



Hello Sunset Lake Association Members

It is time for our annual Meeting to elect board members, vote on by-law changes and pass our annual budget. The meeting will take place at Hanauer Hall located at 30505 East Lake Drive, Girard, Illinois 62640 at 10:00 AM on October 16, 2021. We hope you will take the time to attend the meeting in person. You will notice this year a member may now vote by official absentee ballot (Article II – Membership Section 1, SLA By-Laws, voted 2020).

There is a total of four (4) board members up for election in 2021. You may vote up to four (4) board members. Also, this year we are encouraging write-in votes. We will confirm with any nominee that they will accept the nomination. You can vote for less than four (4).

The ballot you have in this packet IS YOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT. If you plan to attend in person you will need to bring this ballot with you to cast in person at the meeting.

If you are NOT attending the meeting you must fill out the official ballot as an absentee, You will mark your choices for each item. You may send your ballot to the Sunset Lake Office, via U.S. Postal Service or you may drop your ballot off at the Office.

Included in this packet is a bio on each member running for board position. We encourage you to reach out to your board members should you have any questions about any item on the ballot.

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 16th.

Joyce Munie, President

Annual Membership Meeting of Sunset Lake Association

October 16, 2021 10:00a.m.

- I. Call to Order – President, Joyce Munie
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President, Gary Wilken
- III. Approval of 2020 Minutes – Secretary, Amy Walkenbach
- IV. President’s Remarks – President, Joyce Munie
- V. Finance Report – Treasure Muschong
 - a) 2022 Budget Presentation, Joyce Munie
- VI. New Business
 - a) Election of 2022 SLA Board of Directors
 - b) Approval of 2022 Budget
 - c) By-law Changes
- VII. Adjourn

Annual Membership Meeting of Sunset Lake Association

October 17, 2020 10:00a.m.

- I. Call to Order – President Wilken, 10:11am
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President Johnson
- III. Approval of 2019 Minutes – Secretary Walkenbach- Motion by Joyce Munie to approve as presented. Second by Ron Rice. Motion passes.
- IV. President's Remarks – President Wilken, Thanks to you all for attending this Annual Meeting and thanks to the Girard Fire Protection District for the use of this station for our Annual Meeting. SLA has just celebrated it's 65th year of operation. No social security checks, but plenty of doctor appointments and preventative medicine is in the lake's future. We need to take a comprehensive look at the entire lake and watershed system. The lake is approximately 170 acres and about 1,700 acres of farm and residential watershed. Included in our future review should be items such as: Watershed erosion control, both off property and in-lake; review existing and future siltation ponds and vegetative filter strips; sediment removal, both traditional lake lowering and ways to remove sediment without lowering the lake level; the dam and spillway are required by IDNR to be inspected every five years. The next inspection will be in 2022. In the meantime we will continue to prioritize maintenance needs on both the spillway, dewatering tower and erosion control on the earthen dam; review of in-lake riprap and vegetive erosion control; fish stocking; also we need to look at needed maintenance at the boat ramp and docks, as well as a plan for the island. Other issues the BOD is addressing are: how to control speeding both on the SLA roads and on the lake; how to control the five burn piles on SLA property. With extremely dry conditions and high winds we have had recently we must have a logical and systematic way to protect against out-of-control burn piles; we are addressing clarification on the SLA General Not for Profit Corporation status as it relates to governance issues set forth by the State; all but one legal issues have been resolved this year and we anticipate the one will be resolved in the next few months; Lot 49 will be sold by Public Auction at the Court House on November 12, 2020. Sunset Lake continues to enjoy vibrant growth and very positive real estate market. So far in 2020 there have been 15 lease transfers with two more pending for later this year. Thanks to Amy for all she does. Building improvements are also being made at a very fast pace. So far in 2020 SLA has approved 29 building permits. As you know this year's Fireworks had to be cancelled. But mark your calendars for Saturday July 3, 2021 for a great celebration. There had been over \$10,000 raised and in the bank for next years fireworks. The Board will be starting the fund raising for the 2022 fireworks early next year. Sue and Joyce will be presenting the Financial Report and 2021 Budget in minute. I want to thank both of them for their hard work on making sure the reports and budgets are easy to understand as well as totally transparent. SLA has come along way in the past two years thanks to Sue and Joyce. We are happy to report that both Ruth Ann Love and Mike Bigley are doing an outstanding job assisting both the Board as well as the entire membership. Membership approval of the Firehouse lease will close a chapter on miscommunication and misunderstanding. The Board wants to make it clear that the issues brought forth regarding costs and lease language had nothing to do with the Fire

Department or the District. All SLA members should be thankful and supportive of the fine work of all those highly trained volunteers. The proposed Bylaws are intended to make the voting process clearer and easier for all members and we are hopeful the changes will be supported and approved. Finally, I want to thank Randy Smith and Ron Rice for their service to the SLA Board. Both have been very vocal in their opinions in what is best for the Association, and we appreciate their time on the Board. I feel that both Thane Johnson and Michelle Bearden will be great assets to the Board for the next three years. There will be one vacancy on the Board, if interested in serving a one year term please contact me or any Board member. The position will likely be filled at the November 10th Board meeting. The Board will re-organize at the meeting and new officers will be elected and new committee chairs will be assigned. It has been an experience I will never forget serving as your Board President these past two years. Thank you for your support and understanding.

V. Finance Report – Treasure Muschong, we have put the 2019 finances to bed using ledger numbers to keep track where we are and what where we are spending SLA funds. Financially we are on firm ground.

a. 2021 Budget Presentation – Joyce Munie, Thanks to Sue and our team income has increased by \$2,000 without increasing assessments. We now account for our income accurately and are using a zero balance budget. The Dam and Lake Restricted funds (special assessment) continues as a set aside for use only to maintain the dam/spillway/tower and lake. Currently are three quarters into our budget year for 2020 and we have spent 65% of the budget so we are doing well.

VI. Old Business –

a. Girard Fire Protection District, recorded lease – President Wilken

- Vote to approve recorded lease passes 83 yea/5 nay

VII. New Business –

a. Election of 2021 SLA Board of Directors

- Michelle Bearden 86 votes
- Thane Johnson 75 votes

b. Proposed By-law changes, vote (see attachment for language)

- By-law changes approved 84 yea/4 nay

c. Approval of 2021 Budget [Proposed 2021 Budget.pdf \(wsimg.com\)](#)

- Proposed 2021 Budget approved 87 yea/1 nay

VIII. Adjourn Motion to adjourn by Joyce Munie, second by Jerry Winterland. Passes, 10:53am.

Proposed Bylaw changes are reflected in bold, italicized and underlined

Deletions are reflected by cross-out

Article II- Membership

SECTION 1

B. Assessment of Members. Members may be assessed by the Board of Directors in an amount deemed necessary for the operation of Sunset Lake Association for maintenance of Corporation property, roads, shoreline, lake and any other expenses for the good of the Association. These shall be budgeted by the Board of Directors, submitted to and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a special or annual meeting in person or by proxy **official absentee ballots** after due notice is given as provided in the ByLaws. **(Modified 2020)**

- *(the above changes reflect a change from proxy ballots to absentee ballots, give freedom on how to cast a membership vote)*

Article III – Meetings

SECTION 4 Quorum

At any membership meeting a quorum for the transaction of business shall be deemed to be present when fifteen percent (15%) of the votes entitled to be cast **by members present and official absentee ballots** are present, including proxies. ~~Voting by written proxy shall be permitted provided that such written proxy is filed with the Secretary of the Association by the time of roll call of members at the meeting or prior thereof. After roll call, no additional members or proxies may be registered.~~ **(Modified 2020)**

Section 5 ~~Proxies.~~ Absentee Ballots

Members wishing to vote by proxy **absentee** must send their proxy **Official Ballot** to the office to be registered by the Secretary of the Board. Proxies **Absentee Ballots** must be received via the US Mail service **or dropped off at the SLA Office** at least 48 hours prior to the annual or special called meeting. ~~(Passed 2018)~~ **Modified 2020**

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Article IV – Board of Directors

SECTION 7 Removal

A. Removal

Any director who shall miss three (3) consecutive meetings or fifty percent (50%) or more within any fiscal year of the Board of Directors...for failure to attend meetings. **(Modified 2020)**

- *(the above change reflects a clean up of language and formatting, Removal is for all of Section 7, not just A)*
- B. **A.**
C. **B.**
D. **C.**
E. **D. ... (Modified 2020)**

- *(change in "numbering" to reflect change in A.)*

SECTION 7

E.2 (*E.2 under current nomenclature*) A Board Director may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership, including ~~proxies~~ absentee ballots, present at an Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Association, notified according to Article III, Sections 1 or 2. *(Modified 2020)*

- (*the above reflects a change from proxy to absentee ballots*)

Article VI Amendments

SECTION 1 Amendments

The Bylaws of this Association may be amended at an Annual or a Special meeting of the members provided that in the notice calling such a meeting, the proposed amendment(s) shall be set forth in writing, and shall be adopted at such Annual or Special meeting upon receiving at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes ~~official ballots~~ official ballots entitled to be cast by the members present or represented by ~~proxy~~ absentee ballots at such meeting. *(Modified 2020)*

- (*reflects a change from proxy to absentee voting*)

Article VII Property Jurisdiction

SECTION 4 New Leases

No additional real estate may be incorporated into Sunset Lake Association for the purpose of generating new leases without being voted on and accepted by a two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the members present or represented by ~~proxy~~ absentee ballots at the Annual or a Special meeting. *(Modified 2020)*

- (*reflects a change from proxy to absentee voting*)