

Annual Meeting Minutes – 2024
Star Lake Property Owners' Association
June 8th, 2024 Camp Joy on Star Lake

President Dick Fultz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

1. Dick introduced the current Board of Directors:
 - a. Steve Roth, Vice-President (2023) *Absent
 - b. JoLene Kerr, Treasurer (2025)
 - c. Gail Hagen, Secretary (2024)
 - d. Linda Dimitrijevic, Director (2024)
 - e. Yvette Lewis, Director (2025)
 - f. Tom Deegan, Director (2026)
2. Yvette Lewis, Director, introduced Tammy Ziegler, Star Lake Township Chairperson. Tammy introduced the Supervisors: Dale Lewis, Dan Hanson, Paulette Johnson and Ronola Richards.
3. Lee Mindemann introduced our speaker, Jeff Vansteenburgh, Chair of Environmental Affairs Committee, OTC COLA. Jeff spoke about the Water Quality Data and the Lakes Monitoring Program with RMB Labs of Detroit Lakes.
4. The 2023 Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and copies were distributed to those requesting. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Arnie Schenck. Don Herron seconded the motion. All were in favor.
5. JoLene Kerr provided the Treasurer's Report. The balance of the General Fund is: \$7,793.98; The balance of the Lake Protection Fund is: \$18,351.17, of which \$16,053.95 is from SLCCG. Total funds for SLPOA is \$26,145.15. JoLene also reiterated that our records are open for review when requested. We also recently had a financial review completed by a member, Sharon Sand, who provided a written report that was read to the attendees.
6. Membership & Publicity: Gail Hagen, Secretary, reported that we have had great support from property owners with membership to SLPOA. In 2023, we had 250 paid memberships. Up to the morning of the Annual Meeting we are at 185 paid memberships. Many memberships were paid this morning and we are on pace or possible ahead of previous years. In 2023 we also produced the Membership

Directory and distributed it to all members. New members will receive a copy as well. The next Membership Directory will be produced in 2026 and we will be asking for volunteers for help. A new website was also launched in late Fall of 2023. We have much more flexibility with updating the website ourselves. Our email service has also changed allowing us to make changes to the email distribution list, write and send out email communications without going through a 3rd party. We continue to provide communications utilizing social media (Facebook) and also USPS (using Non-Profit mailing rates).

7. Water Safety (Buoys): JoLene discussed the current status of the Water Safety Buoys. We are going to need to replace some soon. We have researched what is on the market and the various materials used in hopes of finding ones that are not so heavy. We also looked into having solar lights, but the cost for the parts is a bit high. This will be an ongoing project for the board in 2024.
8. Adopt-A-Highway: We had another successful event this spring with many volunteers. JoLene has submitted the paperwork to Otter Tail County to continue our support of this segment of County Highway 41.
9. AIS: Lee Mindemann provided updates on the work of the AIS committee. We have a new member on this committee, Sue Nyhus, who has taken the AIS course through MAISRS.
10. Water Quality: Carolyn Herron has completed water sampling from Star Lake for 26 years. Thank you Carolyn for your dedication and work on this important issue for Star Lake.
11. Fisheries update (read by JoLene Kerr on behalf of Steve Roth: DNR is considering lowering the panfish limits from 10 to 5, timing on that would be starting next "fishing season" on 3/1/2025. Signage has been posted at the public accesses with information on the proposed change. There will be a public input meeting at the end of Summer to move forward with the limit change or discuss further if there is resistance. It would be good for as many people as possible to attend. That sends a great message to the State that our group cares about the health of the lake.

This year there will be another DNR Fisheries Creel survey done. That initial Bluegill survey finished up on Thursday 6/6. The fisheries group will be getting that data and will find a way to share before it gets to the MN Lakefinder Website. The Summer survey usually starts after the first week of July. Please keep your eyes out for those nets, those are placed in several different spots around the lake. That data will help

to determine trends on size/abundance of each of the species in Star Lake and help with potential limits and season changes.

There is continued discussion on additional stocking of Walleyes with other Lake associations and also the DNR. The cost of fingerlings and yearlings make it a very precarious discussion. Prices from last Fall were quoted for fingerlings at \$2.70/fish. One point that is made is that these "pen-raised" fish are not adapted to lake life and likely a large portion would be eaten by other predator fish before reaching a catchable age.

Other items include potentially closing the panfish season to eliminate pressure during the spawning season and also implementing a size restriction reducing the "take" of the largest panfish. Those will take some review and discussion with the State.

12. SLPOA will be sponsoring a Fishing Event this summer called Family Frenzy Fishing Tourney. Information about the tournament was shared along with registration forms. Registration is now open on the website. The event will take place on July 27th
13. Dick recognized two SLPOA members for recent accomplishments. Lee Mindemann was elected to the Board for Lake Region Electric representing Region 4; and Stuart and Corinne Peterson were inducted into the North American Maple Syrup Hall of Fame for their Camp Aquila Pure Maple Syrup. Congratulations!
14. We have three BOD terms (Dick Fultz, Linda Dimitrijevic, and Gail Hagen) that are expiring. Dick has volunteered to run for another 3-year term. We have also received commitments from two other SLPOA members to serve on the board: Sue Nyhus and Danny Kimball. JoLene called for other nominations (3 times) with no response. A motion was made by Gail Hagen to elect Dick, Danny and Sue to the BOD positions. A second was received from the floor. All were in favor and no one opposed. Motion was carried.
15. We held drawings for door prizes that were donated by the following businesses:

Ace Hardware, Perham	Jean's Plant Place, Perham
Bell's Resort Bar & Grill, Star Lake	Lakes Community Coop, Perham
Camp Aquila Pure Maple Syrup, SL	Larry's Supermarket, Pelican Rapids
Central Market, Perham	Mark's Fleet Supply True Value, Perham
Community Savings Bank, Dent	Mark's Home & More, Perham

Vergas Hardware, Vergas
Ditterich Mercantile, Vergas
Dougout, Dent
duCharme's Corner Store, SL
Gene's Sport Shop, Perham
Gene Goose Gang, Perham
Heart O' Lakes Meats, Pelican Rap.

Mysteries Café, Dent
Pelican Liquors, Pelican Rapids
Photo Magic, Perham
Pizza Ranch, Perham
Ray's Sport & Marine, Perham
Service Foods, Perham
Spanky's Stone Hearth, Frazee
Wild Goose, Perham

16. Dick asked for a motion to adjourn. Arnie Schenck made a motion to adjourn.
Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hagen
Past Secretary, SLPOA