

June 21, 2025 SLMD Annual Meeting Minutes

Ted Gallagher called the meeting to order at 9:02. Mike McMonigol, Joan Lehman, Phil Gilbertson, Rick Dill, Mike Beauchaine, Connie Downing, Gary Walejko, Ted Gallagher, Josh Daubner were present, and Mailee Pelko attended via telephone.

We accepted the minutes from the June 2024 annual meeting as sent to all members and Phil Gilbertson 2nd.

Marilee read and explained the treasurer's report. I moved to accept, Rick Dill 2nd. Marilee explained the differences on the money market and CD for investing extra funds. We decided to go with 10k in long term, 6k in short term CDs and remainder in Money Market account. MM account would replace our checking account. Ted moved to accept going forward and allowing Marilee to make these changes in our accounts as treasurer of SLMD.

Ted explained the budget is the same as last year and we had not had the new one prepared in time for this annual meeting. Mike moved to accept the budget as proposed, same as last year's budget, the new budget will be distributed and the board is authorized to make changes as needed for the next year. and Rick Dill 2nd.

Town report – Gary wants to stop using the term Weir for the “Carp Barrier”, because a weir changes the level of the water and the barrier just restricts the large carp from entering. We need to be careful how we use the terms when dealing with the DNR.

Old business – carp barrier, Ted read the last message from Eric Stadig (DNR) and there are many hurdles including not grandfathering the structure because it is in navigable water and below flood plain. Gary W will try and reach out as the township to try and get a rep onsite for a survey.

Goose control – Rick summarized what was treated this year. 3 nests were found and 2 were treated. 1 was invaded by natural predators. No geese on the lake this year. Rick thanked the people that give permission to access the nests each year by land.

AIS – treatments were done in May for Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil will be treated in late summer. We discussed using separate companies for surveys and treatments. Mike M reviewed past discussions with Cason and their issues with our DNR rep. We will continue with 2 treatments and surveys per year, but use 2 companies.

Digitization project – Josh D will continue to work on with Marilee P

New business – we already talked about the investment idea.

Ted asked for volunteers for secretary, we discussed that the new secretary should be able to do the meeting remotely. No one volunteered, so I volunteered to continue for the time being. We then discussed moving the annual meeting and moving the date the 1st weekend in June, so June 6, next year. We then discussed how to get more people to attend, via newsletters and a “street team”. Josh D will continue as secretary for 3 more years.

Ted moved to move the annual meeting to June 6 next year and all 1st weekends in June. Gary 2nd. Motion passed. We then discussed again how to get more people involved.

I will hunt down email addresses for new property owners. Rick Dill will create a newsletter and send it to me to send. Marilee suggested updating our FB page and I suggested the county website for SLMD to be updated. If updated, they can all be linked in our digital mailings. We also need to talk to our new neighbors.

Mike B then reviewed his heavy metal testing report that was read at our April board meeting. He will test again this summer at different depths. Mike M brought up using these positive results in our newsletters. Rick moved to have PFAS testing done for \$500 from UWSP per Mike B and Ted G 2nd. None opposed. Mike B will facilitate getting the testing kit and sending it in and SLDM will reimburse him.

Rick brought up fish pressure on the lake and if we can help get less people to fish as he has seen folks keeping very small fishes/catches and maybe we could add a ramp fee or add size limits to the catches. Nothing was voted on in this regard, only discussed.

Joan L moved to adjourn at 10:44, Ted 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Board meeting to follow by Ted at 10:45. to set board meetings for 10/18/25, 01/17/26, and 4/18/26, annual meeting on June 6. Gary 1st, Ted 2nd. Ted moved for my secretary position for another term, Gary 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 10:47.