

## LPA MINUTES – from annual meeting at Arlington Beach Resort – 9am – August 3, 2024

**Attendees:** Scott Ross, Mark Wolff, Tom Dempster, Sue Meendering, Wally Grogan, Joel Mohlenhoff, Candy VanDam, Dan Chase, Patty Heermann, Rod McGinnis, Mark Kelsey & Gina Pantzke

**Absent:** Keith Rounds

Meeting called to order 9:00am by President Scott Ross.

July 2024 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved following a motion by Tom and second by Dan.

Treasurer June 2024 Report: A Treasurer's Report was presented by Rod McGinnis and approved following a motion by Dan and second from Mark.

The year in review...

- State of the Lake – Scott gave a recap of the events and work done by the LPA during 2024.
- Lake Management Plan review – second public meeting in September – Tom approx 250 surveys were returned. There will be a second public meeting at the Methodist camp tentatively set for Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The survey compilation should be finished at this time and will set the groundwork for the priorities of the people.
- Water Quality and lake level review – Mark K & John P – April 2024 it was too low and now is high due to water flowing in yet from the watershed. Sandbar was closed in April but reopened around May 5 this past year.
- The NOAA gauges online are not a measure of the lake level but they are a reading *where the gauges are located*. Gauges are downstream the outlet on the side of the gates, upstream towards Castlewood and again west of Estelline off highway 28.
- why isn't the lake going down: they watershed from the lakes feeding into Lake Poinsett are still draining into Poinsett. The outlet does not typically freeze and will continue flowing out as long as the sandbar is open.
- The first time the sandbar was cleaned out was 2020, only 4 years ago.
- it's hard to establish historical trends yet as LPA has only been doing water testing for 5 years. There is some information available from the state via links on the LPA site. This information is graphed as well to see the data that has been tracked.
- The lake sewer completion project will likely have the largest impact on water quality.
- Membership is up over 2023 to approx 462 members- Scott
- Nominations & elections: The first Board of Directors began in 1964.

Dan nominated Scott Ross for president, second by Tom. Board approved Scott Ross as LPA President for 2025.

- there were no new volunteers for the board.
- 2024 released 3 newsletters over the summer; 2025 will increase to 5 newsletters.
- May 18 was the LPA Open House
- June 8<sup>th</sup> was Coffee Chat with an Expert by Dan Loveland at Lake Poinsett Methodist Camp followed by an open-house style introduction to the Lake Management Plan.
- June 15-17<sup>th</sup> were lake-wide garage sales followed by Spring Cleanup on June 17<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Lake Poinsett Sanitary Department.
- Beach Cleanup was 13 July 2024 (chaired by Mark K)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament was held on 10 Aug 2024 (promoted by Wally and Joel)
- 2023 had 74 players of 4 man teams.
- The Zoning Meegin is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month with the agenda being due a week before the meeting for those interested.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am following a motion by Rod and second by Mark W, board approved.