

SHORE OWNERS OF STONE LAKE ASSOCIATION

August 9, 2014 meeting minutes

President John Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:10am with 33 members present.

TREASURER REPORT: was read by John Ryan.

Checking acct: \$765.74

Savings acct: \$7857.17. Karen Young will be going off the board as treasurer after this meeting.

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE MEETING:

Minutes from the June meeting were distributed, read, and approved.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: Let John know if someone has a topic or speaker for future meetings.

JANUARY GATHERING: A sheet was passed around for members to sign if they were interested in a January gathering for 2015. The Birkie tour weekend was suggested as the date.

WASHBURN COUNTY LAKES: Cathie Erickson is out of town so no report was given.

LAKE LEVEL COMMITTEE: The committee met and suggested we investigate and reach out to experts concerning comparisons to other lake levels.

AIS MONITORING: Jordan Donatell is out of town. He gave an update to John to read at the meeting. Things have gone well with the AIS monitoring. We will meet our matched goal for the AIS funding. As a reminder; if you cannot volunteer to monitor 4 hours per family; than a \$48.00 donation would be welcome. There is approximately \$1600 left over from our past funding. Alan Rosenwald suggested we spend this money to do a thorough analysis on plant levels in Stone Lake. Discussion followed. Matt Berg is a recognized expert in this area. If he is willing to do this analysis this year; SOSLA should go ahead and do it. It was suggested the SOSLA Board be given approval to do the survey this fall. Funding for this will come from the left over grant fund with additional funds coming from SOSLA.

FISH STOCKING UPDATE: Bill Byrkit indicated there will be a fund raiser meat raffle at the School House Wine in Stone Lake on Friday, August 22.

PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE: Stephen Erickson gave a demonstration and an update on the purple loosestrife that is currently being found in Little Stone and Big Stone Lakes. Samples of loosestrife and native look alike plants were brought in. Purple loosestrife has a square stem and smooth leaves. The native plant look alike can have a round or square stem and rough leaves. The proper treatment for loosestrife is to cut it, bag it, and throw it in the trash. To prevent spreading it also needs to be uprooted. The concensus is we need to make a major effort to control this invasive species. Volunteers will be needed for next year to work on this problem.

NEW BUSINESS: Doug Baker volunteered to fill the position of treasurer for SOSLA. The membership approved Doug to fill the remaining term of Karen Young as treasurer. The board will review the current SOSLA bylaws.

The question of lots of Carp in Stone Lake was brought up. Bill Byrkit addressed the issue and suggested inviting the new Washburn County Fish Biologist to speak at the June meeting concerning this.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15. Pictures for the 2015 calendar were then voted on. A potluck followed at the Lions Park. Golf was played later in the afternoon.

Respectively submitted

Mary Byrkit

