

SAUK RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting

Riverside Convention Center

June 4, 2016

Board Members Present: Pete Peterson, Bert Johnson, John Rocky, Fred Strub, Charles Montreuil, Rod Ogrzovich, Jim Egan, Jo Kockelman, Kay Cook

Board Members Absent: Steve Debrito

Guest Speaker: Rob Olson from Clarke Aquatic Services

The annual meeting of the SRCL membership was called to order by President Rocky at 9:05AM with a welcome to all in attendance. There was well over 100 present and many came very early to get a seat.

Board members were introduced by President John Rocky along with their area of accountability:

Fred Strub	Vice President, Administration Committee
Charles Montreuil	Treasurer
Kay Cook	Secretary
Pete Peterson	Aquatic Vegetation Committee, Lake Rep Liaison
Jim Egan	Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
Steve Dibrto	Fisheries Committee
Rod Ogrzovich	Land Use Committee
Bert Johnson	Water Quality Committee
Jo Kockelman	Marketing/Public Relations Committee (new position)
Matt Noska	

Ballots were distributed for election of new board members. President Rocky encouraged write-in candidates. Those up for election are: Fred Strub, Charles Montreuil, Pete Peterson, Steve Dibrto, John Rocky, plus our new member Jo Kockelman were on the ballot for two year terms.

Pete Peterson gave an update from Aquatic Vegetation Committee. He explained about the Curley Leaf Pondweed pilot project with a two year update. He also provided information on the navigational weed treatment. His presentation answered most questions and he fielded some after his talk.

Rob Olson from Clarke Aquatic Services was introduced. He provided a power point presentation providing information on our pilot project as well as providing additional comments on other services his company provides.

Jim Egan, John Rocky, and Jerry Kockelman then explained that there is growing concern regarding the impact of Aquatic Invasive Species. There was an AIS prevention update by Jim; Jerry provided information on the Level 1 Monitor program at our public accesses. DNR is doing the monitoring once a week at the Hwy 22 access. We were also given an explanation of the Internet Landing Installed Device Sensors (ILIDS) that has been installed at two accesses along with educational material. We will be paying for inspectors on 3 sights from fish opening until the day after Labor Day - a total of 900 hours.

John Rocky provided information from the Fishing Committee. We are going to continue stocking walleyes on odd numbered years and he had Creel Report information regarding walleyes in the Chain. There is a written report available. Muskie monitoring will be started noting that 2200 more were put in this year.

Rod Ogrzovich provided information regarding local land issues that effect the quality of water in the Chain. He stressed the need for communication requesting we be given email addresses so we could keep everyone informed guaranteeing it would be used only in regard to SRCL business.

Water Quality Committee Report was given by Bert Johnson. They continue to monitor the water with sechii disc readings for the Sauk River Watershed District. This is available on the SRWD website. He also organizes the road clean ups each year and gave a brief summary of what you might find in the ditches.

The Administration Committee Report consisting of John Rocky (pres), Fred Strub (vp) and Charles Montreuil (treas) summarized some changes in the cost of doing business and ways the Board will try to counter-act them. Charles stressed that this is the first year we have significantly gone into savings to pay the bills. We asked residents to pay 1/3 of the CLP pilot project and all have not stepped up yet. Copies of the P&L Statement and balance sheet were provided for those wishing to pick one up. Fred spoke to the fact we really need more members. We are basically looking at two ways: (1) recruit lake representatives so that we can actually reach out to more lake owners and (2) develop a program with area realtors to stimulate interest in the SRCL as an organization.

John Rocky spoke to the 2017 project budget going over a handout in depth. Laying out the concerns that the board had. To raise funds, as it pertains to projects, we are anticipating sending out grant requests to potential donors. As a general consensus of members in attendance the ILIDS Program was voted in favor almost unanimous so the project will go forward barring any negative changes in the government program.

The results of the voting was announced reflected all nominated were voted in.

John asked if there was any new business. One big concern emerged - zebra mussel. All were encouraged to diligently watch for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Cook

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