

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting  
Big Sandy Lodge – 11/11/2017

Called to Order at 8:32 a.m.

Board Members Present: Bruce Johnson, Christopher Krolak, John Sturner, Kathy Beatty, Stu Mortrude, Ann Rorem, John Pilney, Jack Johnson, Ben Gisselman, Russ Thompson

Others Present: Ron Smith (Township Supervisor)

A. Review and Approve September Minutes-

John S. moved, Stu seconded

B. Review and Approve Treasurer's Report

- Included month-by-month expense itemization prepared by Kathy-discussion had line-by-line for budgeted amounts and actual expenditures
- Discussion regarding AIS expenses
- Discussion regarding postage cost-mailing issues with newsletter
- Friends of the Headwaters request letter brought up by Kathy-discussion ensued regarding ruled for 501(c)3-Ben to research between now and next meeting

John S. moved to approve Treasurer's report, Stu seconded

C. Membership Report

559 members total paid (includes 32 business memberships)

D. President's Report

- a. Letter from Kennecott  
Discussion regarding promises made and then subsequent transfer to another entity and what that means for prior commitments made
- b. Ben to bring laptop to next meeting

E. Old Business

- a. Placemats-Design template is in process, discussion regarding where they will be placed and whether they will be emblazoned with business logos or just by name  
Ben will bring example to next meeting
- b. Status of Army Corps of Engineers Article for Newsletter-Table to Next Meeting
- c. State Rules for Charitable Organizations-Bruce continuing to reach out to Larry Bunge-status tabled to next meeting

F. New Business

- a. Donation to Friends of the Headwaters-Tabled pending research on our tax-exempt status
- b. Discussion on status of pipeline and our stance as an organization-Board agreed that we should clarify our position as specifically being against the route so that membership and public is clear on where we stand

AIS Time = 20 min x 10 members = 200 min
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#### G. Director's Reports

- John Pilney

-Update from John regarding fact that looking at TMDL data historically as compared with the present shows improving numbers (reduction)

-Ron mentioned that 60% of inflow into BSL comes from the Sandy River. John pointed out that TMDL numbers have been, in the past, higher in testing of the Prairie River as well.

- Ann Rorem

-Mentioned that she is thinking about and doing some pre-planning for outreach/education activities this spring/summer depending upon when we decide we want to do these kinds of events

#### H. Guest Speakers

- Ron Smith

-Discussed fact that he has been recruited to the sign committee for establishing a "Welcome to McGregor" sign

-New township website is up and running

-Discussion regarding snow plowing questions raised on Facebook and fact that blowing or plowing snow into roadway can make private individuals liable-see article on their website for further information

-New plow truck coming on December

-Township considering establishing a pickle-ball court at township hall property-some funding has been donated as part of a Blandin grant via Lisa Kruse. Township is also looking at building new tennis courts in a different location on the site than they are now

-Bond being paid off soon on the present township buildings which were built ten years ago.

Township still has need for bigger and better buildings. From a monetary perspective, Ron explained that Shamrock Township is nearly as large as the City of Aitkin (tax base, population of full-time residents being approximately 1,000)

-Township presently undertaking expensive road-raising project on Sheshebe Point due to standing water

-Ron mentioned issues with oak wilt in the area causing some trees to fall

#### I. Other Items for Discussion

-Discussion regarding speakers for future meetings-Stu to look into some real estate-related contacts

Motion made by John S. to adjourn, Kathy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

#### J. Next meeting will be on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 8:30 am at the Lodge.