

**BIG SANDY LAKE
ASSOCIATION**
2009 Board Meeting Minutes

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BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING – January 9th, 2009

Meeting called to order by Vice President Mark Johnson at 8:37.

Members Present: John Sturner, John Pilney, John Merboth, Jack Johnson, Bob Griefzu, Karen Trembley, Dan Branson & Neal Sampson

Guest Present: Brian Napstad, Ron Smith

The minutes for Nov. 14th 2008 were approved as read.

Dan Branson gave an overview of expenses for Nov/Dec 2008.

Treasurer's report was approved as read. BSL check book needs to be audited; Dan will be in touch with Ann Carlson if she could do the audit.

Vice President Mark Johnson gave an update on the Clean Water Partnership Grant. There is \$8,194 of funds remaining to be used by June 30, 2009. He will move some of the funds to other lines to cover the higher cost of the newsletter. There are funds for the Rivers and Lakes Conference on May 7 – 9 in Rochester, MN; BSLA can probably send three board members. BSLA needs to get bills for the invasive species class turned into Janet Smude. BSLA needs to work with Janet Smude of SWCD office to manage the grant funds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Krezowski talked with Steve Clark's boss and the ROPE has been put on hold. Thanks to all who wrote letters, attended meetings and made phone calls.

The new WEB site is in process and will be up and running soon. The old site is still running.

There is a BSL board position open; this position would replace Jim Carlson. Mark Johnson will contact potential board member.

Dan Branson was unable to attend the Tribal Council meeting/conference due to space available.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BSALWAMP: John Merboth attended this meeting. Janet Smude indicated they will be doing water monitoring on Horseshoe Lake and will continue on other sites. There was discussion regarding the landing site by Fisherman's Bay. Janet said we will have to pay half for a boat landing intern, the board needs to make a decision if we want to do that. Neal will call Heidi and ask what the cost would be for the intern. There will be a working session on soil and water....there will not be a January meeting....the February meeting place is yet to be determined.

TMDL: John Pilney will get in touch with Janet and ask for the rest of data from BAR Engineering. For next year there are no plans for TMDL sampling. BAR engineering may request a couple of sampling sites for 2009? It was questioned why BAR didn't do sampling on the river with the phosphorus levels so high. Mark has been in contact with a biologist that did

some samplings on Big Sandy, the core is being analyzed and the report will be sent to BAR engineering. Tim James from the DNR does not have a report ready but should have this data by February.

WATER PLANNING TASK FORCE: Nothing to report.

Brian Napstad reported that Shamrock Township has put in for 2 more additions for lake accesses. Shamrock has taken a lead in helping with projects. Brian reported there is no official word from the CORPS regarding the ROPE, at this time this project has been put on hold. Brian reported there will be another tower going up.

NEWSLETTER: Have newsletter articles ready for Jim Carlson by March 1st. Articles for newsletter will be Water Institute Article, Specific article on membership, why we would like Big Sandy be a Star Lake, intern program, sentiments boring, Web page, calendar of events, board activities etc. John Merboth moved that Karen Trembley send notice to all board members that by-laws be changed to read article 2 section 3 be amended to read and not more than 120 days prior to said meeting. John Sturner seconded. Motion carried by board members.

Annual Meeting: Dan Branson will talk to Sand Bar for hosting our annual meeting which will be June 27, 2009. Motion was made and seconded to have a Feb 13th, 2009 BSLA meeting.

INVASIVE SPECIES: NEAL Sampson asked if we wanted to have another invasive species class. Motion made and seconded to have Neal organize another plant identification class. Motion made and seconded to purchase 20 identification plant books.

WEB site: Motion made and seconded to select BSLassociation as our WEB domain page.

Community Projects has been put on hold until Feb. meeting.

Trails and Waterways - Bob Griefzu will continue to work on this project.

Water Surface Use – Dan will talk to Vern about stickers on personal watercraft. John will check with DNR regarding label on personal watercraft.

Fisheries – Jack Johnson will contact Rick Bruechewitz regarding fishing stamp. Dan Branson will send Rick Bruechewitz the survey outcome that was done by BSLA.

John Sturner gave an update regarding the Star Lake Program.
ACLARA – does not meet until April.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Bob Griefzu will bring treats for Feb meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

BSLA meeting February 13, 2009

Meeting called to order by Vice President Mark Johnson at 8:42 AM

Minutes taken by Jack Johnson. There were not enough board members to make a quorum.

Minutes and Treasurers report from January will have to be approved at March meeting.

Members Present: John Sturner, Mark Johnson, Dan Branson, John Pilney and Jack Johnson.

Guests Present: Jim Carlson, Ron Smith, Scott Turner, Mark Anderson (possible board member).

President's Report: Jim Krezowski is keeping abreast of the ROPE study. The BSL board meeting will be held on the 17th of April due to Good Friday on April 10th. Dan Branson will be checking on a site for our annual meeting. Jim Carlson suggested Camp New Hope.

Guest's comments: Sheriff Turner said there will be new slow no wake signs for the upcoming summer; there will be new sensitive area buoys as well.

Ron Smith asked for ideas of possible improvements on public accesses.

Shamrock Township is running short of salt. There will be a final walk through for the new maintenance building. Shamrock Township annual meeting is March 10th. Shamrock cleanup Day is yet to be decided.

All articles for the April newsletter need to be to Jim Carlson by March 1st.

Volunteers are needed to attend the Rivers and Lakes conference in Rochester, MN May 7 – 9.

We will be keeping the interns at boat ramps for summer 2009

John Sturner reported the Star Lake progress.

BSLAWAMP needs attendees for meetings.

ROPE study has nothing to report.

TMDL no final reports.

Water surface use....there is a new sticker for folks that have Jet Ski's

Fisheries: nothing to report.

The new Web site is up and running.

Vegetation – Shoreland Restoration will be matching funds available.

Government Relations – Still working on property cleanup.

ACLARA nothing to report.

Education has nothing to report.

Treats for March.....Mark Johnson

Meeting adjourned.

Karen M. Trembley for Jack Johnson

BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING– MARCH 13, 2009

Meeting called or order by Vice President Mark Johnson at 8:40.

Board Members Present: Bob Griefzu, John Sturner, John Merboth, Karen Trembley and Neal Sampson.

Guests Present: Mark Anderson, Vern Awes, Dan Guida, Brian Napstad.

A change was made to the Feb. 2009 minutes, the sentence will read “Interns for boat ramps, summer 2009 will be discussed at the March lake association meeting.” Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from Jan. 2009 and Feb. 2009.

John Merboth reported 299 folks have joined the association with 38 new members.

Vice President Report: Mark Johnson spoke with Jim Krezowski regarding ROPE; there will be no changes to the lake level at this point. We need to stay on top of this.

The annual meeting will be held at the Big Sand Bar on June 27th, 2009. Checks for the Lake Association will be held until Dan Branson returns.

It was so moved the annual budget be on the agenda for April. Expenditures for 2008 will be addressed at the April meeting for our 2009 budget purpose.

Motion was made and seconded to accept Mark Anderson as a board member, motion passed with Mark Anderson being our new board member. There was discussion to appoint board members from the volunteer list if possible. We will have two more board positions open. Bob Griefzu will check with a volunteer from the membership form.

Bob Griefzu will also check on BSLA hosting a community meal in July if that month is available.

Mark asked who would be able to attend the Rivers & Lakes Conference in Rochester. John Sturner and Jim Krezowski will be going. Check the Minnesota Waters Web site for the itinerary and signing up for this conference.

A motion was made and seconded to hire a DNR intern for the boat landings. The pay would be \$12.00, weekends between opening fishing and Labor Day. It was asked if the Lake Association could generate a bill for the intern. Neal S. will talk to Heidi regarding the DNR intern.

We need articles for the July newsletter; we will need to send out in June due to the annual meeting.

Remember to keep your time sheets current, January, February and March will be turned in at April meeting.

Guests comments: Vern Awes agreed using the volunteer list to potentially find a board member. We still need to have people volunteer.

Dan Guida reported there could be cut backs due to the budget cuts. Dan does have help putting out buoys. Dan will have Sheriff Turner write an article for our July newsletter. We would need this article around the 1st of May; John Sturner will be in touch with Scott Turner.

Rick Brueschwitz....spoke on Big Sandy Lake Walleye issues. Some of the things Rick spoke of were: Is mortality too high, stocking was re-evaluated, growth is slow, spawning stock biomass is low, appropriate regulation may be difficult to implement. What is planned: to evaluate age distribution of spawning stock, conduct special gill net assessment, determine if issues are primarily conservation (spawning stock) or quality (angler catch to small). Review....have proposal ready by November 2009. In the April newsletter Rick will have an article on points discussed at the board meeting.

Ron Smith: There were 100 votes and Nancy K. won for another term. Levies should be the same as last year. Clean up day will be May 2nd from 9 to 2.

Brian Napstad: reported a new bridge on the Prairie River will began this summer. Hwy 65 construction will possibly begin this summer. The budget is big news for Aitkin County; much of our money is channeled through state funding. The Shoreland Rules are still moving along and by summer we should have a good feel for the new rules.

Other committee Reports had nothing to report at this time.

Meeting adjourned.

Don't forget the April meeting will be April 17th....News letter at Karen's house on the 16th of April at 1:00. Neal S. will pick up newsletter from McGregor printing.

Treats for April....John Sturner

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

Big Sandy Lake Association meeting – April 17, 2009

Vice President Mark Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:30.

Board Members Present: John Merboth, John Pilney, Neal Sampson, Dan Branson, John Sturner, Mark Anderson, Karen Trembley and Bob Griefzu.

Guests Present: Bruce Larson, Vern Awes, Ron Smith and Sheriff Scott Turner & Karen Tero.

Bob Griefzu will be sending a sympathy card to Maxine Babington's family.

Minutes were approved after making changes to the March 13, 2009 minutes; BSLA will pay \$12.00 and hour to the DNR for the intern. There were two volunteers that offered to be on the board. Bob Griefzu will check on one of them. John Merboth will check on the other volunteer for the board. Treasurers Report: Dan Branson briefed the board on expenditures and deposits for February and March. Treasurer's report approved as read.

Membership: John Merboth reported there are now 341 members for 2009 with 46 new members.

A request from President Jim Krezowski that the Big Sandy board review a letter written by Brian McGinnis and his concern that James Kruta has applied for a conditional use permit for a auto body collision/repair shop and auto sales on the Prairie River. Mark Anderson will comply to the McGinnis letter...The matter was tabled until we can discuss this with Brian Napstad.

The board's time sheets are due for January, February and March.

OLD BUSINESS: Our annual meeting will be held on June 27th, beginning at 8:30 – 11:30 at the Sand Bar...This meeting will be followed with lunch and drawings. The Agenda for the annual meeting: Committee reports need to be short, let members know what has been going on this past year. Tim James a biologist from the St. Croix Watershed Research Station has been asked to speak. They have taken core samples from Big Sandy of which he will review. Commissioner Napstad will be asked to speak. Someone from fisheries will be asked to speak; Dan Branson will get in touch with fisheries. Community Meal will be hosted by the Big Sandy Board on July 15th. Bob Griefzu and John Merboth will be in charge. They will ask for additional volunteers at the annual meeting. Jim Krezowski, John Sturner and Mark Johnson will attend the Rivers & Lakes Conference in Rochester. Neal Sampson will be contacting Heidi Wolff for 360 hours for the DNR intern on Big Sandy Lake boat ramps.

Articles for the July newsletter which will be mailed in June due to the annual meeting which is held June 27th. These articles need to be to Jim Carlson by May 4th, we will put the newsletter together at Karen's house on June 4th at 1:00. Some of the articles for the newsletter will be: Neal Sampson will have an article, Mark Anderson will have news worthy items, and John M. will take over calendar of events, there will also be bio's from volunteers that will be running for board member. Dan Branson will contact Mike Tait regarding articles for the Web page if he would offer to do this. He will also tell Mike that our meeting date for May has changed to May 15th.

ACLARA: Motion was made and seconded to send \$25.00 to renew our membership.

Ron Smith: Clean up day for Shamrock Township will be May 2nd. The 24th of April is tax equalization day for Shamrock Township beginning at 9:00. Sheriff Scott Turner discussed a plan for buoy's to point out sensitive areas on Big Sandy Lake if we would be interested. Sheriff Turner will have an article regarding buoys in the upcoming newsletter.

BSALWMP: TMDL monitoring from BAR engineering should be coming in soon. We are an impaired lake and BAR needs to recommend corrections such as bringing phosphorus level down. Horseshoe Lake will be studied more. BARR will be comparing sampling with Kennebec. They don't have good flow data on the Sandy River.

Mark Johnson signed us up for 100 free red pines....Bob G. will pick them up.

INVASIVE SPECIES...Neal will be hosting a program on July 24/25th on Big Sandy Lake to identify invasive plants. The books have been ordered. We will be pre-billed for this program. Signs will be done that will go on major boat landings. Neal will contact Dan Guida for interns to attend this class. This will be in the newsletter.

Water Institute will have their summer newsletter out soon.

Water Surface Use will have their first meeting when Vern White returns.

Gov't Relations: John Sturner reported the Star Lake Program is getting organized. There will be a possibility of money coming for the program. They want to look at getting membership up and are pushing for participation.

ACLARA: If you have education issues talk with Jim Krezowski.

Treats for May 15th....Mark Anderson

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING – MAY 15, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:35.

Member Present: Bob Griefzu, Jack Johnson, Mark Johnson, John Merboth, Mark Anderson, Neal Sampson, Bill Reed, Mike Tait, Dan Branson and Karen Trembley.

Guests Present: Tom Besch, Jim Carlson, Vernon Awes, Karen Tero, Jim Mickelson and Ron Smith.

Minutes were approved as read.

Dan Branson recapped all categories, expenses and income from FY 2008. 9 budget the same as 2008. Dan will be sending out the FY 2009 budget with the May Minutes. The budget will be posted at our annual meeting in June. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report and the new FY 2009 budget.

Membership: John Merboth reported 430 members have joined, with 83 new members.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Jim Krezowski spoke with Steve Clark, regarding ROPE, there will no draw down of water this year on Big Sandy Lake. Annual meeting: Jim Krezowski, asked for the meeting to promptly begin at 9:00, with lunch and prizes to follow. ice and Fisheries.

Mark Johnson reported on the Rivers & Lakes Fair, John Sturner also attended. Invasive species was a hot topic this year. Also, attended was goal setting for a Lake Management plan. If you have any questions call Mark Johnson.

Neal Sampson will be signing the contract with Heidi Wolff for our boat landing intern. The intern will be covering 4 high end ramps.

Discussion was to insert an article from the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer by Matt Jesky regarding Kennecott. There was discussion regarding the article. It was decided to put the article in the newsletter with the heading “this article is provided to you for your information only.” Jim Carlson reviewed the articles that will be in the June/July newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Johnson & John Sturner will continue to work with the Star Lake Program. The board discussed our next newsletter; Jim Carlson will assist Mike Tait and Karen Tero.

GUESTS:

Ron Smith reported the spring clean up went well and Shamrock roads are looking good. Tom Besch who lives on the Prairie River has great concern that someone is going to get killed. Tom is asking the board to support him and 8 other folks who Krezowski will contact Scott Turner regarding this issue and get back to Tom. Jim Carlson and Jim Mickelson will check on mailing for the Big Sandy Lake Foundation.

TMDL: Barr Engineering does not have all their data from their studies regarding TMDL but should have it soon.

Bill Reed & John Mertboth will be attending the BSLAWAMP meeting on June 10th.

Neal Sampson reported the invasive species signs are finished and will be up soon. Motion was made and seconded to give an additional \$300.00 to put up a kiosk, Neal and Dan will work on this project.

Bill Reed asked if there were any conditional use permit use permit was approved.

Jim Krezowski asked if someone could attend the ACLARA meeting, Bill Reed offered to attend.

There was no correspondence.

Treats for June 12th

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

BSLA MINUTES JUNE 12, 2009 – GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

BSLA meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski on June 12, 2009.

Board Members: Jim Knoble, Karen Trembley, Neal Sampson, Bob Griefzu, John Sturner, John Merboth, Dan Branson, Mark Anderson, John Pilney, Bill Reed, Jack Johnson and Mark Johnson.

Guests: Dan Guida, Bruce Johnson, Karen Tero, Jim Carlson, Vern Awes & Ron Smith.

Minutes/Treasurers report for May 15th, 2009 approved as read.

Membership: John Merboth reported that there are 444 members.

Jim Krezowski passed around the update for duties assigned...name address etc. The annual meeting was finalized. Ballots are needed for the annual meeting...ark Anderson ark Johnson Neal Sampson, John Pilney incumbents. Karen Tero & Bruce Johnson will be running for a board position write in's are possible. The Lake Association is on the schedule for the community meal in McGregor on July 15th. The Rivers and Lakes Fair is set up and ready to go.

Old Business:...Russ Thompson patty project is complete if anyone would like to take a look at it.

New Business: There was discussion regarding our newsletter; how many times should the newsletter be sent out in a year. John Sturner stressed the newsletter is good for communication. Articles need to be into Jim Carlson by September 21st...the newsletter will be put together on October th after the October meeting. Our July board meeting will be held at Fisherman's Bay. Kennecott will be a guest speaker. The question to Kennecott is regarding water quality and what there goal/guarantee is for the next 20, 50 or 100 years.

Water Quality: BSALWMP meets 11 months out of the year; we need someone who can attend these meetings. At this time all current grants have been spent. We have a request for any remaining dollars. Brian Napstad will propose to Bowser board to get additional money from AIG at the annual meeting on July 18th. TD...2008 data is Big Sandy is picking up phosphorous in large amounts. John Pilney reported that we need solid data regarding the phosphorous issue. nvasive Species...Neal Sampson signs are now up at boat ramps. \$300.00 is needed to cover additional expenses for this project. Motion was made and seconded to cover this expense. The purple loosestrife will be addressed at the Rivers & Lakes Fair. There is additional information in the Newsletter. John Sturner reported the Star Lake program is moving slowly. John Sturner needs our Lake Management Plan updated. Mark Johnson, Jim Krezowski and John Sturner will be working on this project.

Guest Speakers: Dan Guida gave an update on Big Sandy. The slow no wake signs will be done soon. Report if buoys are missing or have been moved. Dan Guida will check with the Sheriff on the slow no wake signs for the Prairie River and report back to Tom Besch. Ron Smith, Shamrock Township said there are a few drainage problems around the township.

Brian Napstad reported the conditional use permit has gone through for the asphalt on Hwy 65. Work on 65 and the Prairie River bridge will began soon. Brian expanded on possible projects on

Big Sandy Lake; BSLA should have a running list for projects that would be eligible for grant money if monies come available quickly.

The Shoreland Ordinance is now in place and we have a copy....

Bob Griefzu and Jim Knoble received a gift certificate from the association for their long commitment on the board and will now be serving as liaisons.

Bob Griefzu reported the possibility of getting some stimulus money to complete a handicap fishing pier. Bob will pursue this.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Treats for July....Jim Krezowski

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

JULY 10 BSLA MEETING AT FISHERMAN'S BAY AT 8:30.

BSLA Minutes July 10, 2009 – Fisherman's Bay

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski.

Board members: Bruce Johnson, John Sturner, Mike Tait, Neal Sampson, Karen Tero, Vern Awes, Dean Anderson, John Merboth, Bill Reed, Dan Branson, Karen Trembley.

Guests: Dan Guida, Bob Griefzu, Ron Smith, Jim Carlson, Jim Knoble, Vern White, Mark Johnson & others.

Minutes approved with changes. Treasurer's report approved.

Membership is at 472 as of July 8th.

Jim Krezowski thanked Brian Napstad and Sharon for hosting our Lake Association meeting. Jim asked the new board members to give a brief bio on themselves, interests & issues they would be interested in. Some of the things the new board members addressed are: There are no articles of personal property in our mission statement, communication; water quality/impaired waters should be a primary focus. Jim Krezowski passed around a sign up sheet for structural duties; he asked if everyone could sign up for at least 2.

Liaison Jim Carlson talked about the water institute. He is getting the booths ready for Ild Rice and wanted someone to man the booths...get clothing delivered back to Jim Carlson. Bob Harder has offered to be at the booth.

It was suggested the newsletter which is now every quarter have 2 quarters put on the WEB and the other 2 on hard copy.

Vern Awes will be the chairperson for the 2010 elections.

John Sturner, who is working on the Star Lake Program, introduced Dann Siems from ecological education with the Star Lake Program. Dann discussed our lakes and rivers; as the process moves forward this very well could be a structured piece of legislature. Look at Lake associations that are doing a good job and hopefully they can be rewarded. The process will be to solicit lake associations. There are criteria's: you must have at least 50 % of lake owners as members and a management plan in place before putting in our application. Motion was made by John Sturner to hire Dann Siems for 30 dollars an hour up to \$2000.00. Motion was seconded by John Merboth. Motion passed.

Guest Dan Guida handed out a paper copy of signs that will be at public accesses. Dan also reported the 4th of July went well.

Liaison Mark Johnson asked to have our time sheets for April, May, June...the net period will be July, August & Sept. These are turned into Janet Smude and hopefully Grant money will come back to us.

Guest: Kennecott mining gave an overview of their project.

Guest: Brian Napstad gave an overview of issues of property tax on Big Sandy Lake.

Invasive Species; Neal Sampson said the class for invasive species will be held on the 24th and 25th of July.

John Merboth updated the lake association of our July 15th community meal at 4:00.

John Merboth brought up the folks that are not members of the association. We did some brain storming and Dean Anderson will be helping John Merboth on our project of getting folks to join the lake association.

Motion made and seconded to drop planning and zoning on our duties as assigned for the board.

Motion made and seconded that Neal Sampson will take the shorter term which will expire in 2010. Motion made and seconded to accept Karen Tero's term which expires in 2011. Motion made and seconded to accept John Pilney, Vern Awes, Bruce Johnson, Mark Anderson and Dean Anderson term which will expire in 2012.

If there are any items of interest that needs to go on our WEB site, contact Neal Sampson.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Dan Branson will bring treats for August meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

BSLA Board Minutes – August 14, 2009

Meeting called to order at 8:37 by President Jim Krezowski

Board members present: John Pilney, Neal Sampson, Vern Awes, Bill Reed, Jack Johnson, Bruce Johnson, Mark Anderson, Dan Branson and Dean Anderson.

Liaison Members Present: Jim Carlson and Jim Knoble

Guests: Scott Turner, Brian Napstad, Dave Tjosvold Wayne Alden, Bruce Larson.

Minutes approved with the addition of board member Mark Anderson in attendance.

Treasures Report Approved.

Membership – Discussed changing annual dues dates to April 1st or May 1st or June 1st. Some felt Jan 1st was good but members of BSLA often forget to sign up – so wait until spring – to be considered. A motion was made by Dean Anderson to start dues on August 1 for next year and passed.

Jim Krezowski report – ROPE Study still on hold - Community Meal OK – Some questions by Vern Awes on purpose of meal to BSLA

Star Lake – A meeting is to be held on August 15, 2009 with Star Lake representatives.

Newsletter – Articles are due before September 21st to Jim Carlson. Please get them to Jim by mid-September.

Mission Statement – Was challenged re-right to protect personal property. A motion was made and passed to study this issue. Bill Reed will look into it.

Buckthorn – has appeared and Bill Reed will refer this to Steve Hughes.

Vern Awes reported geese are a major problem. Krezowski will call Brent Speldrich.

Bill Reed reported ACLARA was collecting information on signs on lakes and landings. Rich Beschowitz is studying data on BSL fish.

John Pilney - Kennicott responded on meeting of July 10 on August 7, 2009. John Pilney has a hold on as to the difference of opinion on how the study was conducted. TMDL report not out yet, costs need to be studied.

Neal Sampson – Invasive species study on BSL was very educational, also new study in Duluth harbor.

Jim Carlson – Community Project – Wild Rice Days – Eleven volunteers signed up to help with set up, take down and man booth. Water Institute program – Four plus weeks and 400 kids. So far 3600 kids have taken part in program. Half are from McGregor and half from outside McGregor. Vern Awes suggested outside kids pay tuition to attend.

Guest – Scott Turner – There are 65 buoys on BSL to be tended and watched. He showed the new “no wake signs”. Those that drive 55 MPH plus 10/ 10 MPH over to pass a car driving with allowable speed over 55- please ask!

Guest – Brian Napstad – Reported on Lake Avenue bridge progress. Behind schedule but should be ready for winter. Hwy 65 will finish by December 1, 2009. May need some spring redoing. Plasma Gasification progress at Rossberg. It may be a 30 million dollar plant. An important meeting will be held on September 26 @ 10AM in Aitkin. Mississippi Headwaters Board got \$100,000 funding restored. Hopefully this will filter down.

Suggestions – Where are June Annual Meeting minutes?

Approve minutes at meetings end by computer?

List website on all agenda and board minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Krezowski,

Acting secretary in the absence of Karen

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BSLA MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:30.

Board members present: Vern Awes, Bruce Johnson, John Sturner, John Pilney, Bill Reed, Karen Trembley, John Merboth, Dan Branson, Mark Anderson, Dean Anderson, Neal Sampson, Jack Johnson, Jim Knoble (Liaison).

Guests: Sheriff Turner, Ron Smith.

Minutes of August 14th approved with corrections.

Dan Branson reviewed the expenditure for the past month. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes.

Membership Report: There are now 494 BSLA members with 1,048 home owners on Big Sandy Lake.

Jo & Mark presented a book on plants from Big Sandy Lake. Note: that we saw the book and appreciate the work done. Jim Krezowski reported that wild rice days went well. Several members from the board came to help with various jobs at the booth. Jim Krezowski asked Vern Awes to be our parliamentarian. Jim Krezowski asked to have our time sheets turned in for the past 3 months, July, August & September at our October meeting.

Old Business: John Sturner reported that everyone has helped with participation with the Star Lake Program. The program will be in a holding pattern until Dan Siems is feeling better.

Newsletter: Articles need to be to Jim Carlson by the 21st of Sept. Vern Awes will be writing an article for the newsletter. The newsletter will be put together after the October 9th meeting.

By-Laws: Bill Reed will be working on some changes to the by-laws. Motion was made to look at various issues; such as mission statement, by-laws, purpose and vision. There will be a committee to discuss from time to time these issues. Motion was seconded

New Business: the question was asked if they know anything about the train sinking in Big Sandy. Jim Krezowski will pursue. Mark Anderson asked if there are any other occasions that we can set up a booth to have an opportunity to draw folks in to be members. Jim Krezowski will pursue various options.

ACLARA: nothing to report at this time.

TMDL: There will be a meeting on September 25th at the Fireside with folks from BAR attending. John Pilney will send out information on their report. Steve Hughes is setting up the meeting. It was asked if 2 to 4 folks could attend.

Invasive Species: There is a lot out there as to what is happening with the state as far as the invasive species. John Sturner will contact Marion Bender and get back to Jim Krezowski.

Community Projects: The cost for our community meal was \$262.00. Thanks John Merboth for putting this together and thanks to all who helped with the meal.

BSALWMP: Jim Knoble reported it is very important to attend these meetings. Bill Reed will get information regarding the meetings and put a reminder on the e-mail.

Water Quality: It was reported from our secchi disk readings that lake clarity is getting worse, in other words the transparency is decreasing on Big Sandy Lake. A special thanks who helped with these readings.

Fisheries: Jack Johnson has tried to get a hold of Rick Brueseiwittz. Jack will continue to try and get in touch with him.

Ron Smith reported that clean up day will be the 19th of Sept. and starts at 9:00. Ron also reported that Shamrock workers will be going back to a 5 day week probably starting sometime in October. The state of Minnesota has extra money for recreational uses and Shamrock Township will have access to some of this money. It was discussed possible uses for the money would be to fix up a swimming beach by the CYC camp, bike trails, walking paths etc. If you have any ideas call Ron Smith.

Scott Turner talked about stewardship on the lake. Be thoughtful while using the lake for recreational purposes.

WEB site: is going well...

Meeting adjourned.

Jim Krezowski will bring treats for our October 9th meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

BSLA Meeting 10-09-09 at Log Church

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:35. Board Members: Neal Sampson, Bruce Johnson, Mike Tait, Dan Branson, Vern Awes, Dean Anderson, Karen Tero, John Merboth, Mark Anderson, Karen Trembley and Jack Johnson. Board Members Absent: John Pilney, John Sturner. Liaison's: Jim Knoble, Bob Griefzu. Guests: Dan Guida, Brian Napstad, Scott Turner, Rick Bruesewitz & Ron Smith.

Minutes of Sept. 11, 2009 approved with corrections.

Dan Branson reviewed expenditures for Sept. and the FY 2010 budget. Treasurer's report approved. Motion made and seconded to have budget committee for the upcoming year. The committee will be Dean Anderson, Vern Awes, Jim Krezowski and Dan Branson.

Membership report: We now have 495 members. Motion made and seconded to leave 2010 membership sign up January 2010. Membership will be discussed by the budget committee and report back to the board in November 2009. Keep your time log sheets current. The time sheets will now be October, November & December 2009.

Jim Krezowski contacted Steve Clark regarding ROPE; at this point the ROPE is over. By-Laws: Bill Reed could not be present but will continue working with the By-Laws. Vern Awes has an article in the newsletter regarding river speeds and fishing. It was suggested to have an ongoing article in the newsletter regarding stewardship while fishing and boating on the river. Jim Krezowski reported there was various train issues on Big Sandy during the early days of logging etc.

TMDL: Nothing to report.

Invasive Species: This will be ongoing for Big Sandy folks to monitor; the potential is always there to get more invasive species. Heidi Wolff is always working on grant money that can be used for an intern at boat accesses. There is a window of opportunity to put in for grant money. The University of Minnesota is researching the zebra mussel.

Community Reports: Nothing to report.

BSLAWAMP: Jim Krezowski apologized for our attendance at these meetings. Jim Knoble offered to attend summer meetings.

Water Surface Use: There will be an article in the newsletter regarding the practice of using good judgment and common sense while boating, fishing and respect the use of home owner's property. It was decided to continue these articles in the newsletter regarding courtesy on Big Sandy Lake.

Correspondence: Jack Johnson is having trouble getting bags for road side pick-up on Monday. Web site: There was discussion on various things that can be put on our Web site. A committee; Mike Tait, Dan Branson, Bruce Johnson, Dean Anderson and Karen Tero will do some brainstorming on ways to put the newsletter on the WEB. Suggestion was to write an article in

the Jan. newsletter that we are looking at putting the newsletter on the Web and when to do a hard copy.

ACLARA: Closed for the season.

Guest Rick Bruesewitz spoke on fishing concerns and possible solutions to slot limit, size of fish that can be kept etc. on Big Sandy Lake. Fisheries are interested in draw down on the lake but this is typically not a problem, there is no reason to stock at this time. The key is to protect our female walleye population for spawning. Rick will be putting an article in our January 2010 newsletter regarding fisheries. Rick was asked to speak at our annual meeting on June 26th 2010. Jim Knoble and Jack Johnson offered to help Rick with grant monies for fisheries. Dan Guida reported there are new weights for the buoys in hopes that will deter moment of buoys. Sheriff Scott Turner reported things are pretty quiet right now. Ron Smith reported that clean up day went well. There will be some grant money to put in handicap parking by Shamrock Town Hall. You can reach Ron Smith at 426-3575 or Shamrock town hall at 426-3736 if there are snow issues, trees down etc. Brian Napstad reported invasive species is coming closer and closer and has become a state wide issue. The Association of Minnesota Counties will be having policy meetings. Brian asked the board to come up with ideas that he can submit to AMC regarding invasive species. Brian reported that ROPE has a report out now that is on the internet. As of now the operating procedure regarding ROPE has not changed. Brian reported that John Welle said the Prairie River Bridge is behind schedule and options for winter driving on the bridge.

Meeting Adjourned.

Dean Anderson will bring treats for the November 13 meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

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BSLA board meeting 11-13-09 at the Log Church

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:45. Board Members Present: Dan Branson, John Merboth Bruce Johnson, Vern Awes, Mike Tait, John Pilney, Dean Anderson, Karen Trembley, Bill Reed, Neal Sampson, Jack Johnson, Mark Anderson. Liaison Jim Carlson. Board Members Absent: John Sturner & Karen Tero.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from 10-09-09.

The monthly Treasurers report was approved and seconded. Dan Branson/budget committee came up with some possible ways of cutting our budget for FY 2010. Possible ways of cutting cost would be our insurance, which Dan is looking into. The Rivers & Lakes Fair, Plant ID class, the possibility of including other lakes for classes. Our mailing options, safety deposit box, intern program, possibly using grant money or fund raisers, annual meeting, dues/subscriptions, mailing list, Web site, office supplies gift certificate's books clothing meeting space mowing outlook neighborhood watch signs, community dinner, Aitkin Cty education day, take a kid fishing, water institute, snow flyers sign, seminars. The budget was tabled until January 2010 meeting.

Membership: Dean Anderson sent e-mail to get more lake owners to sign up.

Currently we have 4 newsletters; first newsletter will go out to all lake owners. Jim Carlson stressed that the June 1st newsletter is critical due to the upcoming annual meeting. A newsletter would go out every 3 months. Motion was made and seconded to eliminate fire works from our sign up form. Motion made and seconded to invoice membership for 2011. Dean Anderson will be doing the membership. Janet Smude indicated there is some grant money available, there are some stipulations. We have \$2500.00 a year from grant money per Janet Smude. Minnesota Waters is doing a match fund program. A plan or specific project would have to be in place and go into the future. We would need \$5000.00 to match Minnesota Waters monies. There are other possible grant monies out there. n further discussion...contacts ern wes.

Old Business: Newsletter: Jack Johnson will contact Rick Bruesewitz for an article. Bruce Johnson will be our chairperson for the newsletter. Articles need to be to Bruce by the 18th Dec. so newsletter can be ready for our January 8thmeeting at Grace utheran. Star Lake, nothing to report. laws....ill Reed will continue with the laws at Januar meeting. It was discussed to reconstruct our agenda for next month.

Jim Carlson commended Dean Anderson for his help in sending out Big Sandy Foundation information.

Scott Turner...gae the stats that were in the itkin paper this has to be done eer ear. Scott was concerned regarding the # of drowning on Big Sandy Lake and what could be done to avoid these, some options were discussed.

Brian Napstad...reported on suggestions and preparations regarding various counties who are working on environmental and natural recourses with aquatic species. Question to be asked is how aggressive is the DNR regarding invasive species. Everyone needs to be going in the same direction and being aggressive on aquatic invasive species. There could be a general fund

sponsored by license fees and local funds. All counties should get together and look at environmental policies.

SMP:meeting was regarding grants. Jim Krezowski will be in touch where next meeting will be.

Water Quality: nothing to report.

Website page: The Web page is back on track. The membership form will be re-done. A start up page with the membership form will be on the WEB. Question is to set up with ean's e-mail will be worked on with Neal.

ACLARA: nothing to report.

Correspondence: Newsletter is great.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Neal Sampson will bring treats for January 2010 meeting.

Karen M. Trembley