

**Sunset Lake Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2024**

**Board Members present:** Pat Quigley, Nola Knight, Peg Milosevich, Barb O'Brien, Katie Simenson

**Unable to attend:** Kevin Weslaski

**Called to Order:** Pat called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Approve Minutes from last meeting:** The minutes from the December 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were approved.

**Old Business:**

**Milfoil Divers cost and effectiveness** – Aquatic Plant Management Divers (out of Minocqua) charges \$2,600 per day for divers and a DASH boat (that vacuums up what is pulled). A permit is needed along with a current survey mapping which can be completed by Golden Sands. They indicated that a typical engagement is 5 days, but we discussed that Sunset Lake might be more like 2-3 days. (Please note that there is a diver only option for \$2,200 per day but we agreed that it made sense to use the DASH boat since it is more efficient.)

**Golden Sands EWM (Eurasian Water Milfoil) Mapping - \$1,829** – previous mapping was included under a previous grant. We discussed that we could possibly train someone to do the mapping in the future, then it would be free. For now, to engage Onterra, we need a current mapping survey.

**Financial Report:**

**2024 Dues Received to date** – 24 current members (we need 25 for DNR grants)

**New Members** – Paul & Mary Dahlen

**Donations** – Milfoil removal, matching funds. We discussed sending a general communication to all those on the mailing requesting donations for the professional Milfoil Divers and reminding those that have matching capabilities to consider requesting them. Milfoil removal - \$3,000/Matching funds - \$100

**Current Bank Balance** - \$5,201.12

## **New Business:**

**Wisconsin Rivers and Lakes Conference (Stevens Point)** – Pat will be attending in April.

**CLMN (Citizen Lake Monitoring Network)** – Pat and Nola will be now conducting the monthly water testing. Training will be available at the Rivers and Lakes Conference, along with on YouTube. Pat will provide Nola with training as well. Rhonda Fechter has the equipment and will give it to Pat.

## **Fundraising Ideas**

**Community Foundation of Central WI Grant Application** – Katie and Barb offered to help complete the grant application.

**Coordinate with other nearby Lake Associations** – we will look for opportunities to coordinate with others.

## **Summer Social Event Ideas** (in addition to the boat parade)

Ardie Stoltenberg is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> of July gathering. We will consider having Sunset Lake Association membership information available.

Perhaps a hike around the lake? We welcome all suggestions.

## **Open Discussion:**

A quick update from Katie about the local farmer suing the Klimowicz family for an easement claim for use of Taylor Road for heavy farming equipment. The farmer made a small offer, but it was declined, and the matter is still going to court. We continued to share our concern and support.

The meeting ended at 7:56 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2024, at 7:00. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Purcell Milosevich

