

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting  
Big Sandy Lodge – 8/11/2018

Called to Order at 8:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Bruce Johnson, Kathy Beatty, John Pilney, Margo Gisselman, Stu Mortrude, Ben Gisselman, Jeff Backowski, Dick Beatty, Jim Carlson, John Sturner, Jack Johnson, Janet Hill, Ann Rorem

Others Present: Bob Greifzu (Liaison), Curt Sparks, Tom Meyer

- A. Review and Approve May Meeting Minutes:** Dick moved, John S. seconded
  
- B. Review and Approve May and June Treasurer's Report:** Dick moved, John S. seconded  
**Membership Report was given by Kathy Beatty:** So far in 2018, we have 583 paid members, including 7 benefactors and 30 paid business memberships
  
- C. President's Report**
  - a. Newsletter  
Comments that our recent newsletter came together very well
  - b. Schedule for Wild Rice Days-Saturday September 1st  
Jeff and Bruce Set Up at 9:30 a.m.-11:30  
John Pilney and Jack Johnson from 11:00-1:30 p.m.  
Margo and Kathy from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Bruce to close down  
Discussion that we have enough items for distribution (maps, trinkets, keychains, coffee cups)
  
- D. Old Business**
  - a. Drain Fields and Septic Systems  
Curt Sparks-See Guest Speakers
  - b. Discussion on Pipeline Map  
Janet distributed map shoring possible two routes-showing the minor adjustment in the route away from Big Sandy  
The route approval in general is not a done deal, PUC has decisions to make as to the route as it pertains to Fond du Lac lands (which is where is now crosses more so due to the deviation from Big Sandy)  
Fond du Lac is being given the choice of either 21, 22, or both (see map). We would support 21 only if possible as that most avoids our watershed  
Regardless of this new route option, many groups are still protesting the project in general
  
- E. New Business**
  - a. Note About Fireworks Donation
  - b. Planning for Spring Informational Meeting  
Coupling the Spring Meeting with a septic system topic  
Ann and Margo to spearhead this event again for 2019
  - c. Big Sandy Logo Design Project  
Discussion regarding Phalen Reed Design proposal on branding

Further discussion regarding having Phalen modify the existing brand, particularly the one on the tote bag, and to ensure that whatever design this is that it works on letterhead, keychains, and clothing, etc.

**F. Director's Reports**

a. Jane Hill

Upcoming MNCOLA-conference in Alexandria on September 25<sup>th</sup> regarding the process of groups like ours working with government agencies  
AIS conference in Rochester October 15-18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

b. Dick Beatty

Dick and Kathy researched polo shorts, cost ranged from \$19-85, seems as though we can probably find something that will come in at around \$35, holding off on ordering anything until we have a logo

c. Stu Mortrude

Bag program has resulted in two new recent memberships  
Stu needs records of who any bags have been given to

d. John Pilney

Recent test results show that total phosphorous results are up, particularly in the main basin (results went from 41 to 58)  
These test results are inclusive of suspended matter in the water and therefore, the extra rainfall we have been experiencing this summer could have to do with these higher, poor results  
Areas with higher results will have propensity to be greener/algae-laden  
Discussion regarding interest in knowing test results particularly in the Sandy and Prairie River areas where they empty in Big Sandy

**G. Guest/Other Speakers**

a. Curt Sparks-discussed Citizens Septic Systems Training

Local program being supported involving the County  
Reason for new interest is existence of new chemicals being found in fish, water, wells  
Selecting a date for a local introductory program/meeting  
Meeting would include local residents and vendors  
Part of goal is to encourage people to have their own septic systems inspected  
Discussion regarding algal blooms/green water in recent years and whether or not that is correlated to poor local septic systems  
Goal would be to educate lake property owners regarding how it affects water quality, but also how proper maintenance can avert larger expenses down the road  
Having an announcement in the February newsletter will give good exposure given that letter goes to all residents as opposed to just our membership  
49636 202<sup>nd</sup> Place-10:00 a.m. Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup>

b. Dan Guida visited the group regarding his candidacy for County Sheriff

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:04 by Jim, with Ben seconding.

**H. Next meeting is on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Lodge.**