

SUNSET LAKE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

October 18, 2014, 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 17, 2013

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – BOB SONS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – JIM WILSON

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORTS:

AQUATIC CONTROL & WATER SAFETY	- BILL URBAN
BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION	- MIKE COLBROOK
ROADS /DAM & GROUNDS	- JOHN KEMP
LEGAL & INSURANCE	- NORMAN BRAND
SHORELINE & BOAT DOCKS	- KEN JONES
SANITATION	- JIM SEGSELKE
WATER QUALITY & SOIL CONSERVATION	- BILL WALKENBACH
FINANCE (APPROVAL OF 2015 BUDGET)	- CHERYL STINE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS –

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

ADJOURNMENT

2015 Budget

Income:

General Assessments–318 Class A @ \$400.00	\$127,210.00
(Including Lake Reclamation & Tower Reclamation)	
Boat Permits	6,500.00
Building Permits	600.00
Fines & Penalties	750.00
Farm	3,200.00
Interest	100.00
Transfer Fees	9,000.00
Cable Franchise Fee	1,000.00
Earned by Maintenance Man	1,000.00
Misc. Income	<u>500.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$149,860.00

Expenditures:

Capital Improvement or Reserve Fund	5,000.00
Office & Hall Expense	2,200.00
Dam	500.00
Lake	100.00
Lake Reclamation (Restricted Funds)	9,130.00
Tower Reclamation (Restricted Funds)	9,130.00
Fish Stocking	1,500.00
Weed Control	5,000.00
Grounds	1,200.00
Roads	15,000.00
Equipment Expense/Supplies	3,000.00
Conservation	2,000.00
Gas & Oil	5,000.00
Property Taxes	4,400.00
Insurance	9,000.00
Professional Fees	2,000.00
Utilities	9,500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	4,500.00
Lake Superintendent Salary	32,000.00
Secretary Salary	23,700.00
Employment Taxes	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$149,860.00

SUNSET LAKE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER - President Bob Sons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Sunset Lake Community Center, Hanauer Hall. Directors were present except for Ken Jones. President Bob Sons stated a quorum had been reached.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

A motion was made by Norm Brand to approve the minutes then Mike Mauk questioned the responsibility of the lake on personal property. Which opened up several questions from the residents about responsibility of lake property, website & where the extra money for water quality was going. The board stated the money is in a fund which was named Lake Reclamation for weed control. There were also questions about what could and could not be discussed at the Annual meeting. The board mentioned that if you would like to be put on the agenda for Annual meeting members need to come to a monthly meeting to have it put on the agenda. It was brought up about having Annual Meeting minutes sent out sooner after much discussion with members, they will start sending out Annual Meeting minutes with assessments in January.

A motion was made by Jim Dorr to approve the minutes and seconded by Jim Seggelke. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – BOB SONS: President Bob Sons welcomed members. It has been a challenging year for the board. There has been a lot going on with the economy. Emmerson Airline will be shutting down shortly and start back up in the spring. Please be careful. Nilwood Water is working with engineers about the water lines and moving them. Hope everyone enjoyed the 4th of July show. Bob stated that all the money is donated from residents, friends and community. Bob said nothing comes from Sunset Lake it is all donations. Bob mentioned another problem we are having is with the tower. We have some gates on there that need to be repaired which could cost about 150,000.00. If we lose the tower we lose the lake that is why the assessments are \$400.00. Assessments \$343.00 and \$28.50 will go to the repair of the tower and only for repairing tower. It was asked if they are exercising the gates the board stated yes they do exercise the gates. John Kemp mentioned that there is a problem when members tie their boats off, they are bending the stems on gates. The other \$28.50 is for dredging the lake. There were a few questions about dredging and what is being done. Bob explained what they are planning on doing and dredging from shore. The plan is to lower lake every two years. They will take pictures and assess what needs done. They would like to start in one area and work around. Norm said they have a committee and are mapping and getting a plan. The board and members discussed about engineers, shoreline, tower repairs and having a login for website. Bob said they are lowering lake for members to work on their rip rap, shoreline and this will help with the weed and moss control. Bob mentioned they sprayed early this year and talked about fishing and not to throw minnows that were not used back into the lake. (since we do not know what breed of fish they are) John Kemp mentioned he wanted to expose the black muck to help with weed control. Fish will be condensed and should be fine.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- JIM WILSON: Jim Wilson stated back in Feb cut down Willow trees on Circle Drive that were rotten. Will replant trees from common area. Jim said they replaced culvert, oiled west side will oil east side next year. Louis Marsch that does oiling said they will no longer oil driveways. Jim mentioned that cost was under budget for oiling. Goose permit turned in and totals were 8 nests & 50 eggs on shoreline 25 nests & 95 eggs on the island. Cutting down oak trees seems to have bugs in them. Jim ask members not to put metal or plastic on burn piles and please burn when wind is not blowing toward homes. Shut down two burn piles on Pear & West Lake due to burning up trees and one on Sycamore Lane in the ditch because ashes went into cove will try to relocate this one. 125 hours on the mower for this year so far. This fall and winter Jim plans on trimming trees, cutting around guards rails and on the shoulder of the roads so it doesn't scratch up cars. Jim thanked John Kemp & Bob Sons for all their advice & help and mentioned that the board has been a good resource for him.

AQUATIC CONTROL & WATER SAFETY- BILL URBAN; Bill Urban stated it has been a descent year, it was better than last year. One problem has been with lot numbers on boats faded, peeling or scratched up. Now that boats are out of the water Bill suggested to check lot numbers and if they need to be replaced now is a good time to take care of it. Bill also mentioned to make sure you have a new boat sticker on April 1, 2015. Bill said they have had trouble with speeding in the bays and past buoys. Talked about going idle speed and asked members to please slow down. Bill stated they will be stocking 640 walleye around the first to the middle November. Questions ask about fast and slow times and concerns. Fast times every day from noon to dusk other than that it is slow time. They do have problems with some members speeding in the morning and evenings. Bill recommended that members read over Rules and Regulations.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE- MIKE COLBROOK: Mike Colbrook thanked everyone for all the improvements that have been made to the lake. Mike stated we had a 20% increase in permits verses last year. He mentioned that 3 new homes are going up. Mike said everything seems to be going good.

ROADS /DAM & GROUNDS COMMITTEE-JOHN KEMP: John Kemp stated about Willow trees on Circle Drive that were taken out. John thanked Ken & Eileen Jones for all their hard work. John also mentioned that Eileen Jones and other members help take care of flower beds and cleans up around the lake and how much they appreciate all they do. John talked about pond on Circle Drive and said they just got new culvert put in this week. The gates are opened to lower lake. John talked about the tower, classification and how it works. John thanked Ray Reardon for all his work and help with the dam permit. John also addressed the members about the repairs that may be need to done on the tower. John talked about oiling the roads and cost. He mentioned about very old Oak Tree on north side that he and Ken & Eileen Jones have been cleaning up around and suggested that members go by and take a look at it. John talked about any big trees having double or triple trunk to call John and have him look at them. They have had some problems with them being rotten and falling down.

LEGAL & INSURANCE COMMITTEE-NORM BRAND: Norm Brand stated that the lake has not had any legal issues. Norm mentioned about an idea for trick or treating from boat docks.

SANITATION, COMMITTEE-JIM SEGSELKE: Jim Segselke thanked everyone for maintaining and keeping chlorine in their septic's. Jim said he would be stepping down due to health but will continue to help whenever possible. Bob mentioned that Jim will be retiring and that he will be greatly missed and how much Jim and his wife Liz have done to help out for the lake. Bob presented Jim with plaque.

SHORELINE & BOAT DOCKS COMMITTEE-KEN JONES: Ken Jones absent. Bob Sons read Ken's report. First, thank you to all Sunset Lake Members who are maintaining their rip rap and shorelines in accordance with the rules and in an aesthetically pleasing manner. Thank you also for keeping your boat docks in a safe condition. We anticipate the lowering of the lake will enable members to make any necessary repairs to their docks and improvements to their rip rap. What has transpired this past year: two boat houses removed, one new sea wall was installed and presently, discussion is in progress with six members regarding the improvement of their rip rap and with three members regarding either the repair or replacement of their boat docks. Thank you for your cooperation. The upkeep of our shoreline, our rip rap, and our boat docks affects all of us. Without proper maintenance of your rip rap, slowly but surely erosion of the shoreline will compromise the depth of our lake. Your attention to this matter and to safety matters is of the utmost importance and is greatly appreciated.

WATER QUALITY & CONSERVATION-Bill Walkenbach: Bill Walkenbach stated we started the year off with a band as Easter brought close to record breaking high temperatures and with that a lot of users of the lake in the early springtime. These users included of course boaters, fisherman and early bloom of algae. Typically we see an early spring algal bloom associated with spring turnover, this year with early warm temperatures it was more noticeable because people were using the lake more. We were able to hold off spraying for algae a bit so that we could get a bigger bang for our spraying dollar. So we sprayed in mid-spring on algae. With that spraying we were able to keep the algae in check for the most part. Several of the shallow bays did experience several rounds of build up depending on wind direction. I would like to compliment the many homeowners who I saw raking and pulling algae out of the lake. This is the most ecologically healthy way to reduce algal build ups. The weeds this year were minimal and were not very apparent until later summer when clumps of southern naiads could be found and some coontail. Again, I encourage all homeowners with weeds where they don't want them to rake them out and compost them well away from the lake so that the decaying plants don't return nutrients to the lake for algae and weeds to use again. As for water quality, we took water samples monthly this year but do not have those results back. I anticipate being able to report them at a board meeting this winter. Overall though the lake continued to be very clear for a central Illinois reservoir, with transparency readings near the dam ranging from 35" to 53"... this means that sunlight can penetrate into the water at least 8', good for those plants and algae. And keeps us working on managing them. As I'm sure you are all aware the lake is currently being lowered, this not only allows you to do work on your shoreline and docks it will help manage weed and fish for the coming seasons. During this time I encourage everyone to make certain their lot isn't eroding soil, fertilizers or other pollutant into the lake... this includes pet waste. I want to leave you with two incidents on the lake this year. I'll start with the latest; some of you may have heard that we had a small fish kill on the upper end of the east arm recently. This happened the weekend of the big rains. After consultation with DNR there were several similar instances of fish kill that weekend and it is most likely due to lack of oxygen and temperature inversion. This is quite natural and nothing to be concerned with. The other instance is probably not natural and we need to make sure it doesn't happen again otherwise we will have several state agencies investigating the cause. During the first week of September there were several dozen dead mussels floating around the lake, although most of them on the east arm. There were no fish kills associated with the dead mussels and one of the likely suggested possibilities is that homeowners are apply algaecide on their own and by the way this is illegal. The algaecide would typically take the form of copper sulfate and when applied by a non-commercial applicator it doesn't have a substance in the chemical that will keep it in solution. Therefore it settles on the bottom, which isn't very effective at killing algae and mussels consume it, copper is extremely toxic to mussels. However, copper doesn't typically cause harm to fish and other aquatic animals that aren't filter feeders. With that, I leave you with, overall, we had another great year on the lake.

FINANCE (APPROVAL OF 2015 BUDGET) –CHERYL STINE: Cheryl Stine stated finances are doing well. The income is at 95% boat permits, building permits, fines and penalties and transfers have helped. Expenses are at 75% which are usual and normal expenses. We should have about \$40,000.00 of expenses left for the rest of the year.

Bob Sons went over budget. Question from members asked about having a comparison for year to year for the budget, when last independent and external audit.

A motion by Dennis Denny to have yearly audit done around July and seconded by Mike Mauk. Motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Ed Snell and seconded by Debbie Thompson to except the budget as proposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS –President Bob Sons asked if there was any old business. Few questions on where to get rip rap and who does it.

NEW BUSINESS –Clint Eads will be trapping muskrats, beavers, mink & coons. Anyone needing a trapper call the office. They will not be trapping otters.

Eldon Case 99, 99A stated he has two lots and one lot only has access to the lake. He was wondering if he could combine lots into one. Several questions came up. It was ask about agenda and how to get on Annual Meeting Agenda. The board said to get on the Annual Meeting Agenda you need to come to monthly board meeting at least a month or 2 before Annual Meeting packets get mailed out which is mailed out not less than seven (7)days nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of the meeting.

A question was asked about term limits for committees on board members. The board members serve a three year term. The board discussed that after election that the new board picks the officers for the next year. The board also talked about concerns if you change someone from a certain committee that they have worked hard on a particular problem, then putting someone new in that position. Bob mentioned about the hours he puts in talking to banks and attorneys about the lease and helping to get the property sale to go through.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – President Bob Sons mentioned the following director’s term will expire this year Norman Brand, Jim Seggelke & Bill Urban. Nominated were:

<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Karla Dorks	Shirley Erley	Eldon Case
Jim Finchum	Randy Owens	Regina Wingo
Norm Brand	Cheryl Stine	Don Stowers
Bill Urban	Cheryl Stine	Bob Earley
Paul Hlatko	Liz Seggelke	Paul Kinsel

Ed Snell a motion was made to close the nominations and seconded by Olyn Hines. Motion carried.

Paul Hltako declined the nomination for director.

New elected Directors for 2014-2015 were Jim Finchum, Norm Brand & Bill Urban.

Grill/Smoker DRAWING-President Bob Sons stated that winner of the raffle was Gene Truax.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon motion by Olyn Hines a, second by Don Stowers the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:11p.m.

OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015

PRESIDENT Bob Sons

VICE PRESIDENT Jim Finchum

TREASURER Cheryl Stine

Annual Meeting of October 18, 2014

Shoreline and Boat Docks

Ken Jones

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<u>Bill Urban</u>	<u>Cheryl Shue</u>	<u>B. Easley</u>
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Jim, Norm & Bill -

E. Shell a motion was made to close the nominations and seconded by Joe Hines

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Cheryl Stine - Norm.