

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting  
Big Sandy Lodge – 7/8/2017

Called to Order at 8:35 a.m.

Board Members Present: Bruce Johnson, Kathy Beatty, Christopher Krolak, Jack Johnson, Janet Hill, John Sturner, John Pilney, Dick Beatty, Margo Gisselman, Stu Mortrude, Jim Carlson

Others Present: Bob Greifzu, Bill Pratt (County Commissioner)

- A. Review and Approve May Minutes-  
John moved, Janet seconded
- B. Review and Approve Treasurer's Report and membership Report  
John moved to approve Treasurer's report, Christopher seconded
- C. Membership Report  
535 members total paid (includes 32 business memberships)
- D. President's Report
  - a. Annual Meeting re-cap and discussion  
Food, service and facility worked well. It was suggested that the meeting itself might benefit from a little more substance, i.e. about 10 additional minutes of reporting about issues interesting to members. Possibilities might include reports about water clarity, fishing, etc. Estimated cost of this year's meeting was \$375 for the purchase of the major door prize and about \$2000 for food, drink and facility.
  - b. AIS Training discussion – was it worth it? Attendance was small, but it was agreed that because the training is part of the organization's mission, it was the right thing to do. The hours involved also apply toward the grant rebate offered.
  - c. Introduction of new board members, including Ann Rorem, Margo Gisselman, and Stu Mortrude.
  - d. Run for the Lake discussion. Everything went very well, except for some delay during registration. It was suggested that the website better promote the idea that runners who are not pre-registered need to arrive early to complete that process before start time. Also, a request was made for all results to be announced – some were omitted this year.
  - e. Renewed officers were proposed as follows:  
President – Bruce Johnson  
Vice President – John Sturner  
Treasurer – Kathy Beatty  
Secretary – Ben Gisselman  
The slate was nominated by Jim Carlson and seconded by Christopher Krolak.
- E. Director's Reports

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- a. Janet Hill
  - The pipeline issue continue; Janet is monitoring status and will keep us updated. It was discussed that a contribution should be Friends of the Headwaters-this discussion will continue at August/September meetings.
  - Requested help with newsletter, both with suggestions for articles, as well as proofing before newsletter goes to proof. Margo volunteered to help with that.
- b. John Pilney
  - Discussed water sampling for this year-John is sampling and so are Kathy and Dick Beatty.
  - Suggested that the group allocate \$500 for water testing throughout the year, to include calcium testing to measure the effects of road salt on the lake.
- c. Christopher Krolak
 

Reported that five zebra mussel detectors have now been installed on Big Sandy, including two at the Libby Dam, one on Waban Bay DNR dock, one at highway 65 DNR dock, one in Bill Horn, and one on Brown's Point. It was suggested that Bruce ask Russ Thompson to install a detector on his dock in the Prairie River.

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F. Guest Speakers

- a. Katie Nelson presented new plans for a remodeling and expansion of all facilities at Riverwood Healthcare Center in Aitkin, which will include a new dialysis center – the first in Aitkin County. Since Aitkin is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest county in Minnesota, and access to excellent rural healthcare is an important issue to its residents, this will be a major improvement in our area. Groundbreaking is scheduled for Monday, July 17. Information on the new facility, including its current hours or operation will be included in the next newsletter.
- b. Bill Pratt, Aitkin County Commissioner, indicated that recent applications for broadband grant funding from the county and the state in the bridge road area looks promising. Further information will be available soon, and he will keep the group posted. There are also new ATV ordinances coming out in the next few months, and Bill will report to the group as soon as that info has been finalized.

Motion made by John to adjourn, Dick seconded. Adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Next Meeting will be on Saturday August 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Lodge. Kathy and Dick Beatty will host an event for new (and old) board members and their families at their home that afternoon.