

## **SOUTH SHORE ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES September 19, 2018**

**Call to order:** President Jim Valsa called the meeting to order at 6:34; there were 20 attendees.

**Roll call of Officers:** Jim Valsa, president; Lynn Zapolnek, vice-president; Marge Meyers, secretary; Jackie Sorenson, treasurer; all present

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve from July and August by Steve Oviatt, second by Nancy Oviatt. Motion approved.

**Prior Months Minutes:** Minutes were read by Marge Meyers. Motion to approve by Steve Oviatt, second by Susan Strohl. Motion approved.

**Presidents Report and Correspondence:** Jim said thank you to whoever is cutting the grass at the mailboxes. Gordon Kytta and Tom Talvensaari along with Jim Valsa have been keeping the grass cut.

**GUESTS:** Our guest from Shorewaves will speak at the end of our meeting.

### **REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** The checking account balance: \$4,709.56 minus \$434.99 (Kids Fishing), minus \$2,035.75 (Rummage Sale). Available is \$2,238.82. Dues collected to date were \$1,030, donations for the year so far \$530. Motion to approve by Bob Meyers; second by Rick Olson. Motion carried.

**Grant Township Update:** Ned was absent. Jim Valsa reported the main topic of conversation was the sewer system in Copper Harbor. Ken Steigers reported that they will have a 75% forgiveness on the cost of the first phase of the project. New to Grant Township will be an assistant treasurer. This is a legal requirement.

**Summerfest:** An organizational meeting will be held in June to form a Summerfest Committee. There will be written guidelines for the committee to follow.

**Fish Boil:** Rick Olson said the Fish Boil was all wrapped up. Everything went smoothly.

**Kid's Fishing:** Lynn Zapolnek reported that 52 children took part. Having everything at the Fire Hall worked very well. Parking was not a problem. With the Bill Stocker Memorial funds, the prize table for the children looked very good. There is always some tweaking to do to. It was hard to hear in the community room, a PA system would be beneficial. Lynn has put together guidelines for Kid's Fishing.

**Parks Committee:** The committee has met September 9. They walked the grounds and decided they would like to have the elevation determined. Some ideas they came up with is: swings, slide, playground equipment, volley ball court, disc golf, pavilion. They are looking into funding such as grants. Since the area is approximately 2 acres and there has been some dumping, a clean up work bee has been set for June 22 & 23. Discussion continued about a dock at the end of 5th Street along with a kayak launch. Jim Valsa will talk to Grant Township to see how we can organize a group to possibly cut down trees. Should we work with the county since we are concerned with liability. We talked about picnic tables that we could purchase from Timber Ridge on 5 Mile Point Road. A question was brought up about contacting groups to help: Boy Scouts, Lions Club, Rotary.

**Newsletter:** Please send in any stories or pictures of our events for the newsletter. We would like to designate a photographer for each event. We would also like email addresses to send out the newsletter electronically. This will help with printing and postage costs.

#### **UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sound panels:** The panels are here. Bob will contact Tom Talvensaari and they will put them up.

**Long term boats at marina:** There is a new superintendent at Ft. Wilkins, Bob Wolf. Jim will contact him. We will work with the DNR on the boats.

**Clock for Firehall:** the clock is on hold.

**TV soundbar:** There is no information yet.

**Dumpster Security:** This project is on hold right now.

**Keweenaw Consignment:** Shirley Dudek has set up an account for SSA. The account # is 7139. Her name is also on the account. You can drop off items to help SSA, mention the account when you do.

**Freezer for Firehall:** The freezer has been delivered. Thank you Peggy and Dick Streeter!

**Movie/Popcorn Night:** Movie night was enjoyable. We will plan more for next year. Perhaps we will plan for June.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sound System:** We need a sound system for Summer Fest and Kid's Fishing. We will work on this and see if we can find something.

**2019 Calendar:** Mid Summer Bonfire, June 21  
Union Park Clean Up, June 22 & 23  
Dumpster Days, July 20 & 21  
Summerfest, August 4  
Fish Boil, August 10  
Kid's Fishing, August  
Women Tuesdays, 10 AM, Fire Hall

**Speakers for meetings:** Lynn Zapolnek will contact a speaker whose topic is Isle Royale. If there are other topic or speakers you can think of, please contact Jim Valsa. Our attendance has been up when we have speaker at our meetings.

#### **EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:**

Christmas Party with LLBVFD, Saturday, December 1  
Next SSA Meeting: June 19, 6:30

**Public Comments:** Rick Olson had a flyer for a Fall Cruise sponsored by the Keweenaw Lions Club, October 9 with a rain date of October 10. This is a fund raiser and costs \$25 per person. The Isle Royale Queen will leave from Houghton. There will

be refreshments. The Fire Department is participating in a Community Based Program with Ferrell Gas. Receipts from Ferrell Gas can be turned in and 1% of the receipts up to \$2,000 will be donated. If you sign up to get gas from Ferrell there is a \$50 bonus.

Steve Fitzgerald from Shorewaves gave a presentation on his broad band internet service. He talked about his capabilities and service areas. There was quite a bit of discussion.

**Adjourn:**

Steve Oviatt made a motion to a adjourn, second by Gordon Kytta.