

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting

Big Sandy Lodge – 12/10/2016

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Johnson at 8:30am.

Board Members Present: Bruce Johnson, Mickey Utech, Micki Berg, Kathy Beatty, Dick Beatty, Christopher Krolak, Jack Johnson, John Pilney, Jim Carlson

Guests Present: Bob Greifzu, Ron Smith, Brian Napstad

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the November meeting were delayed due to two corrections that had not been incorporated.
- B. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Jim moved to approve and Jack seconded. Motion carried.
- C. President's Report
 - a. Communications – a thank you card was received from the Rivers and Lake Fair.
 - b. Postage – the newsletter mailed from the McGregor School qualifies for reduced postage because it is not addressed. Instead, a copy is delivered to all mailboxes.
 - c. Rules for Donation Acknowledgement – a copy of the rules was provided to Kathy for reference.
 - d. Budget for 2017 – the 2016 budget was reviewed. Bruce recommended increasing the amount for newsletter printing from \$3700 to \$4500. Christopher discussed the AIS Matching Grant and the formula for computing matching requirements. He recommended that we request the same number of hours as in 2016. After further discussion, Kathy moved to submit the same request for 2017 and Jim seconded. Motion carried.
 - e. Bob reminded the board to submit costs for the newsletter to Janet Smude of the Aitkin Soil and Water Conservation District for partial reimbursement. She is on the mailing list for all newsletters.
 - f. Bruce recommended that we continue to donate \$500 to the McGregor School for the Brian Herbranson scholarship. Mickey moved and Dick seconded. Motion carried. Dick and Kathy will verify that both donations of \$1000 each were submitted and received by the school.
 - g. Lake Association Structure – the following Officer and Director assignments were identified. This information will be added to the BSLA website:

President – Bruce Johnson
Vice-President – John Sturner
Secretary – Ben Gisselman
Treasurer (Acting) – Kathy Beatty
Elections – Jim Carlson
AIS – Christopher Krolak
Water Quality/TMDL – John Pilney
Mining – John Pilney
Pipeline – Janet Hill
Fisheries/Wildlife – Jack Johnson
Shoreline Management – Micki Berg
Water Surface Issues – John Sturner
Education – Naomi Hupton
Events – Naomi Hupton

Membership – Kathy Beatty
Newsletter – Janet Hill
Website – Kathy Beatty
Facebook – Christopher Krolak
Grants – Janet Hill
Parliamentarian – John Sturner
Bylaws/Procedures – Ben Gisselman
Auditor – Bruce Johnson
BSALWMP – Jim Carlson
MNCOLA – Janet Hill
Government Relations – John Sturner
Rivers and Lakes Fair – Jim Carlson
Reimbursed Hour Reports – Micki Berg
Aitkin Co Water Planning Task Force – Jim Carlson

- h. By-Laws – Minor changes were made and reviewed at the November meeting. Kathy will resend the marked-up copy and the revised version which, with Ben’s concurrence, will be posted on the website.
- i. Annual Audit – Bruce reported that he had requested current statements from both Grand Timber Bank and Members Cooperative Credit Union and compared the statements to the November Treasurer’s Report. Everything was in order. One outstanding check for \$108 had not cleared at the end of November but had cleared in early December and will be on the December Treasurer’s report.
- j. Hourly Reports – for consistency in reporting meeting attendance, the board agreed that reports should be prepared for each calendar month and submitted to Micki either at the next meeting or electronically. Board meeting hours should be included but Micki will use the minutes as the indicator or AIS hours to report.

D. Directors’ Reports

- a. John Pilney reported on the improved water quality test reports for 2016. See the attached report.
- b. Kathy reported that the 2017 membership forms and all envelopes for the January mailing are printed. She is waiting for the listing from the county before printing labels. She will contact the board to arrange a session to prepare the mailing once all items are ready.
- c. Jim reported that Operation Christmas will be Tuesday through Thursday, December 13-15 and donations are still being accepted.
- d. The group thanked Mickey Utech for her contributions to the board as a member, Treasurer and coordinator of the 5K. She is selling her home and moving to the Twin Cities so this was her last meeting. Kathy will serve as Acting Treasurer until the Annual Meeting in June.

E. Guest Speakers

- a. Ron Smith reported that an unplatted road has been made a no-maintenance public road; the McGregor Chamber of Commerce is requesting a 3% lodging tax but not all local lodges are in favor; Floe International is applying for a small business loan through McGregor and Shamrock Township; the weather has created issues with plowing dirt roads and repairs will be needed in the spring; the January and February township meetings have been moved from Thursday to Tuesday for scheduling reasons.
- b. Brian Napstad reported on Ordinance Committee activities relating to commercial speech, eliminating the time limit on scrolling messages on signs, and defining and regulating the size of patios. He also described the new concept wash station that was presented to the county commissioners. It does not use any water, just a vacuum, compressed air and brushes. Evaluation of the concept will continue. Bruce and the board thanked Brian for his many years as Commissioner and the work he has done in support of the lake.

F. Next Meeting

- a. Bruce will invite the new Commissioner, Bill Pratt, to our meetings. He will also follow up with Dan Asmus, Sheriff’s Deputy, to encourage him to attend.
- b. The next meeting is Saturday, January 14, 8:30am, at Big Sandy Lodge. Kathy will bring treats.

G. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am by Bruce.

AIS = 30 minutes x 9