

Shetek Area Lake Association

Minutes from Annual Meeting, June 17th, 2023

Roll Call – Randy Martin, Lars Johanson, Jon Hoyme, Trevor Humphrey, Scott Bly, Teresa Gilbertson, Steve Koch, Marv Nysetvold, Sheila Holland, Adam Humphrey.

The Secretaries report - Was read and approved w/ a motion by Trevor Humphrey and seconded by Adam Humphrey. Voted on and passed, with the correction.

Intro - Lars introduced himself and spoke briefly of the dikes project funding, clarifying that 1.2 million was allocated to the Casey Jones Trail System and that 4.2 was allocated towards the Dike project. He also mentioned of donating the microphone system to the Bible camp.

The Treasures report - The Treasures Report was given by Jon Hoyme with \$4,882.75 on the balance. A motion to approve was made by Scott Bly and Seconded by Teresa Gilbertson, voted on and passed.

Justin Hoffmans Report - Trevor Humphrey Spoke on Justin's behalf. There are 14 systems on 13 lakes. Justin has to apply for permits and do weekly inspections w/ the DNR. The Aerators put in in 2019 were specifically designed for our lake. They are not meant to make a lot of open water by design. There were questions from the audience of if more aerators could be installed? Or have a suggestion from DNR?

Restocking Lake - Lake Sarah walleye don't require restocking. Shetek walleye do and are on a every other yr. schedule. This is a restocking yr.

Trash Cleanup - Adam Humphrey gave info on doing a Trash cleanup around the lakes area. Come talk to him if you'd like to be a contact for your area and SALA can help w providing bags and coordinating trash pickup.

Rural Water -- A Representative from the Red Rock Rural Water system relayed some info. There is a sign-up event at the Lake Sarah Baptist church on the July 23rd and 24th. They still need around 100 sign ups and are going ahead w/ the plan.

Zebra Mussels - Teresa Gilbertson gave a presentation on Zebra Mussels. She noted of the of the negative impacts they have, and that the U of M is doing studies to alter their DNA to reproduce less. The PCA and DNR are monitoring 8 major watersheds. She also discussed the advantages to the water, birds and fish when using lead free baits.

Casey Jones Trail - The Casey Jones Trail System was discussed. They received 1.3 million in funding which will be used to further pave the trail east of Woodstock. The DNR is ready to get bids. It was also reported of the costs to repair the parts of the Currie loop. \$840,000 to do the north segment next yr. and \$800,000 on the east segment.

Fish Kill - Steve Koch spoke of info during the fish kill. He noted of the dead fish that could be used at organic fertilizer and how that is a very expensive fertilizer that we should be able to sell to organic farmers and take in the profit, as the lake area is doing the work w/ little to no help from the county.

Dike Project - Lars talked of the Dike project. He has been in contact w/ Randy Groves and the County Commissioners. The 4.2 million dollars has been allocated for the project. The county commissioners need to ok Houston Engineering's Plan. It will take 1 yr. to get the survey done and roughly 2 yrs. before completion.

The Sewer System. - Some info was provided to clear up some questions related to the sewer system. The Loan for the sewer system was taken out by the county commissioners as the SAWS board could not take the loan out. There are 5 yrs. left out of a 13 yr. pay off term. The original cost was around 21 million. 12 million in grant monies was received. We are paying off the 9-million-dollar balance. Rates have gone up as the cost of pumps has gone up and almost every pump has been replaced. Slayton Plumbing has been replacing pumps at half the cost of always having to buy new.

Leisure on Lake Shetek - Janet Timmerman is writing a book on the history of recreation on Lake Shetek. Please contact her w/ any info or pictures.

Townships - Unincorporating - Some of the very preliminary Plus's and negatives were discussed about the Lake becoming its own city. A petition of 100 people needs to be signed to get a feasibility study. The Sewer district could act as a template or map. A board would need to be formed, and a lawyer who has had experience in this would need to be contacted. Molley Malon expressed her frustration w/ all the miss information she has heard from the Lake area in regards to taxes.

Election - 3 spots were open for election. With 2 returning board members names up for re-election (Jon Hoyme and Scott Bly) and one new write in (Kyle Johnson), A motion was made and voted on and passed by everyone to accept these 3 as the new board members.

Thank you - A Thank you was given to Jodi White for all the work she does in maintaining the member list and mail outs. Thank you, Jodi, for your hard work.

Drawings There were numerous drawing winners from donations from Lead free baits, Trails Edge, Key Largo, Pelican Cove, among others.

Motion to Adjourn - w/ no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned w/ a motion by Sheila Holland and Seconded by Steve Koch. Voted on and passed.

Next Meeting July 18th 6:30 pm at the Lakota Retreat Center.

Minutes Prepared by Sec. Randy Martin