

**Sage Lake Association Meeting
Sage Lake, Michigan**

MINUTES OF MEETING ON August 30, 2025

Board members present: President Patti Rogers, Vice President Betsy Miner-Swartz, Treasurer Ty McGinnis, Secretary Sharon Green, Trustees Brian Hassell, Ken Ehlen and Kathleen Creager.

The meeting was called to order by President, Patti Rogers on August 30, 2025, at 10:02 am; 36 people in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report: Minutes from July 26, 2025, were sent by email and posted on the website. Discussion none. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Mark Sinkoff 2nd by Debbie Holloway. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ty McGinnis reported. The treasurer's report as of August 2025 was \$106,841.42 total for all funds. Ty reported that we have 220 members to date, which is down from last year. We are looking into a couple of options with one being recurring membership for automatic renewal until cancelled, and more communication on membership renewal next year. A motion to accept the treasurers' report was made by Butch Leix and 2nd by Mark Sinkoff. Motion passed.

Reports from Committees:

- **Sage Lake Gear & Silent Auction** - Betsy Miner-Swartz reported that we have more inventory than usual for this time of year as gear went very quickly at the beginning and we purchased some more and then it slowed down. The profit this year so far is \$7000 with a couple more weekends to sell gear. The Silent Auction dinner will be held on September 20th @ Kenyon's Lakeside Resort. Dinner with one beverage & dessert is \$39.00. It will be an Italian buffet, and it was yummy last year. Please make reservations to attend. Lots to auction and a big thank you to Sage Lakers who have donated items to be auctioned off. The proceeds for this event will go to the fish fund to stock walleye.

Betsy also reminded everyone about the Chili cookoff (Fire & Ice Festival) which will be held on Saturday, February 14th, 2026 at Kenyon's.

- **Fishing Tournaments** – Chris Hoelscher reported that the Pike Derby participation was down. They harvest stunted pikes and donate them to ARK. This year it was really interesting to watch as ARK used our pike to feed two bald

eagles that were recovering from injuries. We may not have a Pike Derby next year as it will depend on what the biologists advise us to do. Bass Tournament will be held September 13th @ 3 pm. The fall walleye stocking for 2025 has become more expensive than originally planned. We will be targeting a lower number of fish to stock but will still be within the boundaries of what the biologists say we should plant. The lake shock fish survey done in the fall showed that 16% of the fish were walleye so it is working. The annual ice fishing tournament will be held on February 21st. Chris gave kudos to the community for the donations and such that have helped with fish stocking and the tournaments.

- **Boat Parade** – A survey will be done to determine the theme for next year's boat parade.
- **Mary Ellen's Fun Day** – Sharon reported that we changed the date (due to weather), the venue (due to closure of Crusins), and the time of the fun day. Despite the changes, we had a great turnout of children and volunteers. We had 58 children that day. We are making some exciting changes to games and such, so please put the weekend after the 4th of July festivities on your calendar to come and have fun next year!
- **Lake Management** – Brian reported a few good items that all Sage Lakers should know about and if you aren't receiving one, you should investigate it as they give great information about the lakes. The first one is the Michigan Riparian, good info about the lakes and property rights. Also, MSU puts out a lot of info and EGLE has webinars and such to watch. Their website is mi.gov/egleevents. The dates when PLM will be treating the lake is sent out to all property owners around the beginning of May, so watch your mail for that information. Our last treatment of the lake was for 1 acre nuisance native weeds and 24 acres of Starry Stone Wort (9 locations). This is spreading fast due to the geese and other boats coming in from outside the lake. They treated for 14 acres of wild celery weed. This is a native plant that the DNR planted in the lake. We can only treat it one time a year. It is getting better each year. They also treated 140 acres of milfoil in June and got rid of it.
- **Quilt Raffle Drawing** – Amy Jalics made and donated a beautiful quilt as a fundraiser for SLA. We thank her for donating her time and talent. We made a profit of \$1000 this year. The winner is Marjorie Segal! Congratulations Marjorie. Enjoy that quilt.
- **Board of Directors – Election** – Bill Drangin is our election chair. He said this is considered an uncontested election. The following are the nominated candidates: Betsy Miner-Swartz, President, Sharon Green, Vice President, Ty McGinnis, Treasurer, Kathleen Creager, Secretary, Mark Campbell, Ken Ehlen, and Nancy Howald Trustees. There was a motion to accept these individuals as the 2025-2028 Sage Lake Association Board of Directors by Patti Rogers and seconded by Brian Hassell. Motion passed.
- **Strategic Planning Session** – This is scheduled for the new board of directors and some past board members on September 28th at the Hill Township Hall. This will help guide the new board in the upcoming years with some goal setting and plans.

New Business

50/50 Drawing \$85 was won by Ken Ehlen and he donated it to the scholarship fund. We also drew out a couple of SLA gear items won by Butch Leix, Patti Rogers and Daryl Zelenak.

Adjourned: 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted Sharon Green