

Minutes

2025 Sybil Lake Annual Association Meeting

Members present: Roger Olson, Ann Olson, Scott Lovaasen, Marv Leier, Kit Nelson, John Einhorn, Secretary/Treasurer, Burnell Lovaasen. We had 53 Lake Association Members in attendance which was terrific! Thanks to all who attended. Happy to see everyone there!

Roger called the meeting to order and read the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes and Treasurers Report. Minutes and Treasurer Report were approved. Roger reported upcoming COLA meeting dates – June 19, July 17, August 21 @ 7:00 PM AT THE Ottertail Community Center. He encouraged the group to attend these very informative meetings and to sign up for the Cola Newsletter (otccola2@gmail.com)

Kit spoke about the water level and reported that it has been 10.5 inches above the high water mark for a while. Resolving the culvert issue years ago helps maintain a healthy lake level. Other water level factors are rain amounts and water evaporation during hot summer days and the ongoing issues with beavers! If you know of any reasonably priced trappers, please contact a Board Member!

Marv explained how water clarity testing is done. Testing is done 5 times from spring to early fall. Zebra mussels in the lake have impacted the clarity of the water. Once zebra mussels are in a lake, they cannot be eradicated. They go up and down in population through their cycle of life. Marv encouraged everyone to go to the Sybil Lake website – sybillake.org Minnesota Lakes and Rivers host this website and the site provides a wide variety of very good information for Lake Sybil.

Scott talked about fish stocking. The Lake Association stocks the lake in “odd years” and the DNR stocks the lake in “even years”. This year, the association will stock the lake with approximately 3000 fingerlings this fall (November), with the estimated cost of \$4,500. The fingerlings are put into both “Big Sybil” and “Little Sybil”.

John explained the harm that an invasive weed, Curly Leaf Pondweed can cause on lakes and he keeps a close eye for it when he is out on the lake. He has not seen it in Sybil, but it has been found in area lakes (Lida). A picture and information of this weed has been posted on the Lake Sybil Facebook page by Mitch Kruger. Please be aware and look out for this when you are on the lake. It will typically come to the surface the first part of spring. Eradication of this weed would be very expensive for the Lake Association.

Tyson Sonnenberg introduced Weed Removal business man from Aqua Solutions 218-784-8067. They have been serving our area for many years. Aqua Solutions have removed unwanted or overgrowth of cattails, wild rice, bullrushes, lily pads and many others.

The Sybil Lake Association Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th. Location 32821 Sybil Lake Road Beginning at 4pm with games and social hour. 5:00 Turkey sandwiches and potluck dishes to share. Everyone is encouraged to join the event to meet and enjoy time with friends and neighbors on the lake. Please bring your families along!

New Business: Nancy Frost and Tyson Sonnenberg have been nominated to become members of the Lake Association Board. They have been unanimously approved! Thank you and welcome to the Board! Both Nancy and Tyson have been helpful and involved in helpful assistance for the good of the lake association in this past year. We appreciate both of them! This is a great way to meet people and know your neighbors! Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting approved. Meeting Adjourned.