

SECOLA Annual Meeting - July 21, 2018

President Ed Patrick called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. 72 residents were in attendance.

The July 15, 2017 annual meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report: Ed Patrick thanked the many individuals and groups who have helped out over the past year including-Svecia Club for hosting this meeting, the SECOLA Board, Joe Plourde for maintaining the barge, Friends of the Fireworks (Dave Pasahow, Joe Buchanan, James Scott, Bob Fox, Tom Andes, Lindley Johnson, Roger Norberg) for their generous donations to improve the fireworks, Ray Burgess for replacing signage on Bass Island, Florence Fire Dept. for standing by during the fireworks, Deb Cini for her work on the newsletter, Jane Patrick and Deb Cini for chairing the social committee, Barb Rook for instructing and organizing lake reps ,and Jay Weber for installing buoys and maintaining the boatwash.

Treasurer's report: Dana Colenso gave the treasurer's report. See her printed reports for detailed assets and spending. She reminded those in attendance that SECOLA is a 501-C organization, and that donations are tax deductible. A vote was taken and the financial report was accepted.

Grant Committee Report: Darlin Verley shared information about the two ongoing grants obtained that assist us in protecting the Lake. She also shared about the history of our grant committee. Darlin has served as chairperson of the grant committee for 24 years. We greatly appreciate her efforts and expertise. Glen Johnson has agreed to serve as chairman for the committee beginning in July of 2019 at which time Darlin will retire.

DNR Representative Report: Carl Sundberg reported that Chuck Hjerpe, a CBCW volunteer has agreed to serve the committee as co-chairman. Carl also serves as president of FCLARA.

Nominating Committee: Deb Cini reported on nominations for President (Gary Weber) and Vice President (Scott Reynolds). A vote was taken, and these individuals were elected to office.

WE Energies Project Presentation: WE Energies representative, Rich Larson spoke about the project beginning that will increase the reliability of our electrical power. This project will require homeowners' cooperation. Tom Borchard shared maps of the phases of the project. Expect to see crews around the area, locating, surveying, and designing. Drew Thomas will be working with property owners on easements. Residents in attendance were encouraged to come to the front table to share phone numbers and email addresses after the meeting.

Florence County Land Conservation Department: Scott Goodwin and his team (Ashley Reitter and Rachael Prize) shared about the work they are doing to educate area residents, prevent the spread of invasives, and plan for future interventions to protect the lakes in Florence County. Scott shared the drone that was recently purchased that expands the County's ability to do meander surveys of our lakes. He thanked SECOLA for a \$2100 donation toward the purchase.

North Lake Road Project: Tim Bomberg was present to update residents on the North Lake Road Project. Progress was slowed down by last summer's storms that ruined culverts. The plan is to continue improvement west to Dunn's Point Road.

Bass Island Update: Gary Weber reported on the progress made on Bass Island. Many volunteers have participated in this endeavor to selectively clean out overgrown vegetation, burn debris, plant native species, create a butterfly garden and replace signage. The work will continue this fall and into next spring. The efforts of many are greatly appreciated.

Invasive Species Report: Gary shared Jay Weber's report. In regard to the Eurasian Milfoil search, Jay, Gary, and Angie Stein pulled a total of 57 pounds of plants this year. This is good news considering that during our original harvest year, 840 pounds were removed. As of this meeting, Eurasian Milfoil has been found only in North Lake. Another lake survey will take place in September.

Invasive Fund Drive: Joe Buchanan spoke about the importance of continuing these efforts to protect the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes from invasives. There are at least 35 other aquatic invasive species that could threaten our Lakes. We have spent \$20,000-\$25,000 each year to protect the Chain. Our own boat wash requires \$13,000 to man and maintain each year. Grants have covered some of our costs; however, donations are needed to continue funding these efforts. As a result the "\$100 Club" has been established to encourage donations. Our goal is to receive \$100 donations from at least 130 residents by May. An anonymous donor agreed to match the first \$2000 collected. Thank you to all who have participated.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Submitted by Joan Will-Secretary