

Sugarbush Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday September 19, 2015
10:30 AM CDT

In attendance: Tom Achteor, Ted Amman, Jim Anderson and Mike Bohn
Absent; Tim Kirkpatrick

Meeting called to order by Tom Achteor at 10:30 AM CDT

This was the initial Sugarbush Lakes Association Board Meeting as called for at the organizing meeting on Saturday August 15, 2015. The main purpose of this meeting was for the board to organize and to work on establishing all necessary aspects of organizing a 503c non-profit organization to carry out the goals established during the course of the organizing meetings this past summer.

1. Create Officers for our Board of Directors: As called for in the approved by-laws the first order of Board business was to establish officers. After some discussion about duties and requirements of each office by unanimous consent of the members present the following are the first official officers of the Association:

President: Tom Achteor

Vice President: Ted Amman

Secretary: Jim Anderson

Treasurer: Mike Bohn

Board members discussed the potential to have the President be passed to the Vice President after a two year term of service. Board members indicated that this is not how it is currently set up in the by-laws; but is something to be considered and perhaps brought back to the membership to make that change in the by-laws at the annual meeting.

2. Create a mailing address for the Lake Association: Mike indicated he had checked into a PO Box for the Association and the cost of a small box is \$56. There also needs to be a physical address for the Association. It was decided that the physical address would be Jim's address as secretary and since he and Chris are permanent residents. Jim will establish a PO Box and the address 14309 Acorn Lane, Lac Du Flambeau, 54538 will be the official address.

3. Create a bank account for the Lake Association: The next action item was to establish a bank account for the Association. All Board members felt that this should be done in Lac Du Flambeau since this is where the Association is located. Mike Bohn as treasurer will look into establishing an account. Tom will check with some other lake associations to see where they have accounts. Tom transferred \$220 to Mike as treasurer the funds collected from 22 charter members at the organizing meeting to establish the account.

4. Fill out and submit application for non-profit corporation for the Lake Association: Tom had researched the forms required to establish an association. Once the address and bank account are established Tom will fill out and submit the form. There is a \$35 filing fee for the form establishing the non-profit.

5. Other activities and efforts to move forward: Board members discussed several other activities and efforts that the Board should undertake. Communication with members of the association was deemed important. From the association goals and objectives board members agreed that there is a need to involve others and to set up some operating committees and reach out to tap into expertise that was exhibited during the organizing meetings. The Board discussed setting up meetings with Tribal DNR to discuss goals of the association and how we can work together.

6. Setting up a website: Tom indicated that his brother would work on establishing a website. Mike indicated that we should set aside a domain site as soon as possible. Mike also discussed a facebook page and though not everyone is on facebook it is a good way to get information out. It would have controlled access.

7. Setting up committees: The Board discussed reaching out to others to work on organizing committees to further the association goals. Committees discussed included; water quality and invasive species; fishing and communication. The Board will reach out for volunteers to chair and organize the committees. During this discussion Tom indicated there was a report on the Bear River Watershed where there was historical information about the lakes. This is something Ted is very interested in and tapping into reports like this and information about from tribal DNR on vegetation surveys they conducted. As Vic-President Ted can be a point of contact. He will also check with Ginger Schwanbeck about why the Town Board has not released the watershed report to see if there is some problem.

First Sugarbush Lakes Association Board Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM CDT

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Anderson
Secretary