

June 12, 2021
Sybil Lake Annual Meeting

Roger Olson called meeting to order. Burnell Lovaasen read Sec/Treas report.

Scott Lovaasen gave report on lake clarity. He reported water clarity of 28 “plus” feet. “Plus”, because that was as far as the rope reached. He tested the water in 3 different areas, 75 feet, 40 feet and 40 feet. All areas were the same clarity. The measure of clarity is impacted by zebra mussels in the lake.

Kit Nelson reported that the lake level is close to ordinary high water mark, which may seem low in comparison to recent water level. Similar to last year, water levels normally do go up and down with evaporation, wind and dry weather, which is good for the eco system for the lake.

Scott and Kit continue to clear rocks from the culvert near the beaver dam. There are still people throwing rocks into the water near the culvert causing blockage to the water flow. Beavers have also caused problems with water flow blockage and the Lake Association has recently paid Eric Osborn to trap beavers. To date, 4 beavers have been trapped.

Zebra mussels have been an issue since 2019. Many have been found on docks, rocks, water plants and vegetation. The population most likely will continue to expand until they eat themselves out of food, then cycle again. This process could last another 5 to 6 years. Zebra mussels feed on green algae, which reduces food supply for smaller fish to eat. Walleye population is down 25% in lakes that have been tested. Sybil Lake may be less impacted because of the water clarity.

John Einhorn reported on plant based aquatic invasive species. He checked the entire lake and did not find any invasive plants such as Eurasian milfoil or invasive curly leaf pondweed. If any are found, reports go to the DNR for testing. If invasive species are found, they should be pulled out to keep from spreading. Northern milfoil is a native plant and is not a problem.

Roger discussed tent worms. Tent worms can cause damage to the health and lives of trees. The cycle is typically 7 years, $\frac{3}{4}$ on and $\frac{3}{4}$ off. This year, few have been seen and there does not seem to be a big population of them. If tent worms would present a problem, they can be controlled by hiring an aerial spray pilot. This process would need to be done with the consent of people affected within the same area. The Lake Association cannot control aerial spraying. A resident on the lake would need to organize, by contacting their neighbors regarding their interest in hiring a pilot to spray for worms. A question was raised in regard to timing of having trees sprayed, will spraying be effective if worms are eating tree leaves?

The topic of wake boats was brought up by Roger. The waves that wake boats cause impact shoreline, docks, lifts, and other boaters on the lake. The depth of wake board props cause disruption/damage to plants on the bottom of lakes, particularly on lower depth area of “Little Sybil”. Currently a MN Legislative Bill has been introduced to regulate wake boat operation to be 200 feet away from lake shores. The bill has not yet been passed. There are some Lake Associations/Townships proposing ordinances on usage of wake boats and prohibiting them on particular areas of lakes. Roger will look into the legalities of this issue within a township standpoint. Roger requested a show of hand of those present at the meeting for our association to present wake boat concerns and controlling usage to Dora township. The groups response (Hands up). Scott agreed to attend a Dora Township meeting to present the lake associations concerns.

The topic of Sybil Lake communication was brought up by Ann. There is interest in expanding social media access to association members for ongoing information and activities. An electronic newsletter, Instagram and Facebook were discussed. Ann will reach out to persons that are interested and willing to assist in organizing options for communication.

Roger brought up the fact that board member terms are up this year for Kit Scott and John. Roger asked for board member nominations from the floor. There were no nominations presented. Motion was made to nominate Kit, Scott and John to remain on the board for 2 more years. Motion was seconded and passed. The last Lake Association Picnic was held in August of 2019 at Scott and Burnell Lovaasen’s. Scott and Burnell agreed to having the Lake Association at their residence again this August. Please watch for details/information to be sent out prior to Picnic Event.

A lake association member in attendance expressed concern of the poor condition of the public lake access. Damage to the access is primarily caused by people “power loading” their boats out of the lake. The appropriate contact regarding repair for this damage is DNR Trails and Waterways.

Roger thanks everyone for coming. Meeting was adjourned.