

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting

Grace Lutheran Church – 5/13/2016

Called to order at 8:35am.

Board Members Present: Bruce Johnson, John Sturner, Mickey Utech, Jim Carlson, Jeff Backowski, Russ Thompson, Jack Johnson, John Pilney, Dick Beatty, Kathy Beatty, Andy Streeter

Guests Present: Bob Greifzu, Mike Ruzek, Bruce Larson

- A. Review and Approve Minutes of April 2016 Meeting – Kathy moved, Mickey seconded to approve.
- B. Review and Approve Treasurer’s Report for April 2016 – Jim moved, Jack seconded to approve. Bruce recommended moving \$10,000 to a CD at MCCU.
- C. President’s Report
  - a. **Meetings in July, August and September** will be held on Saturday at 8:30am. Bruce will check with Amber Lehman, Events Coordinator at the Big Sandy Lodge, to see if their meeting room is available for future meetings and arrange for coffee. If this does not work, we will continue to meet at Grace Lutheran Church with the Shamrock Town Hall as a back-up.
  - b. **Ranger Tower** – the DNR has replaced the broken windows and repaired the steps that had been vandalized.
- D. Old Business
  - a. **Governor’s Fishing Opener (GFO)** – During the Community Picnic, BSLA will have a booth with lake maps to give away and registration materials if new members want to join.
  - b. **CR14 Clean-up** - Andy Streeter reported that about 30 people participated, many from Brian’s family, and cleared the 3-mile stretch in about an hour and a half.
  - c. **Lead Tackle Exchange** – Jim Carlson reported that he was unable to locate a supplier so this was deemed not feasible at this time.
  - d. **BSLA Newsletter** – the newsletters are in print and Janet Hill will have some to hand out at the GFO picnic.
  - e. **2016 Annual Meeting** – Jim reported on the cost of a hamburger/brat meal with potato salad, baked beans, chips and beverages. Instead of buying door prizes, Dick Beatty will look into purchasing a paddle boat as the grand prize and we will give away BSLA logo clothing and other items that Bruce will provide. Each family will be given one door prize ticket with their ballot as they register. Lake maps and yard clean-up bags will also be available as giveaways. Kathy Beatty will coordinate registration with help at the table from Cheryl Backowski.
- E. New Business
  - a. **5K Run for the Lake** – Mickey Utech is working with the Lodge and reported that the run is scheduled for May 28 with registration starting at 9:00am and the race beginning at 10am. The race will use chip technology for timing runners. Lodge personnel are coordinating the activities and will let Mickey know if they need volunteers to help at the event.

- b. **Election of Board Members** – Bruce will identify those who are up for re-election, Kathy will ensure Christopher Krolak is interested in joining, John Sturner will coordinate the election and Kathy will print the ballots.
- c. **Wild Rice Days** – Bruce received the application form and will submit it. BSLA will again provide a booth on Saturday in conjunction with the parade. Lake maps and other items will be available as giveaways.

#### F. Directors' Reports

- a. **2016 Membership** – Kathy reported that we have 539 members (21 Lifetime, 22 Business and 496 Individual). Mike Ruzek requested that new Lifetime members be sent a written acknowledgement for tax purposes. Kathy will prepare and mail the letters.
- b. **AIS Inspections** – Andy reported that inspections are starting this weekend at Zorbaz and the Corps dam launch sites. A decontamination unit will be available and several Conservation Officers will be on site. Fortunately, the likelihood of transporting AIS is low at this time. Bruce suggested that we check on the status of flowering rush as it was announced at the GFO meeting that this is present in our lake.
- c. **Electronic Fish Testing** – several reported seeing the DNR testing and fish counts are very high, indicating that the slot limitations process has been successful.
- d. **Mining** – John Pilney reported on various newspaper articles that have been both in support of and opposed to mining in the area.
- e. **BSALWMP** – Jim Carlson reported that he had attended the May meeting and that we need to make sure we have a representative at each of these meetings which are held the second Wednesday each month. When the next meeting email notice is sent out, we will forward it to all members to coordinate attendance.

#### G. Guest Speakers

- a. Bob Greifzu reported that we are all welcome to visit and see how well his rain garden is doing. The flowers are starting to bloom and they are very satisfied with the results.

John Sturner moved and Jeff seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:05.