

## **OSAKIS LAKE ASSOCIATION (OLA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING**

**DATE:** Feb 20, 2021

**TIME:** 9am

**LOCATION:** Osakis Community Center and ZOOM

**BOD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Barber, Doug Schmidt, Bruce Magnus, Stephanie McKee, Jim McComb, Dick Nelson

**QUORUM:** Six of Nine BOD members present exceed the quorum criteria.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Helwig, Maria Barnsworth

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Secretary Report

None.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Treasury Report

Our treasurer, Stephanie McKee, gave a summary that we have roughly \$45k in our account, with roughly \$8k of that dedicated to the bog fund.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Introduction of Guests

Mike Helwig was introduced as a guest, he and his wife Staci and daughter Abbi have a home on the lake up near the Holiday Resort. Maria Barnsworth joined as a guest via zoom later during the meeting.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Officer Election

The officer elections were led by Gary Barber and Bruce Magnus. Gary Barber appointed Sandy Gallus and Mike Helwig to the board.

**RESOLUTION:** Motions and Motion Seconds were made by board members on hand for the officer elections.

Bruce Magnus was unanimously elected to be the President moving forward.

Doug Schmidt was unanimously re-elected to be the Vice-President moving forward.

Stephanie McKee was unanimously re-elected to be the Treasurer moving forward.

Mike Helwig was unanimously elected to be the Secretary moving forward.

Some board members discussed other possible interested parties that have shown interest in becoming part of our board. Each possible candidate that was brought up was assigned a board member to follow-up.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is again being planned for the first Saturday in May, which is May 1<sup>st</sup> this year.

Possible venues and Covid19 factors were discussed. A annual meeting committee was nominated and put together, which includes: Stephanie McKee, Maria Barnsworth, Greg Graves, Dick Nelson and Doug Schmidt.

A board meeting was set to take place on Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to specifically discuss and plan the annual meeting.

**AGENDA TOPIC: Silent Auction**

Doug Schmidt is in charge of the silent auction this year and has auction items ready. Doug is going to look into having this year's auction set-up online as a virtual auction.

**AGENDA TOPIC: Curly Leaf Pond (CLP) Weed**

**RESOLUTION:** Motion for BOD to approve treatment of CLP for the recommended areas (areas 3, 5, 6, 7,8,10, 12) totaling 33.56 acres from the Blue Water Science (BWS) CLP survey that was completed for the north end of Lake Osakis in June 2020. The motion was put forward to hire Lake Restoration Inc. to treat these 33.56 acres at a maximum cost of \$16k.

Motions and Motion Seconds were made by board members on hand and was approved unanimously.

BWS completed a CLP survey on the northern part of Lake Osakis in June 2020. From the resultant map, 12 areas were identified for potential treatment with CLP growth. BWS recommended treating map areas 3,5,6,7,8,10 and 12. Totaling 33.56 acres.

Three bids were gathered to treat these 33.56 acres (the bids were gathered for treating a larger area in the lake at first and have reduced down for the specifically recommended 33.56 acres, so the final bid price might be affected):

PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. - \$60K

Clarke - \$41K

Lake Restoration Inc. - \$14.5K

These treatments will not include the 150 feet closest to shore. Gary Barber will look into the possibility of lake front property owners giving consent and paying individually for the treatment of CLP for the 150 feet closest to their shoreline.

BWS has been hired to complete a CLP delineation survey for the rest of Lake Osakis in April/May 2021. Grants look to be available to fund CLP abatement from the State (DNR), Douglas and Todd counties. The board will continue to pursue these available funds where applicable.

**AGENDA TOPIC: Lake Improvement District (LID)**

The board had a discussion on the idea of forming a LID via the county for Lake Osakis. Pros, cons and feasibility of being part of a LID were discussed. Next steps in understanding the viability will be agenda points for the upcoming meetings.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- We will try and arrange for zoom to be part of our meetings moving forward in the near future.
- Doug Schmidt will try and see if online credit card payments can be made in the future with respect to paying annual dues.

- Gary Barber commented that he received multiple calls about the low lake level this past summer. He felt that the ability to control or influence this was not within the scope of the OLA.
- A short discussion was had on raking the washed up weeds prior to winter to avoid having sludge/muck in the spring.

**GENERAL NOTES:**

- None

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Unanimously at 11am

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Mike Helwig; Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY BOD:** Year: 2021 Month: 03 Day: 04