

## November 14, 2023 Meeting of Sunset Lake Association Board of Directors

I. Call to Order, President Kemp- Called to order 7:00pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance, President Kemp -

III. Roll Call (Secretary Hahn)

John Kemp (2024)	P	
Joe Kovacs (2024)	P	
Jenny Buhl (2026)	A	
Brady Hahn (2024)	P*	
Jerry Winterland (2025)	P	
Tim Sidener (2026)	P	
Michelle Bearden (2026)	P	
Valerie Jagiela (2025)	P	
Russ Balwin (2025)	P	

IV. Previous Minutes Approval

- a) October 3, 2023 Board Meeting- President Kemp, Before moving to the approval of minutes I would like to welcome our new Board Members, Tom Sidener and Valerie Jagiela, Jenny Buhl could not be here because she had a previously scheduled vacation, she could have made the meeting last week but the membership voted to change our ByLaws and move the meeting to the second Tuesday of each month. We will welcome Jenny next month. Moving on to the October Minutes, first you will find an explanation from Gary Wilken concerning the tower upgrades and repairs at the end of the minutes. Are there any changes or corrections to the October Minutes as presented?
  - a. Russ Baldwin: for clarification we need to have the word “agenda” struck from the title of the Minutes. Also, in the Presidents Report I think there is a sentence in the wrong place. Where Pres. Kemp suggests a three way stop and Treasurer Muschong made a motion to install all three stop signs. The Board voted unanimously to approve, this needs to be clearer in the amended Minutes.
  - b. Pres. Kemp pointed out that in his report, the second bullet point shows the cost for riprap at the boat ramp was \$109 when it was actually \$809.
- ACTION, President Kemp asks for a Motion to approve the October Minutes, Michelle Bearden moves to approve the October Minutes with all suggested amendments. Unknown second to the motion. Motion carries, all approve the October Minutes as amended.
  - b) October 24, Annual Meeting Minutes- Pres. Kemp, we need to now approve the October 24, Annual Meeting Minutes, I would like to add as an Addendum to the draft Minutes my actual report from that meeting. I had several big Thank Yous in my report and I would like those documented in the Annual Report. Are there any other suggested changes or additions?
    - a. Sue Muschong, I would like my final report as Treasurer be part of the Approved Minutes for the Annual Meeting, I am submitting my report to also

be included as an Addendum. This will help explain the “birds” comment in the presented minutes.

- ACTION, Russ Baldwin motions to approve the October 24 Annual Meeting Minutes with provided Addendums. Second by Jerry Winterland, Motion carries, all approve October 24 Annual Meeting Minutes with Addendums.

## V. Presidents Report

### A) Election of Officers-

- ACTION, Pres. Kemp asks for nominations for President
  - Jerry Winterland nominates John Kemp, second by Michelle Bearden. All in favor, none opposed.
- ACTION, Pres. Kemp asks for nominations for Vice President
  - Joe Kovacs nominates Brady Hahn, second by Valerie Jagiela
  - Jerry Winterland nominates Russ Baldwin, second by John Kemp

Roll call vote has been called: Kemp- Baldwin, Kovacs- Hahn, Hahn- Hahn, Winterland- Baldwin, Sidener- Hahn, Bearden- Baldwin, Jagiela- Hahn, Baldwin- Baldwin.

Vote ends in a tie, discussion follows concerning next steps. It was decided to Table the Action and vote at the November meeting when it is anticipated that the full Board will be present.
- ACTION, Pres. Kemp asks for nominations for Treasurer
  - Russ Baldwin nominates Michelle Bearden, second by unknown
  - Brady Hahn nominates Valerie Jagiela, second by Joe Kovacs

Roll call vote has been called: Kemp- Bearden, Kovacs- Jagiela, Hahn- Jagiela, Winterland- Bearden, Sidener- Bearden, Bearden-Bearden, Jagiela- Jagiela, Baldwin- Bearden

Michelle Bearden has been voted as the Treasurer of the Board.
- ACTION, Pres. Kemp asks for nominations for Secretary
  - John Kemp nominates Jenny Buhl, second by Jerry Winterland. Prior to voting Michelle Bearden asked if Jenny had shown any interest, President Kemp acknowledged that he spoke with her and she would accept any position for which she was nominated. President Kemp called the vote, all approve, no opposed. Jenny Buhl is the Secretary of the Board.

### B) Fireworks Contract- Not addressed at this time

## VI. Reports

- a) Grounds, Roads, Sanitation and Dam- Pres. Kemp reported the new mower arrived 10 days ago and Ron has been using it extensively. This mower is a lot faster than the backup mower pulled behind the tractor. The final price was \$15,700, coming in under budget. Pres. Kemp reported being with Ed Richno when the recently purchased walleye were delivered a couple of weeks ago. We received 600 6-7” very healthy walleye.
- b) Water and Land Safety,
- c) Building & Construction Permits, Jerry Winterland- No permits to report for this month.

- d) Treasurer Report (Finance, Insurance & Property Taxes) Treasurer (previous BOD) Muschong – Sue Muschong apologized for only having a recap available for the Board to review, her internet has been down for the last two weeks, the full report with all the breakdowns will be available on the Sunset Lake website next week. As you can see we are doing fine, we have two months left in the current budget and have \$88,000 in our operating fund. It was also reported that after the October meeting letters were sent to eight members concerning their delinquent property taxes. Two members responded that this had been an oversight and they will correct it immediately. The next step for any members that still haven't rectified the situation will be to call each member and make them aware of the situation, in case they didn't receive the original letter. Next, in early December, prior to the December 21 tax sale, Certified Letters will be sent out which will outline what the next steps are for SLA so that we can protect our property. This can all be found in the SLA Policy on Delinquent Property Taxes. Previously Pres. Kemp discussed the new mower, SLA savings was used to purchase the mower per the vote of the Membership at the Annual Meeting in October. Sue further reported that Sikich LLP, our accounting firm completed and filed our taxes and a motion will be needed to pay \$862.50. With a clarification that these costs are not for paying taxes but rather preparing SLA taxes and submitting them.
- ACTION, Approve payment of \$862.50 to Sikich for preparation of SLA taxes.
    - Motion was made by, Michelle Bearden, to allow for the payment of \$862.50 to Sikich for preparation of SLA taxes, second by Jerry Winterland.  
Motion approved, no opposed

Pres. Kemp thanked Sue and gave his appreciation to Sue for her dedication and work as Treasurer and thanked her for offering to help in the transition to a new Treasurer.

- e) Bylaws, Rules & Regulations- Pres. Kemp discussed the set of Rules & Regulations that all Board Members have in front of them. Please review these and he reviews them each month prior to the Board Meeting so they are fresh. When Pres. Kemp started on the Board 16 years ago the Rules & Regulations only consisted of 11 pages, now it is 26 pages due to continued refinement. Treasurer Bearden discussed that the membership had voted to change a ByLaw that set out the monthly meeting date, has this been changed or does it still need to be incorporated into existing ByLaws? Pres. Kemp responded that it will need to be incorporated into the ByLaws on page four. He also mentioned the Rule change the Board made the previous month regarding appointing a Board Member to receive the monthly bank statements for review, separate from the Treasurer. Treasurer Bearden will make the change to the ByLaws and Pres. Kemp offered that the Rules & Regulations will need to be updated by the new year. Pres. Kemp then asked Valerie Jagiela if he could appoint her as the second receiver of the bank statements. She accepted. Pres. Kemp then asked if there were any other changes anticipated? Russ Baldwin offered a comment, not a potential change or issue: last weekend a boat and truck were unattended at the boat ramp, the boat having a 175 hp motor and both sets of license plates from Missouri. Russ had received a call and went to investigate, later in the day it was determined the owner was on the lake fishing with a member in the members boat. So not an issue but thanks to members for keeping a watchful eye.

f) {no f) on agenda}

g) Leases- Lot 59 Kenneth and Janice Deihl to Carol Strobeck

h) Dredging- Joe Kovacs has nothing to report

\* Brady Hahn, excused himself from the meeting and did not participate further.

i) Fundraising- Pres. Kemp reported that he had reached out to Falling Skies, a previous provider of fireworks to SLA, and discussed a date for the 2024 fireworks show. All they had open at the time was June 29, 2024, the Board at that time approved holding the 2024 fireworks on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The contract would be for \$15,000, a 50% deposit upon signing the contract, cancellation by the Company for weather or other danger would mean setting an agreeable date to reschedule, no cost to SLA, and if SLA reschedules there would be a reset up fee along with travel expenses and other associated costs. This is why the date was locked in to guarantee SLA had a fireworks company scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup> (weekend prior). Pres. Kemp stated that he had been told J & M will not return from last year. Joe Kovacs stated that he would like all members to be asked what date they would like for the 2024 show, out of towners will not be able to attend the show and July 6<sup>th</sup> would be a better date, which Pres. Kemp had previously noted Falling Skies was not available on that date. Joe Kovacs further stated that he thinks the Board needs to let members vote on many things the Board wants to do. And since we don't yet have a signed contract we have time to change direction. Discussion followed. Pres. Kemp suggested that if anyone would like to take the lead and reach out to other companies he would be happy to have them see if they could find a company available on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The Bid from Falling Skies was offered in October and the Board had 30 days to sign, that didn't happen as the Board meeting was moved, there is a call in to see if the bid stands. Joe Kovacs asked Pres. Kemp if Falling Skies has July 3, 4 or 5 open? Valerie Jagiela suggested Memorial Day? Discussion followed including the audience. Pres. Kemp asked the Board if they want Memorial Day, further discussion. Pres. Kemp committed to asking Falling Skies if they have Memorial Day (5/25) or Labor Day (8/31) open and he will check with Central State to see if they have July 6<sup>th</sup> open, July 6<sup>th</sup> will be the priority.

## VII. New Business

### VIII. Membership Recognition:

- Jane Mihkelson, Lot 255 What was going on across the lake yesterday? On North Lake? Pres. Kemp responded that a refrigerator had overheated and there was no fire, only the possibility of one, one rescue unit and four fire engines responded.
- Debbie Thompson, Lots 37 & 254 I'd like to return to the fireworks subject for some comments, I participated on a survey where everyone was asked about fundraising for fireworks, we got around 50 responses, we just don't get responses to surveys. Both special assessments were voted down, people do not want the fireworks. This is just a bit of history for the new Board Members. Tom Sidener responded that he had been here for both special assessment votes and yes, consideration needs to be given as to whether members really don't want fireworks, and that is the exact question we need to be asking

them and even if members don't respond it's still ok to ask for opinions. Debbie Thompson responded that the last Board did a great job of communicating to our members, especially with what Sue Muschong is doing with the "What's Up" weekly email. Discussion on surveys followed. Debbie Thompson had a last comment concerning the webpage, it isn't up to date or current. Sue Muschong responded that the September Minutes are not on the web page yet because there were approved as amended and the amended Minutes have not yet been forwarded for inclusion on the web page. To which Debbie Thompson replied that the webpage is an important way to communicate to members and members do use it for agendas and minutes.

- Jane Mihkelson, Lot 255 We did Zoom Meetings during the pandemic, why can't we do that again for members that can't attend meetings? Discussion followed. Tom Sidener offered to set up if the Board desires. Discussion again and left the discussion as "food for thought."
- Jeanette Earley, Lot 141 If someone hires a company to do leaves can they or can they not take them to the burn pile? Pres. Kemp, they can IF they stay and burn the leaves until they are burned down. Jeanette Earley, ok, I needed clarification from "What's Up," also there is a sign at the East Lake burn pile that can only be seen in one direction, Pres. Kemp, yes we will be moving that sign, thank you.

{No agenda item IX}

{No agenda item X}

XI. Adjourn- 7:58pm