

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting
Grace Lutheran Church – 7/9/2016

Called to Order at 8:32

Board Members Present-Bruce Johnson, Ben Gisselman, Kathy Beatty, Mickey Utech, Jeff Backowski, John Pilney, Janet Hill, Micki Berg, John Sturner, Jim Carlson, Christopher Krolak, Russ Thompson

Others Present: Naomi Hupton-interested member, Ron Smith, Bill Reed

- A. Review and Approve May Minutes-
John moved, Dick seconded
- B. Review and Approve Treasurer's Report (see attached)
Kathy moved to approve Treasurer's report, John seconded
- C. President's Report
 - a. Run for the Lake
 - The event did not make money and a large part of that was due to the fact that this year it was chip-timed
 - b. Annual Meeting
 - Meeting went well, perhaps form a committee to help arrange for next year
 - c. Bell Horn v Bill Horn
 - Discussion regarding being consistent in how we refer to this bay, article to be written regarding history by Janet and Ben
- D. Old Business
 - a. Correspondence from Matt Jeschke of Kennecott/Rio Tinto
 - Correspondence tended to be somewhat convoluted and made any project look as rosy as possible
 - August 4th Flambeau mine tour in Ladysmith, Wisconsin-Kathy and Dick to attend possibly
 - John Pilney to continue to be our conduit with Matt and Kennecott
 - Bruce, Dick, John and Mark went to project presentation update at offices in Tamarack on June 10, 2016 and they left feeling unfulfilled
 - b. Brian Herbranson Memorial Fund
 - The Foundation had committed to a two-year contribution along with the BSLA to the scholarship in his honor and year-one occurred, but there is question about year two-Dick to follow up with John Gornick/Cheryl Haapoja at Ameriprise whom we believe is responsible for the financial end of this
 - c. Newsletter
 - Article Due Date is July 29, 2016
 - Jim Carlson to write letter about Foundation name change and other Foundation activities

- AIS Article-Janet to check in with Steve Hughes regarding an article about the numbers from inspections so far
- Micki Berg to write an article regarding gardening and deer
- Article regarding Run for the Lake Results
- Bill Horn Article
- Blurb about spring Highway Cleanup

E. New Business

- a. Recognition for Andy Streeter and Mark Johnson for their service to the Board
 - Bruce and Ben to write article on this for the newsletter
- b. Dick-new board member get-together Saturday July 30th at the Beatty's at 5pm
- c. Ben regarding our payment to ACSWCD for 2015 AIS grant portion. Ben moved for a payment of \$5,465.25 to Aitkin County Soil and Water for our contribution towards the 2015 grant request related to the County's efforts in manning the access for AIS inspection efforts during the 2015 boating season. Ben moved, John S. seconded
- d. John Sturner moved we all maintain our current executive positions. Kathy seconded.
- e. John nominated Naomi as new board member, unanimous second

F. Director's Reports

- a. Janet regarding pipeline update
 - Discussion regarding article written by Adam Hoogenakker as to "Protecting the Waters of Northern Minnesota"
 - Motion made by Jim Carlson to donate \$1,000 to Friends of the Headwaters, Kathy seconded
- b. Kathy-Membership
 - Curt Sparks first lifetime business member
 - Kathy has now established a letter to go out to all donors who give BSLA more than \$30 as a symbol of our appreciation and recognition
 - All-time high membership of 556
 - Discussion ensued regarding keeping better hours moving forward and the fact that now Mark is no longer part of the Board. Micki and Kathy will work together to develop a better system for this purpose.

G. Guest Speakers

- a. Ron Smith, Township Supervisor-
 - CYC Camp wanting to consolidate accesses into one spot. Township has held off on that request for now due to practicality and notions of a possible sale of land at CYC Camp
 - "No turn-around" signs have been posted on some dead end roads in the Township to prevent folks from entering, especially with boat trailers and then having no place to turn around resulting in property damage

- Few washouts happened in this last rain on Thursday, township crew will not be out until Monday repairing/regrading roads
- Township has been going through a lot of gravel-more than expected this summer due to heavy rainfalls
- Beaver problems leaving a lot of low lands and ditches flooded
- Township meeting next month is not the typical second Thursday of the month but instead is Wednesday August 10th at 6pm

b. Bill Reed

- Regarding ACLARA-Aitkin County Lakes and Rivers Association, he is their representative and our new meeting time always conflicts with theirs
- Discussion had regarding the substance of their meetings and moving our meeting time to accommodate a representative
- Janet mentioned that we recently joined MNCOLA but ACLARA did not
- Consensus was that we cannot change our meeting times for this purpose, at least for now. Bill to speak further with Gordon Prickett

Motion made by Bruce to adjourn, Janet seconded. Adjourned at 10:18.

Next Meeting is Saturday August 13, 2016

BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT
6/30/2016

OPENING STATEMENT GRAND TIMBER BANK **\$9,035.73**

Deposits:

Membership dues received in June	620.00.
Deposits through PayPal	53.19
Trust, Inc.	117.00
Check from BSL (Gabeshiwigamig Nilsh) 5 K	300.00
Interest	.36

TOTAL DEPOSITS FOR JUNE **\$1,158.70.**

CHECKS WRITTEN IN JUNE

CK#2365 Big Sandy Lodge for Annual Meeting Luncheon	\$1,670.88
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TOTAL DEBITS: **\$1,670.88**

CERTIFICATES:

Members Union	\$57,647.0
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Grand Timber Bank	\$8,297.48
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Total All CD's	\$65,938.75
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TOTAL CD'S AND BANK CHECKING ACCOUNT: **\$74,462.01**

NOTE: 2 CKS OUTSTANDING FROM JUNE: ACLARA \$25.00 AND GLEN'S SIGNS \$26.72

2016 Membership Data - 9 July 2016

MEMBERS	2015		2016	
	Count	Paid	Count	Paid
Lifetime				
New	3	\$ 1,500	4	\$ 2,000
Previous	16	\$ -	18	\$ 30
Business	19	\$ 1,160	23	\$ 1,150
Lifetime			1	\$ 500
Individual				
Over \$30	60	\$ 3,809	56	\$ 3,855
At \$30	430	\$ 12,900	454	\$ 13,612
TOTAL MEMBERS	528	\$ 19,369	556	\$ 21,147
PayPal Use	52	\$ 1,950	44	\$ 1,890

Business Members

Sparks Env Consulting	\$	500
A+ Auto Body	\$	50
Aardvark Septic	\$	50
Big Sandy Camp and Retreat	\$	50
Big Sandy Golf	\$	50
Big Sandy Lodge & Resort	\$	50
Century 21 Twin Lakes Realty	\$	50
Covenant Pines Bible Camp	\$	50
David Winegar, DDS	\$	50
EyeCare Center of McGregor	\$	50
Floe International, Inc.	\$	50
Grand Timber Bank	\$	50
Ind. School Dist. #4	\$	50
Lake Country Power	\$	50
McGregor Realty	\$	50
Meyer's Service Center	\$	50
Nistler Plumbing and Heating	\$	50
Peat, Inc	\$	50
Tamarack Pest Control	\$	50
Thrifty White Pharmacy	\$	50
Willey's Marine	\$	50
Willey's Sport Shop & Spirits	\$	50
Yellowstone Log Homes	\$	50
Zorbaz Big Zandy	\$	50