



Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2025

Present: Roger Amborn, Susan Halvorson, Cindy Hnatek, Mary Jackson, Lydia Jordahl, Rick Liljegren, Al Makynen, Cindy Richey, Skip Van Kessel

Absent: Eric Kaiser

1. April 2025 minutes were approved; motion by Mary, second by Rick, and approval from all members present.
2. Treasurer report (Al)
 - a. "Cash" balances include \$18,109 in the checking account, a CD valued at approximately \$10,630, \$5 in a savings account and \$5 with PayPal, for a total of \$28,749. Year-to-date cash income is \$9,142 vs. the budget of \$21,850, putting SLRE at 42% of target goal.
 - b. YTD expenses are \$4,673 vs net income of \$4,470. This is before season operating expenses, volunteer recognition and green envelope donations.
 - c. Treasurer report was approved; motion by Rick, second by Skip, and approval from all members present.
3. Sponsorship/fund raising
 - a. Support checks seem to be slower in coming in vs prior years. Additional potential sponsors identified include Bass Pro Shops, Marine General, and the James and Nancy Holmgren Foundation. Contacting State Rep. Natalie Zeleznikar regarding state funding was also mentioned.
4. Boat (Roger)
 - a. The boat is at Snow Bird Willies for roof replacement and minor window repairs.
 - b. Two fenders need to be replaced.
 - c. A motion was made to approve purchase and installation of six new trailer tires at a cost of approximately \$850; motion by Susan, second by Cindy R., and approval from all members present.
 - d. Skip and Roger to reach out to volunteers for an impromptu boat cleaning date prior to June 9.
 - e. Boat equipment stocking and launch will occur during Memorial weekend prior to May 29.
5. 2025 season
 - a. Susan reported that 62 trips have been scheduled to date; this is about 20 more than last year at this time, likely due to the scheduling reminder email she sent out. There are 6 trips scheduled for new facilities, and 2 seniors from Grand Rapids would like to be added to a less-than-full trip. Susan and captains to coordinate trips for individuals. There are 94 total slots for trips this season.
 - b. Approximately 8 Tall Ship trips are to be offered, pending Coast Guard guidance.
6. Volunteers
 - a. Roger has sent a reminder to volunteers regarding training dates and sign up.
 - b. Eric indicated he needs additional board help with training stations. Rick will help with "Off the Pontoon"

and Mary with “Transitions” on May 29; Susan will help with “Transitions” on June 3.

- c. Roger plans to revise the captains check list.
- d. Roger will send an email to new volunteers, asking them to take a training ride before they perform a solo role.
- e. Roger will order 20-30 yellow/green shirts for new volunteers. He has also placed an order for logo patches that volunteers can add to their personal black outerwear.
- f. Skip reported that SLRE volunteers’ contribution to Pier B dock staining and installation went well; volunteers helped on 3 days.

7. Marketing

- a. Eric will be asked to coordinate a boat trip with a facility for WDIO’s “The Lift”.

8. Misc.

- a. Motion to adjourn from Susan, second by Lydia, and approval by all members present.

Submit any agenda items for the next meeting to Roger or Mary the week of June 9.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 19, 2025 – 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time – Theater Room (second floor), Duluth Heights Lodge, 724 Maple Grove Road 55811

2025 meetings

June 19, 2025
July 17, 2025
August 21, 2025
September 18, 2025

October 16, 2025
November 20, 2025 (tentative)
December 18, 2025 (tentative)

Submitted by Mary Jackson, Secretary