



Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2025

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

Absent: Lydia Jordahl, Eric Kaiser

1. July 2025 minutes were approved; motion by Susan, second by Skip, and approval from all members present.
2. Treasurer report (Al)
 - a. "Cash" balances include \$8,109 in the checking account and two \$10,000 CDs.
 - b. YTD expenses are \$13,987 vs revenues of \$18,458. Remaining expenses for the season will include year-end maintenance, water, gas and the year-end celebration.
 - c. Updates to the insurance report presented in July include costs for a proposed umbrella policy - \$750 for a \$1 million policy and \$1500 for a \$2 million policy. Al recommended against purchasing due to the high premium costs and the board agreed. He is still awaiting costs for increasing coverage for volunteers via direct insurance from \$50,000 per incident and \$50,000 aggregate, to \$100,000 and \$300,000 aggregate.
 - d. The recommendation that any item that has a useful life of more than one year and a cost of \$5,000 or greater be capitalized was approved.
 - e. Per Roger, potential remaining 2025 sponsors include Ecumen and Bayshore; interest from the CDs will also contribute to 2025 cash flow.
3. Sponsorship/fund raising
 - a. Roger resent letters to seven organizations that have taken rides but have not yet provided support this season – to date, one has contributed to SLRE.
 - b. Letters to facilities to thank them for bringing residents on rides this summer and to ask them to consider including a contribution to SLRE in their 2026 budgets were discussed, with the goal of mailing them in October. **A board member is still needed to draft this letter.**
4. Boat (Roger)
 - a. The estimate for remaining boat costs is \$600-\$650 for gas, water, washing the boat, oil and rebuilding the prop.
 - b. Motor replacement costs expected to be incurred over one to three years are \$16,000 for a 150-hp motor and \$6,000 for a 20-hp kicker (currently 10 hp).
 - c. The schedule until the boat goes into storage in Proctor on October 25 includes trips through September 11 and removal before docks are pulled starting the week of October 13.
5. 2025 season
 - a. Susan reported that 93 trips have been scheduled to date, and one slot remains open along with two Friday afternoon slots reserved for weather cancellations. Twenty-one trips have been cancelled due to weather or poor air quality, or by the facility due to their issues.

- b. Susan agreed to lead a committee to bring recommendations to the board on the 2026 schedule, following a survey of facilities on the summer and daily schedules.

6. Volunteers

- a. Roger and Rick will determine the caterer for the volunteer appreciation dinner on Thursday, October 2 at the American Legion located at 59th Avenue West. Volunteers (and plus ones) who worked at least one trip will be invited, along with board members.

7. Misc.

- a. Board members contributed to a memorial to Bob Vavrosky for CHUM; SLRE will add \$100 to board contributions.

Submit any agenda items for the next meeting to Roger or Mary the week of September 15.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025 – 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time – Theater Room (second floor), Duluth Heights Lodge, 724 Maple Grove Road 55811

2025 meetings

October 16, 2025

November 20, 2025 (tentative)

December 18, 2025 (tentative)

Submitted by Mary Jackson, Secretary