

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting
Big Sandy Lodge – 7/14/2018

Called to Order at 8:32 a.m.

Board Members Present: Bruce Johnson, Christopher Krolak, Kathy Beatty, John Pilney, Margo Gisselman, Stu Mortrude, Ben Gisselman, Jeff Backowski, Dick Beatty, Jim Carlson, John Sturner, Jack Johnson, Russ Thompson

Others Present: Bill Reed

A. Review and Approve May Meeting Minutes: Stu moved, Margo seconded

B. Review and Approve May and June Treasurer's Report: John S. moved, Dick seconded
Membership Report was given by Kathy Beatty: So far in 2018, we have 574 paid members, including 7 benefactors and 30 paid business memberships
Discussion regarding DeBolt Memorials
Margo made a motion to give the donations to the water institute and Operation Christmas, Bruce seconded

C. President's Report

a. June Annual Meeting

Discussion regarding attendance and program and feeling that it all went well

Hope is that in the future we can do what is possible to avoid the same day as the Rivers and Lakes Fair

Some discussion that the audio wasn't great for some

b. Pipeline Status

Certificate of need and route were approved with an exception in the route that paces the pipeline farther north and farther away from Big Sandy than expected which reduces the potential negative impact on our lake in the event of an oil spill

Group agrees that new route alternative is good, but not good enough. We still support any alternative that takes the route out of our watershed entirely

c. Fireworks

Christopher moved that we contribute \$1 per paid member to the fireworks every year on or about May 1st, seconded by John Sturner

D. Old Business

a. 5K Run for the Lake

Registration went very well, attendance was good (192 this year compared with 191 last year), the weather was good, contribution to lake amounted to \$1,500

Suggestions for next year were that we should try to streamline the registration process, and have more sign advertising

Jim moved that we purchase two more signs for advertising, John seconded

E. New Business

a. Drain Fields and Septic Systems

Discussion regarding rules and recommendations-John Pilney explained that there are no mandatory inspections unless you add-on to the property or sell it. Further discussion centered around how out-of-compliance septic systems are impacting water quality and property values Further research to be conducted by Jim C. who will report back to us

b. Newsletter Articles

Jack Johnson to write article regarding catch and release, follow-up to shoreline meeting by Janet, annual meeting recap by Margo, thank you to membership by Janet, Ben to write article about blue-green algae/tullibee die-off, article regarding swimmer's itch by Kathy, due date is July 27th

c. Materials to be organized for Wild Rice Days booth

Bruce has ordered large map, better materials to be put together for registration, maps handouts, key rings, pens, placemats, hats

F. Director's Reports

a. John Sturner

Annual electing of officers needs to happen at this meeting. Dick moved that all in present positions accept their present position, John Sturner seconded

John S. suggested topic of everyone having an identifiable BSLA T-Shirt, discussion ensued regarding particular branding, colors, golf/polo size, Phalen to look at logo design to include: outline of lake, Big Sandy Lake Association, Star Lake, maybe est. date

b. Dick Beatty

Attended meeting at Tamarack Sno-Flyers involving other lake associations, BSLA was the most well-represented, discussion regarding social media and better branding/messaging, developing a brochure, better contact with local media

c. Kathy Beatty

Discussion regarding recent contribution requests received, no commitments made by group to contribute

d. Stu Mortude

Regarding welcome bags, he has three that need present delivery: 197th-Bruce to deliver, 21929 512th Lane-Jeff to deliver, 19803 529th Lane-Kathy and Dick to deliver

e. John Pilney

Results from this year's total phosphorous sampling in June were worse than this time last year¹:

Bill Horn Bay: 37 Webster Bay: 45 Main Basin: 41

Secchi disk reading is consistently 2.5 feet

This is due in part to the suspended materials in the water column which can be a product of the amount of rainfall we've had. John took samples yesterday for July and will have these results next month

f. Christopher Krolak

Veliger screening occurred last week at 6 sites on the lake

Zebra mussel detectors are out around the lake

¹ State Standard is 30

5" long crayfish found in lake in May-could be an invasive species called swamp crayfish

G. Guest/Other Speakers

- a. Bill Reed-discussed Rivers and lakes Fair, ACLARA update, BSLWMP participation

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:48 by Stu, with Jeff Backowski seconding.

H. Next meeting is on Saturday August 11th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Lodge.