

GLSA Board Meeting
Saturday, June 12, 2021
Southside Township Hall

President Russ Fortner called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Members Present :

Russ Fortner (I)

~~Steve Hoien (II)~~

Lisa Peery (III)

~~Steph Schaunaman (I)~~

~~Blaine Barkley (II)~~

~~Jerry Euteneuer (II)~~

~~Jim Gray (I)~~

~~Stephani Lind (III)~~

Jim Maciej (I)

Mike McNellis (III)

~~Keith Schaunaman (I)~~

Mark Struble

Renee Wyffels

Claire Dempsey

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by President Russ Fortner.

Testing the water on Lake Sylvia looking for contaminants in the water column.

Lake Sylvia has never been tested for various items identified during discussions with Dr. John Rodgers from Clemson. In discussions with Jim Gray and Blaine Barkley, he recommended testing for mercury, since Lake Sylvia is a mercury-impaired lake, hydrocarbons in the water, phosphorous, nitrogen, and suspended solids. Our proposal is to test 10 sites scattered around the lake in relatively shallow water where people play, fish from their docks, and draw water for their yard. Each site will have samples drawn just before the Fourth of July and just after the Fourth of July, typically just before and just after peak lake use, by Steve McComas from Blue Water Science and delivered to MVTL Sales and Service, a state-certified lab located in New Ulm, that Steve McComas has used when doing similar work for other lakes.

Steve's services were quoted in the attachment. The lab quote does not include testing for hydrocarbons or mercury. After contacting the lab, those two additional tests are an additional \$180 total for the two tests times 20 tests=\$3600, plus the bid in the attachment of \$2480 for a total of \$6080. There is a fund from the Tuck family that should be applied against that cost as discussions with them at the time the gift was made was for water testing. That would leave us with about \$3500 of costs not covered. These tests will help determine the status of the water quality of the lake in various locations and give us a baseline report for future use. In the event

something of concern is found in the water by the laboratory analyzing the results, we would confer with experts to determine any additional steps to take. This is a one-time set of tests providing nothing unusual is found. A motion would need to be made approving up to, but not exceeding, \$6500 for these tests with the amount in excess of the designated gift being paid out of GLSA funds.

Since we did not have a quorum present at the meeting, no motion was made, but discussion indicated approval for the water testing. A motion was made later via email communication. See below.

In the Annandale Advocate newspaper this week, Alicia from Wright County Soil and Water has announced that Lake Sylvia will be getting a CD3 cleaning station at the landing. CD3 is a solar-powered wet/dry vacuum cleaner with some tools attached to it so a boater can use the tools to remove any weeds from the boat or trailer. It also gives boaters using it a recorded message about the DNR slogan, "Clean, Drain, and Dry" to attempt to change public behavior.

Jeff Forester, from Minnesota Lakes and Rivers, is the driving force state-wide to install CD3 systems on public landings. In discussions with him about the CD3 system, Jeff has confirmed between our at-the-ramp inspectors and our camera system that repeats a message similar to the CD3 system each time a boat is launched and each time it is retrieved, plus using a camera, will more likely protect the lake than a wet dry vacuum cleaner and some hand tools. He agrees that Lake Sylvia already has the gold standard currently available in Minnesota to deal with invasive species--at the ramp inspections with our inspectors and camera system looking at boats leaving the lake for weeds hanging onto boats or trailers. Jeff Forrester is in full agreement with Lake Sylvia not having one. The county is proposing to put one on our landing anyway, Blaine believes at no cost to the GLSA.

So why not go along with this? Note the following concerns: 1. The system was tested in Minneapolis and after years of use, they redesigned the traffic flow at the location used and put attendants in uniforms. Most likely, the DNR is not going to nor can they do much to change traffic patterns. For those few that might use it, it will certainly cause a slow down in boat launching and retrieval. 2. The GLSA and lake users have nothing to gain by this being at the landing and it is likely to slow down everything.

After much discussion, the members present at the meeting decided that Russ would write a letter outlining all of our concerns and send one to each of the following on behalf of the GLSA members: the DNR, Wright County Soil & Water, and our County Commissioner, Christine Husom. Claire Dempsey and Renee Wyffels also volunteered to send letters of their own. The current members of the AIS Committee will meet in the near future for more discussion.

Emergency Assistance on the Lake: Mike asked for help from the Wakeboard Boat Club in dealing with people who may need assistance or are stranded on the lake. Mark Struble volunteered to talk to some of his friends/club members to identify at least one contact on the

east and west lakes. He suggested that the phone numbers be posted on the GLSA website and in the upcoming newsletter.

GLSA Golf Tournament: There will be a meeting the week of 6/14 to finalize details. There are about 60 players registered so far; about 112-120 would be the maximum. Hole sponsorships cost \$500, which includes the cost for 2 golfers, signage, and a representative who could remain at the tee box throughout the tournament. Josh Hart, owner of the driving range and part owner of Spilled Grain Brewery will supply practice golf balls and free beers for golfers. The owner of BedRock in South Haven will be contacted and given information about hole sponsorship.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Wyffels

Email Communication following the meeting:

1. Steve Hoiem made a motion to approve up to \$6500 for water testing before and after the 4th of July. Claire Dempsey seconded. Nine members voted “yes” via email communication. Motion carried.
2. Blaine Barkley, other members of the AIS Committee, and any other board members who would be interested in meeting to discuss our response to the CD3 stations will meet in the near future--sometime soon after June 18th.
3. Lisa Peery made a motion to accept the Executive Board members (Russ Fortner - President, Lisa Peery - Vice President, Steve Hoiem - Treasurer & Renee Wyffels - Secretary) and the 2 new board members (Jan Evenson & Ken Schumaker) for the 2021 - 2022 fiscal year. Jim Maciej seconded. Ten members voted “yes” via email communication. Motion carried.
4. Russ received a request from someone regarding the formation of a petition related to the development of the Camp Koinonia land. This person would like the petition to be initiated by the GLSA board members requesting that the Camp land NOT be developed as proposed by Kami Holdings. If board members concur, a petition from the GLSA Board needs to be written and prepared for signatures by lake residents in time for the July 1 Wright County Planning & Zoning Board Meeting. There was much discussion about this issue via email communication. No final action was determined.
5. Blaine asked for quotes for printing the Loon Calls newsletter in a color edition. Steph Schaunaman reached out to Sheri from the Advocate for pricing to print the entire 8 pages in color. It would cost an additional \$175. Steph thinks this is a good time to look

at switching from the black and white print to color, and it would make our issue and pictures a lot nicer. Last month we printed 375 newsletters at a cost of \$487.50. Proposed printing in color would bring our cost to \$662.50 for each newsletter.

Steph requested that we change from black and white to color on the newsletter with the understanding that this will cost \$175 additional at each print (Spring, Summer, Fall). Nine board members responded with a definite "yes, go ahead!"

6. Mike talked to several people who are interested in helping with the organization of next year's 4th of July boat parade. They are: Ryan Berns, Jake Struble, Tim Schmidt and Deb Erhard.