

Shetek Area Lakes Association

Minutes for February 25, 2025

Present: Kris, Kyle, Scott, Sheila, Teresa, Jon, Trevor, Marv, & Adam

Absent: Steve & Randy

Guest: Barb Sizer

- Treasurer update: Jon stated the current SALA financial balance is \$5,631.21. Motion to Accept & Seconded (A/S) Scott/Jon.
- Secretary report prepared by Randy was read by Trevor; Motion A/S Sheila/Scott.
- Discussion of proposed spring ditch and road clean-up event: Adam is taking the lead and stated the event will be held in May. Other items may be also accepted such as appliances; Teresa reminded the group to contact Jon Bloemendaal from the Murray Co recycler needs to be hired to transport & process incoming materials. A forklift may also be required on site as well as many staff to help load/unload. The electronic collection is in addition to the road clean up portion of the day but should be thought through carefully making sure proper protocol is followed as the collection event would need to be manned. Adam will work with Schaaps Solid Waste to have a dumpster on site for the day of the event. SALA will advertise thru Facebook or maybe a notice in the local paper. Adam would like to see dedicated staff assigned to take over certain sections of roadways and maintain those roadways throughout the year.
- Discussion into getting in a SALA board meeting speaker from a Clean Water Program currently done for ice fisher people in Beltrami County, MN. Teresa will see if we can get a speaker to join via Zoom to discuss the project. There are now 50 lakes that have used their model to reduce winter trash and human waste from polluting lakes.
- Dike project update: there have been many citizen complaints regarding the removal of trees from the Keeley Island entrance. The 400-year-old oak trees that were removed will be sorely missed as there was great frustration and anger for the removal of close to 120 trees in that short stretch of road. Marv said they will try to replant when possible. Bids are currently out for the dike construction project to start in April. Marsha's landing will be used for equipment staging during the dike project.
- SALA Board term limits were briefly discussed – a committee was set up to dive into that further and will report back during the March SALA Board meeting. Marv, Sheila & Teresa will work on that project, along with updating the SALA By-Laws.
- SALA Board meeting minutes will be posted (once approved by the board) via the SALA website location.
- Dylan will replace some of the buoys near Marsha's landing to include the lighted versions as greater boat traffic is expected in 2025.
- Discussion to find a building to house an ambulance, remote fire equipment and a road grader. The need for volunteers to get trained in fire response may then be required.

This would be able to only serve one side of the lake., but if successful, could save people on building insurance rates.

- Greater access to recycling for lake residents is very much needed. SALA and/or residents need to speak to Jon Bloemendaal from the Murray County Environmental Office to arrange for that – it is also recommended Jon encourage both Key Largo and the Cove to begin recycling glass and aluminum cans because their waste causes the Murray County landfill to fill up much sooner, especially when these items could all be recycled. Perhaps (for example) the local Scouts Program would be willing to have a trailer that the two restaurants & the public could use to collect aluminum cans. They could then sell the cans for profit for their organization (much like Currie does for their fireworks funds). Dare to dream.
- Motion made to adjourn A/S Scott/Jon

Next meeting date: **March 18th**