

SUNSET LAKE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2015

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

A motion was made by Jim Finchum to approve the minutes and seconded by Bill Urban. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – BOB SONS: President Bob Sons welcomed everyone to Annual Meeting. All board members will stay after meeting to answer anyone questions. Bob said a lot of people have been asking about our newsletters so we will be sending out about two a year. The dredging project was a big success. It was a learning experiment. We had a little problem with the weather. There were a few different contractors, one we will probably won't be using again. The places that were dug out were a huge success and the members were happy. Next year we will start with lots 1 thru 12 and 66 thru 77 then stay on north side until funds run out. Emmerson Airline as we all know is a disaster. They are suppose to put on base coat of black top next week on East Lake and Henry road. They will address a little bit of the sides of the road, then they will be done for the year. Next year they will remove and replace the black top. Nilwood will be installing a new water line along Emmerson on the county easement. They are adding one hydrant maybe around Oak & Hickory. Our water bill will be going up \$10.00 a month for five years. There will be no water increase unless Otter Lake raises the rate. The contractor is set to go they are just waiting on county engineer to ok it. Bob mentioned that he does a lot of networking for the lake. He attends City Council, Nilwood Council meetings, he sits on Rural Electric communication committee, and he works with township and county to keep up on what's going on around us. One of the biggest complaints he gets is speeding around the lake roads. Please slow down. DNR has been at the lake. They have stopped people at the ramp. Bob suggested to make sure you have your boats up to standard in case they check. Thinking about having a safety class on boating. If anyone is interested contact Bob or the office. A 12 x 12 flag needs to be displayed at the highest point on your boat when pulling a skier or tuber. We will have flags available after the first of the year. The trapper got a different job so anyone that knows someone that traps please contact us. Leaf burning is upon us so please polite to your neighbors when burning. We will be hiring high school kids to help take moss out of the lake this summer. Anyone that would like to help or know of someone who would like to help please contact the office. This spring we will be concentrating on vacant homes & homes with piles of trash, & cars. It's time to clean up around the lake. It took eleven different calls to CPAs but we found Flemings & Tawfall in Carlinville to do compilation audit at the cost of \$500.00. A full audit will cost around 5,500.00 to 12,000.00. Again any questions we will be here after the meeting to answer. Please do not put Christmas trees in the lake for fish attractors. If you are interested in one call Bob or the office and we will help you build one. Finally I would like to thank everyone that helped with fish tournament, garage sales and boat parade. We have had great turn outs. And thank you for all the fireworks donations. All the proceeds are donated by fish tournament, garage sales, businesses and individuals, nothing comes out of the Sunset Lake account. Bob puts in whatever extra it cost. This year he put in about 2,500.00. Also thank you to all the members that have been coming to regular board meetings and participating in a positive way.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- JIM WILSON: Jim Wilson stated he treated 145 goose eggs & 25 nests last year. This year he treated 19 nests 101 goose eggs. He mentioned that he did not know if the pelicans had anything to do with it. Jim talked to Jeff Pontnack from DNR about that he didn't encourage to have pelicans to hang around because they will feed on the fish. Oiled the east side. Next year will be the north side. Jim said he was getting a lot of garbage on the brush piles. Need to watch what is put on them. He called Flowers Sanitation and it would cost \$500.00 to get a dumpster and \$50.00 a ton to haul this stuff away. Watch the wind direction when burning leaves for your neighbors. He plans on this winter going to the island and getting the underbrush cut out and maybe putting picnic and grill so members can use it. He has had some request for flag pole on the island but doesn't know about that due to if flag needs to be flown at half mass and he couldn't get to it. Jim feels the flag need to be flown the correct way or not at all. Jeff Pontnack said from the fish shocking the fish population was well established and fish look good. There were 6lb bass, flathead, channel catfish, walleye. He recommended putting a new limit on fish that are under 15". The 12" & 13" are over fished and we don't have that population. He has been doing a find Grover (stuffed mouse) hunt just for fun at the lake and posting it on Facebook.

AQUATIC CONTROL & WATER SAFETY- BILL URBAN; Bill Urban stated it has been a good year on the lake. Bill reminded everyone to go idle speed past buoys and in bays it was slow and that has changed to idle only. Bill asked members to check lot numbers when they take their boats out for the winter. Some lot numbers are faded, or missing so please get corrected. Stocking catfish the end of this month or first of next month. If you have problems just give him a call. Thanked everyone and the board for all their help.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE- MIKE COLBROOK: Mike Colbrook stated he had thirty one permits Oct 2015 thru Sept 2015. Went over what was budgeted. Five of those were garages, three new homes and a lot of dock & deck improvements. Mike said that helps increase the property values. He mentioned if you're in doubt about building permit to just give us a call.

ROADS /DAM & GROUNDS COMMITTEE-JIM FINCHUM: Jim Finchum thanked everyone for all your assistance on the grounds. There were a lot of tree trimming, clean up and great community effort. Several trees were approved and quite a few lot inspections. He and John Kemp inspected dam and submitted report. Jim Wilson and himself went out and exercised & checked the valves on the tower. Jim mention to not tie up at the tower. Roads are in good shape. Trees coming around North Lake some members helped cleaned up. Reminded to keep dogs on a leash and clean up leaves by December 1st.

LEGAL & INSURANCE COMMITTEE-NORM BRAND: Norm Brand stated the people on the Association and the board really help a lot. Thanked everyone for taking care of the lake. Mentioned how good the lake looks.

SANITATION, COMMITTEE-DAN DUNCAN: Dan Duncan stated he check about forty some houses and about 95% did not have chlorine. Just a constant reminder for check your chlorine. Mentioned he is having trouble finding some of them. Please be mindful and check every few months. He said he appreciates everyone's hard work on the board and around the lake.

SHORELINE & BOAT DOCKS COMMITTEE-KEN JONES: Ken Jones stated thanked everyone who maintains their rip rap, and shoreline in accordance with our lake rules. Also thanked members for maintaining your boat docks in safe condition. The lowering of the lake this past winter allowed for many necessary boat docks repairs to be made and for new boat docks being built. Numerous rip rap improvements have also been made. However there are several properties that need to come into compliance with the lake rules. Additionally and importantly, all of the rules regarding property are in place to help protect everyone's property value, which makes sunset Lake truly a much desired place to live. Your continued respect for all the rules is very much appreciated.

WATER QUALITY & CONSERVATION-Bill Walkenbach: Bill Walkenbach absent but left a note. I'd like to first state that I very much apologize for missing tonight's meeting and I want everyone to know that my duties as a board member are very important to me, I even changed my vacation plans to attend this meeting. However I didn't foresee is that as of almost four weeks ago my wife and took full guardianship of two of our grandchildren. I am proud to say our fifth grader is playing for the JFL Superbowl Championship tonight at Pleasant Plains and that is where my priority must be. That said, this year with one major exception was a very good year for water quality, as we've come to expect for Sunset Lake. We didn't see the large early spring algal bloom like we often do, that was mainly due to the lower water levels and the heavy late spring rains, so we were able to hold off on spraying for algae until early July. Plants, or as some refer to them as weeds were also minimal this year, although taking off a bit at the end of the hot dry summer and fall. The low numbers of plants can be tied to the lowering of the lake last fall. Our big snafu of the year was the toxic algal bloom we had in the middle of June. I'd like to thank the board, Kristy and Jim for the help they were in getting the word out to not use the lake during the bloom. Although no human deaths have been attributed to toxic algae it can make you ill and cause death in domestic animals and livestock. During the week of the bloom Illinois had several other lakes experiencing the same type of toxic bloom, from Campus Lake in Carbondale to south to Lake Hills Reservoir in McHenry County to the north. So we are not alone in this natural occurring phenomenon. But, it is a good reminder to continue to work hard on keeping fertilizers, specifically phosphorus out of our lake. As a side note, we did not spray the lake for algae during this event because if you do the dead algae will release all the toxin at once becoming more dangerous, therefore you must allow the algae to die naturally and slowly release the toxins. Hopefully this is the only time we will see this type of event, but just in case be on the lookout for very bright almost glowing green algae, algae that makes the water look like thick green paint, bright blue algae, a nauseating smell to the algae and algae that makes your face burn if you are near it. If you see anything like this please call me and I will check it out.

FINANCE (APPROVAL OF 2016 BUDGET) –JOHN KEMP: John Kemp stated thanked everyone for coming. As of the end of September our budget was 97.3% funded. Our net income was 30,540.81. We have accounts still to be received, such as assessments, farm income, and franchise fees and if we get a few more building permits, home sales that will help our bottom line down the road. Next year's budget reflects our efforts to keep our assessments as low as possible. We are always looking for ways to cut costs. I want to thank all the volunteers that help around the lake, mow common areas, & walk around picking up trash that saves us a lot of time & makes the place look beautiful.

There were some questions about audit & budget. The board went over a few line items. Mentioned they could meet with accountant and go over it. It was suggested to make it easier to understand. The board is working on that and mentioned to come to the monthly meetings and they can answer your questions. Will try to put some more information in the newsletter. It was brought up about putting minutes on website and the board voted to not have them on website.

Upon a motion made by Joe Dinora and seconded by Jim Finchum to except the budget as proposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS –President Bob Sons stated no old business.

NEW BUSINESS –. President Bob Sons stated there is a lot of stuff going on at Annual Meeting time. So it was suggested to change the time of the meeting to 10.00am.

A motion was made by Darrell Sisk and seconded by Don Stowers to change Annual Meeting time to 10.00am instead of 5.00pm. The date will still remain the same third Saturday in October. Motion passed.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – President Bob Sons mentioned the following director’s term will expire this year Bob Sons, John Kemp & Dan Duncan. Nominated were:

<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Mark Severns	Pat Dufner	Randy Owens
Dan Duncan	Bob Sons	Norm Brand
John Kemp	Bob Sons	Norm Brand
Bob Sons	Don Stowers	Jim Seggelke

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

New elected Directors for 2015-2016 were Bob Sons, John Kemp & Dan Duncan.

Fire pit, fly rod & campfire ring DRAWING-President Bob Sons stated that winner of the raffle was John Early, Roger Winterland & John Kemp.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon motion by Mike Colbrook a, second by Robin Heberer the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:25p.m.