Club but having a consistent person/ member open and close the club for our meetings have sometimes been difficult. Other possibilities mentioned were the Motor Boat Club, Island Bay, CWLP classroom and others (Zoo and Memorial Gardens) that closed by 7 p.m. which were not suitable options.

Bylaws: Valerie stated that after the strategic plan starts, then the bylaws will change. The last change made to the bylaws were in 2018. Valerie recalled that new board member(s) can be brought in to replace absences throughout the year.

Lake Events: Motion to approve funding for the Lake Events Calendar to be printed, which is estimated to be approximately 800 copies. There was a motion to approve the Events Calendar project made by Dee Kirby and a 2nd given by Mary Pat Cavanagh with the rest of the Board approving.

Directory: This is a work in progress and is not out yet. John has had some formatting and technical problems. Capital blue Print will print the 2020 Directory.

Website/Newsletter: Marcus Veile has done a great job with the newsletter and website but he states coming up with ideas to publish is the most difficult part of this. He

stated that there could be a new topic each issue, i.e. boat safety, etc. He usually tries to get them out the first week of every month. Valerie proposed that each board member pick a month to help with giving Marcus some content. Marcus will email out to Board members that he is working on the newsletter to encourage this participation.

Membership: Becky Hendricks chair and John Aiello as co-chair keep up with the membership. Plans are to mail out the membership in early 2020. In the past, membership has increased when the application was mailed out. Valerie gave past 4 years of membership total #s for reference: '16- 300, '17- 404, '18- 253, and '19- 400. She will write the opening letter for the 2020 Directory and will get that to John soon.

Facebook and Marketing: Marcus Veile also chairs this and continues to make updates as needed. He stated that he could give another member or so, administrative rights to assist. Acquiring the content is the most difficult aspect of this committee.

CWLP Liaison: All three members/people are absent tonight and Valerie stated that we need open communication and in the new year with the re-structuring, other possibilities can be looked into.

Social Events: On October 18th, the weather was a bit chilly but the Dinner on the Water Front was a success and there were 88 people in attendance. The Hog Roast and Band (too loud inside building) were excellent. There were recommendations to keep the event date in a September (warmer) with possibly a Saturday date. Other recommendations were to check for conflicting events at the same date. The golf outing was cancelled this year and will probably not be scheduled in 2020. Valerie stated that we need to focus on 3 events.

1st Event (Spring): The 1st Saturday in May will continue to be Clean Up Day and this event is stated to-be required in the Bylaws. This event in 2020 will probably be based out of the Springfield Lake Marina.

2nd Event (Summer): The Beach House BBQ open to all lake resident and not just members. This is to promote all of the different CWLP Programs, SUSART, Boater Safety Classes, HR Zoo, Lincoln Memorial Gardens, and many other Lake information booths such as the Marina, tree trimming and Fishing Has No Boundaries, etc.

3rd Event (Fall): The Dinner on the Waterfront in September.

Mary Pat asked what's our budget for spending on the Dinner on the Waterfront. She asked if SLSIA could subsidize this event and make it really special and different. There was discussion to perhaps have lobster, clam bake, etc. Dee Kirby stated she would talk to Robert's Sea Food for possibilities of lobsters or clams. Dawn Kaiser will look for locations and dates. Keeping it reasonable in price (i.e. \$25-35) and a unique menu was two of the topics brought up regarding making this event really nice and maybe not necessarily profitable. Bringing guests would still be encouraged. Mary Pat and Dee Kirby stated that they would help Dawn in planning this event. Dee mentioned that if these events could be broken down into sub groups, it would take a lot of pressure off of this committee. Such sub groups would include decorating, food, location, etc.

Scholarship: Teri stated that there were three \$1000.00 scholarships given out in 2019. It's up to this subcommittee to pick 2-3 applicants depending on the applications and based on merit. In January, the schools are called and the names of counselors are updated to send the information to. The deadline is April and then the winners are announced in May and asked to be present at our meeting. SLSIA sponsored two (\$1000.00) and the Marina sponsored one

(1000.00) totally the \$3000.00. There was discussion whether the Board or the subcommittee should vote for 2 or 3 winners in 2020. Teri Holland stated that she felt that it should be up to the subcommittee based upon the number and merit of the applicants.

2018 Financial Audit Committee: Terry Moody announced that the 2018 Financial Audit has been completed. Terry's time and efforts were recognized and highly appreciated at this meeting.

6. President Nester invited Board Member Don O'Neal to give his report on the Strategic Planning Forum:

Don O'Neal facilitator of this forum gave the Board a summary of the Strategic Planning Forum that was held on September 4th, 2019 at the TRN Club. There was a 3 hour meeting that included 13 members of SLSIA's Board who participated and broke out in 3 separate groups. Don states that the Strategic Plan of an organization is supposed to set the Bylaws and not the other way around.

Please see Don's separate report for details of the Strategic Planning Forum and recommendations for the future of SLSIA. Meetings regarding putting the forum's recommendations into a plan will begin after the new year.

Old Business:

Valerie stated that John Moore resigned his Board position in September.

New Business:

January 15th, 2020 is the annual board meeting which will be held at the Fire Fighter's Club. Volunteers are needed for selling 50/50 tickets, set up, check in table, name tags, bringing soups, chips, cheese/crackers, cookies, etc. An email will go out in late December or early January asking members to sign up to help with this annual meeting duties.

The following organizations were approved earlier this year to receive \$500.00 each.

Fishing Has No Boundaries

SUSART (Spfld. Underwater Search and Rescue Team)

Lincoln Memorial Gardens

America's Boating Club (formerly Land of Lincoln Power Squadron)

Henson Robinson Zoo

There was a motion to approve these donations, made by Larry Michaud and a 2nd given by Teri Holland with the rest of the Board approving.

Approval for giving \$3000.00 to the 2020 scholarship committee to give out to 2-3 area local high school seniors. There was motion made by Teri Holland and a 2nd given by Valerie Nester with the rest of the Board approving of this donation.

The following people's Board Position(s) are up at the end of 2019:
Mike Monseur

John Aiello
Jim Corrigan
Micah King
Lisa Wentworth
Carol Schempp

The rest of the Board members are due in 2020-21

The Bylaws state that if a Board Member misses 4 meetings (1 full year) then their Board Membership should be terminated. Valerie stated that Dave Mohme expressed an interest to be on the board even though he travels with his work. Current board members were asked by Valerie to start looking for other recruits to fill the open positions.

The excess of Geese and Deer invading the lake yards and surrounding territory was brought to Valerie's attention by Tim Hickman. Two separate documents were emailed to the Board ahead of the meeting discussing both of these issues and how to get involved with managing these Deer and Geese problems. Teri Holland stated that this should be addressed further at the annual meeting.

The old marina property has had the variances removed and back to it's R1 residential property. Dan Brill stated that the Prairie State Bank still remains the owner even though their lake lease has expired as they are still paying on the lease and the taxes.

Discussion arose regarding variances on building a residential swimming pool that is close to the lake but construction has been delayed because CWLP couldn't measure such things as footings with too much dirt in the way, etc. Dan Brill stated that CWLP follows the land use plan and residential "structures" have to be 75 feet from the lake. There is also a lake home addition being requested but the house is already non-compliant. The residents have the right to contest the variance and could go before the Regional Planning Council and then onto the City Council.

During the Ward I Strategic Meeting, there was a list of other topics that could be brought to the city's attention for potential projects for Springfield:

Bike paths, dredging of lake, deer and geese populations, lighting around the lake areas, further sewer conversions, economic interests of city, Hilltop Road, Hunter Lake Update, panhandlers and homeless, assessed values of property have increased but actual value of homes in Springfield have gone down.

Open Forum:

Dan Brill brought up that the DNR plans to measure part of the lake bottom (no signed agreement yet) and do a much more detailed sediment survey(s) during the summer of 2020. This would probably be started on the west side of 55 and include mapping and nutrients and be broken down into 4-5 segments of the lake taking approximately 4-6 weeks to complete each segment.

Teri Holland brought up that she had received a call regarding concerns about a commercial pest control commercial building that was near the Hen House Apartments. The caller wanted to know if SLSIA would be interested in getting involved in this. Dan Brill stated that he thought there is supposedly no manufacturing or storage of pest chemicals at this site though this area is part of the watershed.

Adam suggested that SLSIA participate in the Chili Challenge and cook up some chili and come out to join the lake clubs and support the fundraiser. Adam asked if the Board could again donate \$200.00 for the Lake Clubs to join our SLSIA membership under an umbrella group. The Lake Clubs are part of the Lake Council. Larry Michaud made the motion to approve and it was 2nd by Lisa Wentworth and approved by the rest of the Board.

Motion to adjourn this meeting made by Teri Holland and 2nd by Dee Kirby with approval by the rest of the Board.

Respectively Submitted,
Dee Kirby

**2020 Schedule of Board Meetings:
On Wednesdays at 6pm at the
SPRINGFIELD MOTOR BOAT CLUB**

February 12th, 2020

May 13th, 2020

August 12th, 2020

November 18th, 2020