

,
June 22, 2023

Present: Roger Amborn, Susan Halvorson, Skip Van Kessel, Julia Rulla, Eric Kaiser

Absent: Al Makynen, Rick Liljegren, Cindy Hnatek, Cindy Richie, Mary Jackson

- May 2023 minutes approved; motion by Eric, second by Skip and approval from all members.
- Treasurer report
 - Treasurer's report not available at this time. Roger stated that funds received so far this year have been spent. He suggested that a tactful letter be sent mid to late July to organizations partaking in trips this year requesting financial support. "We love doing this, but do need your financial support to continue." Julia to send these letters.
- Sponsorships for 2023:
 - Julia reported that Amsoil declined to become a sponsor.
 - In an email to Susan, Kit at Keystone stated that Keystone would like to be a sponsor next year. It was noted that some of the signs on the boat reflect non-current donors. These signs can be covered as new sponsors appear.
 - Julia reported the Pier B thank you letter was delivered. Roger added that Pier B was ecstatic and approached Roger about scheduling a boat ride for their management at 3:30 pm on Monday, June 26. Jeff Foster has now been back for 10 days and someone will contact him.
- 2023 season:
 - Susan stated confirmation forms were being returned as requested with a couple exceptions which were due to staff or phone number changes. The process is working well.
 - Julia asked that captains ask mates to take photos during trips and send to Julia for use on the SLRE website. Evergreen took pictures today and will also send to Julia
 - It was agreed that SUG invites for August will be sent out on July 5.
- Pontoon (Roger):
 - Roger reported that the boat is in excellent shape; both motors are running great. All boat equipment is updated and working well.
- Volunteers:
 - It was noted that there are now a total of 72 volunteers. There are about 15 people who were signed up to volunteer, but did not complete training. Those will be removed from the volunteer list.

- It was noted that many volunteer signups are still needed for July. Concern was expressed that volunteers may be having difficulty using Sign-Up Genius and that board members have had difficulty with their own use of SUG. It appears there are many trained volunteers who have not signed up to work on any trips.
- It was suggested that a sample of 20 volunteers who have not yet signed up be contacted with a friendly phone call to ask for their input on reasons they have not signed up and for suggestions on how to help them. Susan will contact Rick this weekend when he is back from vacation. It was proposed that Susan and Rick each contact 10 volunteers and report the results to the board.
- The value of a ride along for new volunteers was noted; Eric has been offering that opportunity.
- If it is determined that volunteers are struggling with SUG, one to one assistance could be provided to make sure volunteers can use SUG prior to leaving training.
- Misc.:
 - It was noted that T-shirts are now better quality and there are extras.
 - Hats have arrived and are being very well received and appreciated. Susan will send Julia a hat.
 - The Senior Picnic was discussed. There is uncertainty about whether the funds or initiative exist to organize and carry out this event. The possibility of the availability of Pier B and the need to procure food donations were discussed.
 - Roger has some used and unneeded SLRE items stored in his garage: old camera, 12 laptop serving trays, marine radio, flare gun and expired, but usable cartridges. It was suggested these items could be silent auctioned off at either the Senior Picnic or the end of year event.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 20, 2023 – 5 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time – location to be determined.

Remaining 2023 meetings

August 17, 2023	November 16, 2023 (tentative)
September 21, 2023	December 21, 2023 (tentative)
October 19, 2023	

Submitted by Susan Halvorson, substitute Secretary