

Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association
Annual Board Meeting
February 10th, 2021
Via Zoom Web Meeting

Vice-President Aiello called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

1. Roll Call:

Board members present: John Aiello, Dee Kirby, Cynthia Lamar, Terry Moody, Kathleen Sorensen, Markus Veile, Micah King, Peter Murphy, Jim Corrigan, David Mohme, Valerie Nester, Mary Pat Cavanagh, and Lisa Wentworth.

Board Member excused: Teri Holland

Board members absent: Becky Hendricks, Dawn Keiser, Larry Michaud, Carol Schempp, Pat Wheat and Adam Pallai (Council of Clubs)

Lake Owners in attendance: Richard Solomen, Kim Hodgson and Greg Kelso (Land of Lincoln Power Squadron).

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Wentworth

A separate document was sent to SLSIA Board Members prior to meeting giving the financial details of the treasurer's report.

Lisa reported that Federal and State Tax Returns were completed and that she sent the thumb drive of final audit information to Terry Moody. Terry reported that once that was reviewed, then 2021 audit work could begin. There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report.

There was motion to approve the treasurer's report by Jim Corrigan and a 2nd given by Dee Kirby and approved by the Members present and voting.

Secretary's Report: Dee Kirby

Dee had emailed the annual board minutes to members of the board prior to the meeting. Prior to this meeting, there were a few corrections made by Teri Holland as to the full name of the Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP). Micah King had been present for the board meeting and Cynthia Lamar made corrections as to how the Board's Bylaws approval should read for each motion that had been approved as recorded as: "There was motion to approve this Motion # by Cynthia Lamar and a 2nd given by Dee Kirby with the rest of the Board approving." There was a motion to approve the corrections by Lisa Wentworth and a 2nd given by Mary Pat Cavanagh and a final motion to approve the secretary's report after the corrections by Jim Corrigan and a 2nd given by Cynthia Lamar and approved by the Members present and voting.

Dee will send corrected copy of the Annual Board Meeting Minutes to Markus Veile to be posted on the website.

Vice-President’s Report and Membership Committee: John Aiello:

Becky Hendricks is also a committee member for the Membership Committee but was not present for tonight’s meeting so John combined the above two reports. Information and the names of current 2021 lake owner members have been included in the new directory that was sent out.

John reported that he is in regular contact with CWLP and the Sanitary District Supervisors. These two city departments have been working in the Fox Mill Area on replacing man hole covers and performing smoke testing for locating sewer needed repairs.

The DNR (Department of Natural Resources) have been aware and working on concerns of the deer population. There have been discussions of having a controlled hunt but there are several regulations associated with that kind of hunt that make it more difficult than most people would think. Some of the complicating factors is that they would have to make a controlled hunt open to the disabled who would have to use a cross bow and there are few locations around the lake that would safely allow that because of the range of the bow. DNR plans to schedule another aerial survey later this month or early March to make another count of the population and the locations where they are concentrated at. DNR does have priority in the concerns for the public safety when considering resolutions to this potential problem of deer over population. The City Council would have to be approached for variation of city ordinances for allowances of hunting within the city limits.

Lake owners present were asked to defer any further questions until New Business was discussed further in the agenda.

There was motion to approve the Vice-President’s and Membership Committee report by Lisa Wentworth and a 2nd given by Jim Corrigan and approved by the Members present and voting.

Kathleen Sorensen stated at the beginning of the meeting that she plans to move out of state and when the move occurs, she will no longer serve as a SLSIA Board Member. John thanked her for her service to the Board these past years and asked that she send a written resignation to him and the Executive Board when the time comes for her to leave.

Report on Committees:

Membership Committee:

John reported that there were 380 memberships in 2020 and Becky has received 260 members thus far in 2021. Of these 260, 17 are new leaseholders.

John stated that Becky has been working with sponsors regarding ads for the newsletter and website and so far she has recruited the following sponsors.

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| G & H Marine Inc. | Lake Springfield Marina | Rexx Battery Specialists, Inc. |
| Re-Max Professionals | -Melissa Vorreyer | Don & Wanda Tracy Family |
| JLS Marine, Inc. | The Real Estate Group | - Becky Hendricks |
| Siebert's Wildlife Control | | TINTORI Powerwashing |
| Coe Equipment | Touchless Boat Covers of Springfield | |
| Go Web 1 | Exiting Windows by Susan | Jack & Donna Hall Family |

Kulavic Auto Body Mary Anne McRae The Real Estate Group-Ashley Coker
Newsletter, Website and Facebook (Marketing):

Markus Veile was thanked for all of his work on these social media sites as well as for putting together the annual meeting(s) via Zoom. Markus asked that everyone look and send him any corrections that they find to these marketing and informational sites. He is always looking for newsletter articles and lake photos to use. There was discussion adding a section to the website and newsletter to include items for sale.

Cynthia Lamar added that she would send Markus the completed version of the updated SLSIA Bylaws to be included on the website.

Markus agreed to serve another year as the Chair for this committee for 2021.

Auditing Committee:

Terry Moody reported that the 2020 audit has been updated and after reviewing the treasurer's latest information, he will have a copy of the final audit to send to Lisa to be on file. Terry agreed to stay on as Chair for this committee in 2021.

Bylaw Committee:

Cynthia Lamar will plan to update the final copy of the updated SLSIA Bylaws that were approved at the January Annual Meeting and will send those to Markus Veile to have available on the website. Cynthia agreed to stay on as Chair for this committee in 2021.

City Council Liaison Report:

Kim Curry was not able to be present for tonight's meeting and Kathleen Sorenson was not aware of anything new to report. With Kathleen leaving the Board in 2021, this will leave a vacant chair for committee. Micah King volunteered that he would work with Kim Curry and serve as the 2021 Chair to the CWLP Liaison and Safety Committee.

Directory Committee:

John reported that the Directory had been updated and printed for 2020-21 and that he agreed to stay on as Chair of this Committee for 2021.

Sherel Nutt Scholarship Committee:

Jim Corrigan reported that he has already reached out to the school districts to update the list of names and contacts within the schools to send out the annual scholarship information to interested high school seniors. Jim will put scholarship information on the SLSIA website. Jim asked for assistance in having 6-8 volunteers to read the essays and applications that are turned in for consideration. Dee Kirby stated that she would help with the communication with those 6-8 volunteers as to their timeliness in reading and to complete a summary of their top three choices. The deadline for students to turn in their applications and essays is usually around April 1st and then allow 2-3 weeks for the final choice decisions by the review committee.

Jim has made an 1 drive directory where he will post all essays and applications for the reviewers to have access. Jim has also has made a separate email for any questions and/or applications to be turned in so he doesn't have to use his own email and this didn't create a

potential conflict of interest with people knowing him and having children/grandchildren turn in applications and perhaps leading people to believe that Jim was the only responsible one for the decision and answering of questions.

There was discussion regarding opening the scholarships to other schools in the area outside those towns bordering the lake. Valerie Nester brought up the possibility of opening it to students whose parents were involved in a lake club. At the end of the discussion, Jim stated that 2020-21 has been an odd year with Covid and schools not always being in person vs online so the topic of opening to other surrounding schools/town could be revisited next year after seeing how many applications and the towns that they come from this year.

Jim will plan to submit the winner(s) names and their essays to Markus to publish on the website and newsletter.

Jim agreed to stay on as Chair of this Committee for 2021.

Lake Clean Up Committee:

John reported that like 2020, the annual day of cleanup will most likely be a month of clean up again due to Covid and unknown distance regulations for the Spring. This will be revisiting closer to May. This event is usually the first Saturday in May. There was discussion that perhaps it could be published more so groups or individuals needing community/volunteer time could participate. This would be done on the honor system.

Carol Schempp is Co-Chair but not present for tonight's meeting.

John agreed to stay on as Chair of this Committee for 2021.

Council of Clubs: Adam Pallai

Adam Pallai nor Kent Kaiser was not present for tonight's meeting but according to the Annual Board Meeting Minutes in January, the following is in the lineup.

*Lake Calendars have been printed; THANK-YOU once again to the association for covering the printing cost.

*Rumble Around the Lake Bike Nights will resume on Wednesday nights throughout the summer (hopefully starting in May).

* Coming up soon is the annual Chili cookoff season. We have pushed it to start in later February this year and the committee is talking about protocol to keep everyone COVID safe. All homeowners are welcome to enter at any of the regional events. We will share the registration form in your February newsletter. All events are on Sunday afternoon with doors opening around noon for the cooks and 2:00PM for the event. Please come out and help us raise money for SUSART, this year's charity.

West; February, 21 – Firefighters Postal Lake Club

East; March 7 – Sangamo Surf Club

South; March 28 – TRN Club

Final; April 11 – Blue Ridge Club

* Again, hoping for a better year around the lake. Please feel free to contact Adam Pallai, Club Council President with any questions or concerns about the lake clubs.

Lisa Wentworth did state that in the last Lake Council Meeting, there was concern brought up about not having a patrol boat available for patrol and help on the lake this year. This absence of a boat is because of the disrepair and costs of repair if possible or buying a different boat and not having the money available in City budgets.

Social Events Committee:

John reported that there is no current Chairperson and Co-Chairperson for this Committee. These events were all cancelled for the 2020 year due to Covid but John reported that publications say that it may be possible for larger groups to gather later in 2021 as early as August. Lisa Wentworth stated that maybe it would be better to pick a date in August or September as a possible time and then could always be cancelled if not allowed. There were discussions regarding picking a Friday or Saturday night and Valerie Nester stated that Fridays are harder to set up and it tends to be more out of site than a Saturday night on people's calendars. Valerie agreed to review other lake club and school events to select a date and place for consideration in August or September.

There was motion to approve all of the Committee Reports by Kathleen Sorenson and a 2nd given by John Aiello and approved by the Members present and voting.

New Business:

John and Lisa reported that all 2021 board member dues have been paid. Dee reported that she still needs 2021 Disclosure forms from: Jim Corrigan, Dawn Kaiser, Larry Michaud and David Mohme. Dee emailed these individuals with the form attached.

John, returning to lake owner, Kim Hodgson's concern regarding the deer population and SLSIA's support to have DNR and the City take this issue more seriously. John stated that there currently no one named as liaison to DNR. Kim Hodgson reported that the destruction of property by the deer was specifically to the landscaping and how the destruction has increased over the past ten years. There was a lengthy discussion as to how other lake owners' point of view on this was and what pathway(s) to City Council vs politics etc. Kim Hodgson felt that SLSIA needed to play a role in helping with a resolution. He stated that the Cotton Hill Area often sees a herd of 30 or more in a given yard. Kim stated that he and his neighbor would be interested in co-leading a group if SLSIA would support them. John stated that it would take Board approval and a chair and co-chair would have to be named. It was suggested that maybe there could be a survey of lake owners to see if others are interested and have similar concerns. It was suggested that perhaps a survey placed on the website and information regarding survey could be placed in the newsletter to get other lake owners input before SLSIA could move further in supporting of this. There was also talk of going door to door in lake neighborhoods. Lisa Wentworth stated that she had once contacted a biologist with the DNR regarding the deer population and the harm to farm crops. She stated that the support needs to come from the City CWLP as well. Cynthia Lamar contributed input as to the need to educate people/lake owners regarding all types of resolutions being discussed and this

education could assist lake owners etc. with knowing the whole problem and possible resolutions.

John stated that there needs to be a plan and SLSIA has many projects to discuss. He asked Kim Hodgson to write up a proposal that SLSIA could consider to take a stance on and move forward.

Vice President Aiello addressed Executive Board Terms that were expiring. He asked for President nominations other than himself as he declined this position. David Mohme did inquire further into the SLSIA President responsibilities and after discussion of such responsibilities and timelines, David has agreed to accept the position of SLSIA President. John and past President Valerie Nester agreed to meet with and help coach David in his new position.

There was motion to approve David Mohme as SLSIA President by Dee Kirby and a 2nd given by Lisa Wentworth and approved by the Members present and voting.

Vice President Aiello accepted the nomination to remain as the Vice-President in 2021. There was motion to approve John Aiello as SLSIA Vice-President by Cynthia Lamar and a 2nd given by Valerie Nester and approved by the Members present and voting.

Dee Kirby accepted the nomination to remain as the Secretary in 2021. She did state that she accepted a new job and she would have to see if there were any time conflicts with future meetings. There was motion to approve Dee Kirby as SLSIA Secretary by Peter Murphy and a 2nd given by Valerie Nester and approved by the Members present and voting.

Lisa Wentworth accepted the nomination to remain as the Treasurer in 2021. There was motion to approve Dee Kirby as SLSIA Secretary by Valerie Nester and a 2nd given by Peter Murphy and approved by the Members present and voting.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and mode of meeting will be announced at a later date, (in person vs Zoom).

Motion to adjourn this meeting made by Lisa Wentworth and 2nd by Jim Corrigan with approval by the remaining board members present. Meeting ended at 7:24 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Dee Kirby