

S.P.L.K.A. ANNUAL MEETING-2021

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On September 18, 2021, the membership of Sable Point Lighthouse Association met at the Ludington United Methodist Church for its annual meeting as called for by the By-Laws of our Organization Policy book. The purpose of the meeting was to update the Association membership of the happenings within SPLKA and report the financial and material status. We are challenged to complete three goals for the organization; **Preserve, Protect and Educate** the public about our four lights. It is because of the faithfulness and love for our lights that this is being accomplished.

The following is the record of the Annual Meeting.

1-Welcome: Association President Al Cocconi. Al opened with the leading of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2-Introductions:

Staff members: Peter Manting

Board Members: Al Cocconi

3-Prayer: Roger Pashby

4-Dinner-Buffet style

5-Annual Meeting: AL Cocconi presided over the meeting.

a-Call for a quorum-A quorum was established.

b-Secretary's report of the 2019 meeting. Motion to accept as published, no discussion, passed.

c-Treasurer's report- Ted Robinson. Motion to accept as published, no discussion, passed.

d-Presidents statements-Al Cocconi

1-Acknowledgement of our sponsors and guests.

2-Thank you to all the volunteers for a wonderful year.

3-Thank you to the staff members for making it all work!

4-Acknowledgement of Board members.

e-Executive Directors report-Peter Manting-

1-General comments were made about the 2021 season and thank you to all volunteers.

2-The Capital Gains Campaign is gaining strength, and we are currently at \$175k in funding.

f-Recognition of retiring board member Roger Pashby.

1-Roger served the board for eight years, after being appointed to fill an open position, then was elected twice to serve on the board. Roger served as a volunteer keeper and has been a SPLKA member for 16 years along with his wife Glenna. His last official duty

will be running the election for the next three members to be on the Board. Thank you, Roger.

g-Election of new board members-Roger Pashby

A brief description as to how we hold nominations and elect new board members was given according to the by-laws.

The nominating committee presented three names to vote on. They were Al Cocconi, Mark Hallenbeck, and Ron Vensas. The audience then was asked for any nominations from the floor, twice asked, hearing none, the nominations were then closed and a unanimous vote for the three nominees was asked for and given. Congratulations to Al, Mark, and Ron.

h-The Shining light award-Al C.

The shining light award is given to an individual or couple who over the years have exhibited great interest in our lights and have volunteered unselfish efforts to promote and protect our lights. Because of the pandemic last year, we did not meet to give out the award. The Board agreed to give two awards this year to make up for 2020, and 2021.

The recipient for the Shinning Light award for 2020 is Ms. Mary James. Her history of the lights dates to 1986 when the restoration of Big Sable Point became reality. Thank you, Mary.

The recipients for 2021 are Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Patterson, long time volunteers with SPLKA. They often serve more than a week or two at a time and will fill in for emergency openings if needed. Thank you, Pat, and Patricia.

i-Keepers of the Light Legacy Society- Ms. Susan Land.

Susan presented a short but thorough description of starting a Legacy Society aimed at “**end of life giving**” towards the Lights and SPLKA. More will be coming as the committee meets and sets up goals and guidelines.

j-Discussion or questions from the floor? None.

k-Motion to adjourn the business meeting- Motion made and passed.

6-Special speaker-Ms. Valerie vanHeest, author and videographer of the “Armistice Day Storm”.

7-Concluding comments and awarding of Centerpiece settings was completed.

Respectively submitted by Roger Pashby, Secretary SPLKA.