

**Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association**  
**3rd Quarter Board Meeting Agenda**  
**August 16, 2023**

The board met at the Anchor Boat Club. President Micah King called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

**1. Roll Call:**

Board members present: John Aiello, Tim Brinkman, Mary Pat Cavanagh, Jeff Cox, John Finnell, Becky Hendricks, Dawn Keiser, Micah King, Dee Kirby, Terry Moody, Valerie Nester, Adam Pallai, Justin Tintori, Rob Tucker, Lisa Wentworth, Markus Veile

Board members absent: John Brewer, Jim Corrigan, Cynthia Lamar, Larry Michaud, Peter Murphy, Tom Purvus, Carol Schempp

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Lisa Wentworth updated the Board with Account Balances and Income & Expense Reports. Amounts reported reflected all bills paid to date. Upon motion by Valerie Nester and second by John Aiello, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

**3. Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Cynthia Lamar emailed the minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting to the Board prior to the August meeting. President Micah King asked if all members received the minutes and if anyone had any questions. Upon a motion by John Aiello and seconded by Micah King, the minutes for the May, 2023 Board Meeting were approved.

**4. Vice President's Report:**

Vice President John Aiello reported activities at the lake were slowing down, reflected in less boat traffic and less people. Pelicans have made an appearance already.

**5. President's Report:**

President Micah King provided an update from CWLP Land & Water Resources Manager Dan Brill noting that 250 tons of rip rap was delivered, and data is being compiled on algae, species counts, rainfall totals etc.

The draft supplemental impact environmental impact statement for Hunter Lake has been completed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The public notice can be found at <http://supplementalwater.cwlp.com/PN%202016-0095.pdf>.

53 deer were harvested last year, but an estimated 70-80 need to be harvested annually to stabilize the population. In order for the IL Dept. of Natural Resources to complete its study, hunters must now photograph harvested deer in front of the section signs and submit to DNR.

## **6. Invited Guest Speakers**

Officer Cody Musson of the Springfield Police Department also addressed the board. He recommended Lake residents call DNR and not SPD to report any hunters trespassing or coming onto your property who are participating in IRAP (Illinois Recreational Access Program). Officer Musson asked Lake residents keep an eye out for suspicious activity, as a vacant house on West Lake Shore Drive was burglarized and a 4-wheeler was almost stolen at another location. Please call 911 or the non-emergency SPD number first to report something, not the neighborhood police officer.

Officer Musson has also spoken with various Lake clubs with onsite fuel dispensers to be aware of any suspicious vehicles. He also recommended having all fuel locked and to have a process to check in/out keys to access fuel.

## **7. Committee Reports:**

### **Membership & Sponsors Committee: Becky Hendricks and John Aiello**

As of 8/11/2023, SLSIA had 248 paid memberships for the year. Board members discussed ways to increase membership, including online payment options and a special membership promotion.

As of 8/11/2023, SLSIA now has 6 paid sponsors. Sponsors receive benefits of SLSIA membership, invitation to all SLSIA events, an ad on the SLSIA website and signage at various SLSIA events. Board members discussed ways to increase sponsorships.

### **Communications & Marketing Committee: Markus Veile**

The communications committee reported it is always seeking additional volunteers to help update the SLSIA Facebook page and website as well as to help create content for the bi-monthly newsletter.

### **Audit Committee: Terry Moody**

The audit committee met to discuss the audit which needs to be completed by the end of the year. Information has been provided to the committee.

### **Bylaws Committee: Cindy Lamar**

No report.

### **Directory Committee: John Aiello & Dee Kirby**

Committee Co-Chair John Aiello noted the directories are produced and distributed every two years. The next edition will be published in 2024.

**CWLP Liaison & Safety Committee: Micah King and Kim Curry**

The committee reported there were no variances of concern on Lake properties since the last meeting. Various Lake clubs are meeting to discuss the deteriorating condition of the buoys and beacons on the Lake. Adam Pallai noted that four years ago CWLP took action after the Lake clubs and homeowners pushed the issue.

**Scholarship Committee: Jim Corrigan**

No report.

**Lake Clubs Events Schedule Committee: Kent Kaiser and Larry Michaud**

The committee reported it seeking volunteers to help with the 2024 edition.

**Lake Cleanup Day: John Brewer and Carol Schempp**

No report.

**Social Events Committee: Dawn Keiser and Mary Pat Cavanagh**

The Fall social event will be a food truck type event at the Lake Springfield Beach House instead of the more formal dinner on the waterfront. Committee received positive feedback from SLSIA members attending the summer food truck event. The committee will meet to finalize details.

**Council of Clubs: Adam Pallai**

Rumble Around the Lake wrapped up on August 7<sup>th</sup> at the TRN club. The event should have raised about \$4,000 for the sponsored charity – Peace Keepers Ride. Some Rumble events were impacted by inclement weather this summer, but overall roughly \$30,000 in business was generated for Lake clubs this season. Planning for next year’s event has started, exploring ways to get boaters and “Jeepers” involved to expand the audience beyond just motorcycle enthusiasts.

“Trunk or Treat” will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Signs will be created highlighting participating clubs, and a competition will be held to judge how cars are decorated at the various clubs.

SLSIA has agreed to sponsor next year’s event calendar and the Council is planning on producing wall calendars. 200 wall calendars were sold for 2023 and the Council is looking to produce 250 calendar next year. The Anchor Boat Club made \$500 off the calendar raffle.

**Lake Regulations Advisory Committee: John Finnell**

The committee will meet to discuss what worked and didn’t work this year. Buoys are on the agenda to discuss.

## **8. Old Business**

Dinner on the Waterfront event will be repurposed as a food truck type event at the Lake Springfield Beach House.

## **9. New Business**

### **A. Fishing Has No Boundaries**

A reminder was given to the Board of the upcoming event scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> and Fishing Has No Boundaries is looking for additional volunteers to help run the event, or provide a boat.

### **B. Online Credit Card Payments**

Treasurer Lisa Wentworth reported old PayPal account linked to the old website was shut down and a new account was activated and linked to the current bank account. Upon a motion by Lisa Wentworth and seconded by Justin Tintori, the board unanimously agreed to accept online payments through PayPal.

### **C. Annual Renewals**

The board discussed setting up auto-renewal memberships through PayPal. The board approved the motion by Valerie Nester and seconded by Dawn Keiser to establish auto-renew annual memberships.

### **D. Membership Drive**

The board discussed various ways to increase membership as the current membership level is 248 and previously the organization has had over 400 members. Upon a motion made by Becky Hendricks and seconded by Mary Pat Cavanagh, the board agreed to send a flyer out to all lapsed members with a promotional price of \$30 to cover the rest of 2023 and all of 2024 if using the auto-renewal option.

### **E. Increase in Dues**

The board discussed increasing the dues to cover the cost of credit card processing fees and related bank charges. Upon a motion by Dee Kirby and seconded by Adam Pallai, the Board agreed to raise annual dues to \$30.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

## **11. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. upon a motion Valerie Nester and seconded by Justin Tintori.