

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

DATE: Mar 4, 2021

TIME: 6pm

LOCATION: ZOOM

BOD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Magnus, Doug Schmidt, Stephanie McKee, Chris Lawin, Gary Barber, Mike Helwig, Maria Farnsworth, Sandy Gallus, Tammy Hase, Troy Thomas

QUORUM: Ten of fourteen BOD members present exceed the quorum criteria.

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Backes

AGENDA TOPIC: Secretary Report

RESOLUTION: Motions and Motion Seconds were made by board members on approval of the minutes from the previous board meeting held on Feb 20, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were unanimously approved. File: 02-20-21 OLA BOD Mtg Minutes.pdf

AGENDA TOPIC: Treasury Report

Our treasurer, Stephanie McKee, gave a summary that we have roughly \$45k in our account, with roughly \$15k of that dedicated to the bog fund as of 31-Jan-21. That is a slight change from the previous report with a correction of the amount dedicated to the bog fund.

A small discussion on removing bogs followed, but was tabled for a meeting in the future.

AGENDA TOPIC: Introduction of Guests

Laura Backes was introduced as a guest. She and her husband own the True Value Hardware store in Osakis. She is a member of the Osakis City Council. A discussion followed on our two groups working in a more collaborative manner in the future.

AGENDA TOPIC: Zoom Update

The group involved with this board zoom meeting found it to be a favorable format. The idea of possibly meeting on the second Thursday of the month in the future has been suggested. Our next meeting will be via zoom and is scheduled for Thursday March 18th, 2021 at 6pm CST.

AGENDA TOPIC: Annual Meeting, its venue and auction

The annual meeting is again being planned for the first Saturday in May, which is May 1st this year. It is in our bylaws that it is held on this first Saturday in May. Sandy Gallus has confirmed that we have the Osakis VFW reserved for May 1st again this year. They have a capacity of 250, and with the current MN Covid restrictions, they are limited to 50% capacity at this time.

An annual meeting committee was nominated and put together, which includes: Maria Farnsworth (Chair), Stephanie McKee, Greg Graves, Dick Nelson and Doug Schmidt.

Doug Schmidt is heading up the auction this year and has talked about the possibility of using "32 Auctions" as a site to host a virtual auction this year.

AGENDA TOPIC: Curly Leaf Pond (CLP) Weed

RESOLUTION: Motion to update the previous BOD meeting 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 **with a 2PPM concentration** at a bid of \$25,942. A second related motion was put forward to allow Lake Restoration Inc. to be our CLP treatment company for this year and two more years.

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.

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.

AGENDA TOPIC: Website and social media updates

Bruce has a meeting this next week with a local company to discuss the possibility of changing our website host and go with a different web designer. Fees for continuing with our current web site host were discussed. Mike Helwig is going to check in with the possibility of having his daughter help update the social media options on our website; she has experience in the area.

AGENDA TOPIC: Web based membership dues

Doug Schmidt has been looking into getting Heartland to host this service via our website. Mike Helwig has offered to help him move this forward. Stephanie McKee has some experience with credit card readers using cell phones, which would be a great asset if available at our annual meeting.

AGENDA TOPIC: Membership drive

A membership committee was formed: Tammy Hase (Chair), Sandy Gallus, Maria Farnsworth and Mike Helwig. Discussion about creating a brochure on the OLA benefits was discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A short discussion was had on the possibility of having pull-tabs as a future fund raiser for the OLA.
- How to keep our PO Box checked in a timely manner in the future was discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Unanimously at 8pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Mike Helwig; Secretary _____

APPROVED BY BOD: Year: 2021 Month: 03 Day: 18