

**BIG SANDY LAKE  
ASSOCIATION**  
2012 Board Meeting Minutes

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Big Sandy Lake Association Board Meeting  
Log Church - February 12, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Vice President John Sturner at 8:30 a.m.

Board members present: John Sturner, John Pilney, Vern Awes, John Gornick, Andrew Streeter, Dean Anderson, Bruce Johnson, Janet Hill  
Guests: Ron Smith, Brian Napstad

Minutes: No minutes this month, as secretary is absent.

Treasurer Report: Reviewed via email prior to the meeting. Motion made by John Sturner to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bruce Johnson.

\*\*Membership report: .... 95 paid. On track. Dean Johnson has been updating. (Dean -- can I get the membership report from you? I missed the first part of it)

Vice-Presidents Report: Annual meeting: The annual meeting will be held at Big Sandy Lodge, Saturday, June 9 from 8:30-11:00 am. The featured speaker will be Steve McComas, owner of Blue Water Science, a St. Paul-based company that advises lake associations, city governments and other agencies about lake and pond management issues.

Board membership: Five BSLA board director positions will be up for election in June.

Old Business:

Wild Rice Days: We will have a new booth and tables for Wild Rice Days.

Newsletter: Business memberships were discussed. Because the BSLA wants to encourage business memberships, it was decided that new business members will be allowed to place one free advertisement (i.e., a copy of a business card) in the BSLA newsletter, and their business name listed in all subsequent newsletters.

John Sturner is working with MnDOT on signs, to add "A Minnesota Star Lake" to the existing "Big Sandy Lake" sign on Highway 65. He can get one sign free from the Star Lakes organization to install at a landing.

New Business:

Andy Streeter, Brian Herbranson, and Mark Anderson are working on the aquatic invasive species effort. The BSLA needs to hire the supervisor for volunteer boat inspectors so that he can start work. A motion was made by Vern Awes and seconded by Andrew Streeter to authorize Bruce Johnson to negotiate, on behalf of the board, with the supervisor candidate to agree on an acceptable salary and hire him. Motion passed unanimously. Work will continue to prepare for the 2012 boating season. The BSLA will have a presence at three public landings, and

information available at private landings, to assist boaters arriving from other lakes with boat inspections for zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

Dock workers now need to be trained in AIS.

BSALWMP:

Janet Hill attended the BSALWMP meetings in January and February. There is a possibility of funding through BSALWMP for phosphorus treatment using alum in a selected area (to be decided) of Big Sandy Lake. It was decided to pursue possible funding and make a decision later, after more study of the treatment in question.

Section 319 Clean Water grants may have funds reduced or rescinded by Congress by June 2012. Any organizations wishing to apply for funds need to have their proposals submitted by that time. BSLA has no projects pending.

Extra Lake Stewardship booklets are available from the Aitkin County Soil and Water District office. The BSLA will procure some for distribution at our annual meeting and at our booth at Wild Rice Days.

Residents with at least 500 feet of lakeshore on the Flowage Lake or Big Sandy River are encouraged to apply for a conservation easement. They should contact Janet Smude at the Soil and Water District, Aitkin County, for more information.

John Pilney reported that the U.S. EPA gathers water quality data on a STORET system. John looked for data on Big Sandy Lake and noted that currently there is a lack of data on Big Sandy Lake in the system.

Vern Awes reported that we need to notify Aitkin County that the BSLA does not want to receive variance notices addressed to our organization. Jim Krezowski will send a letter to this effect.

Ron Smith reported that due to the mild winter, brush cutting and road sanding are the main activities being done by the township. The township will be replacing road signs via federal mandate, for the purpose of maintaining reflective surfaces. All road signs including stop signs, speed regulation signs, and so on, will be replaced according to township section number, starting with sections 1-12. The township hall is being remodeled to make more room for voting. The township board annual meeting for 2012 is March 13. Voting for the township board will take place from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., and the annual meeting will commence at 8:15 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Brian Napstad reported that things are quiet right now. There are a lot of water management issues in the state, and efforts are being made to move toward managing water on a watershed basis. Aitkin County is a target for wetland restorations in NE Minnesota. Areas that were tiled and drained years ago for farming in this area are now a target for developers who are required to offset wetland destruction in their developments by restoring a wetland elsewhere in the state.

Because Aitkin County land is relatively inexpensive, developers are targeting this area. Restoring a wetland doesn't always improve wildlife habitat: we already have plenty of wetlands in our county, and we need more open ground habitat. From a property tax perspective, this isn't a good trend, as the land eventually ends up generating no property taxes. Brian is on the EQB (Environmental Quality Board) and is working to solve this problem.

The next meeting will be March 9 at the Log Church. Andrew Streeter will bring the treats.

After board members labeled, sorted, and stapled the quarterly BSLA newsletters, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

## **BSLA meeting 3-9-12 at Log Church**

Meeting called to order by acting President Bruce Johnson at 8:35.

Board members present: Brian Herbranson, Andy Streeter, Karen Trembley, John Gornick, Vern Awes, Dean Anderson, and Janet Hill.

Board members absent: John Sturner, Jim Krezowski, John Pilney, Mickey Utech, Dan Branson.

Guests Present: Brian Napstad, Bruce Larson, Jim Carlson, Jack Johnson, Ron Smith, Tom Peterson.

Motion made by Dean Anderson to approve minutes of 2-12-12, seconded by Vern Awes.

Brian Herbranson gave an update on treasurer's report. Motion made by Dean Anderson to accept Treasurers report, seconded by Vern Awes.

Membership update was given by Dean Anderson. Dean will be sending out e-mail reminders to lake owners who have not yet paid their dues and hard copy invoices will be mailed soon to members without e-mail addresses.

Acting President Bruce Johnson reviewed the annual meeting, food, gifts etc. Brian Herbranson will go over food choices with Big Sandy Lodge. Motion made by Janet Hill, seconded by Bruce Johnson to spend \$250.00 on gifts. Karen Trembley will buy gifts. Since we must charge sales tax on non-clothing items (glasses, coffee cups, key rings, etc.), those will be given as gifts, rather than items of clothing.

Invasive Species: Tom Peterson was introduced to the board as the person who will manage the AIS volunteers and will be reporting to Andy Streeter, who will be overseeing the AIS program. Dean Anderson will take care of the picnic table and a water barrel at one of the landings and Tom will do the same at the other landing. At this point everyone working as volunteers need to be certified, hopefully Keri Hull will hold classes here at Big Sandy Lake.

Janet Hill put the order in for vests, welcome cards, tents, guide books, check lists, clip boards, etc. It was decided by the board to have the words "Invasive Species Volunteers" on vests that volunteers will be wearing.

John Gornick made a motion, was seconded by Brian Herbranson, to expend \$100.00 for Andy Streeter and Tom Peterson to attend an Aquatic Invasive Species class in Brainerd. The main purpose of the inspection program is to make lake users aware of things going on in our lake.

The board agreed that each member of the board will contact and arrange for at least 7 volunteers for the inspection program. Bring your list of volunteers to the April 13<sup>th</sup> BSLA Board meeting. Andy and Brian will work up a list of information that you will need to get from each of your volunteers, such as cell no., phone no., preferred hours or preferred landing sites, etc.

The volunteers will work one four hour shift, once a month. Inspections will begin on Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Labor Day weekend. Each volunteer will attend a one-hour class prior to manning a landing.

Normal weekend hours will be from 2PM to 6PM on Friday, 7AM to 3 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Holidays will be manned at all three landings with the same hours. The landings that will have volunteers are located at Highway 65, across the river from Zorbaz, the landing near the culvert on Trader's Post Rd and at the Federal Dam. The volunteers at the Federal Dam will go back and forth between the north and south landings. If, after inspecting the volunteers' reports from the landings suggest that changes must be made in the hours worked, or number of volunteers working, Andy and Tom Peterson will arrange for those changes to be implemented.

Jim Carlson gave an overview of the Big Sandy Water Institute; they are beginning their 11<sup>th</sup> year. Motion made by Karen Trembley to give the Water Institute \$2500.00, seconded by Janet Hill

Ron Smith talked about various things that are going on in Shamrock Township. There will be elections at Shamrock Township Hall, spring clean-up will be April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 12. The board of appeals will meet. There will be some renovation going on at Shamrock Hall. Shamrock is in the process of buying a piece of property for gravel.

Brian Napstad reported there will be some road work on CR 14 & 36 this summer. Lake owners on Minnewawa would like to form a lake improvement district, which usually includes lake shore owners only and there would be additional taxes for this. There will be lots of steps to go through to set up a lake improvement district.

New Business: Dean Anderson will not be running for board in June. Dean will still be working on various jobs for the Association. Vern Awes also decided not to run for reelection this year.

Meeting adjourned.

Treats for the 4/13/12 Meeting - Karen Trembley

Secretary, Karen M. Trembley

BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING – 4-13-12  
At Grace Lutheran Church

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:38.

Guests: David Schaaf, Bruce Larson, Mark Krezowski, Bob Griefzu, Brian Napstad, Ron Smith, Jim Hawley, Larry Smith, Scott Turner & Tom Peterson.

Board Members Present: John Pilney, Brian Herbranson, Karen Trembley, Mickey Utech, Vern Awes, John Gornick, Andy Streeter, Bruce Johnson & Dean Anderson.

Board Members Absent: Bill Reed, John Sturner, Janet Hill, Dan Branson.

March Minutes: Vern Awes made a motion to accept March minutes seconded by Bruce Johnson.

Brian Herbranson gave an overview of the treasurer's report. Vern awes made a motion to approve treasurer's report seconded by Dean Anderson.

Membership: Dean Anderson reported we are at current with our membership at 74%.

Presidents Report: Elisa Perouix asked if anyone would like to volunteer or help in a 5K run on Memorial weekend, monies would go to the BSLA invasive species program.

Jim Krezowski announced there will be two resignations on the board, Mark Anderson and Dean Anderson. Dean will continue to work on membership.

Vern Awes will handle the elections at the annual meeting. Vern will get ballots printed at McGregor printing.

John Pilney and Bruce Johnson will be up fro re-election.

If anyone has potential replacements let Vern Awes know, send potential replacements to Dean Anderson. There will be bios in the upcoming newsletter for lake association members that would like to serve on the board.

There is a new boat sticker for invasive species that will go on each boat. Training session for volunteering at boat launches was discussed. Volunteers will work 4 hours and 1 hour of training. Andy & Tom will be in touch with Keri to give training to board members. Andy and Tom will take care of training for volunteers.

BLSAWMP – no one present for the meeting.

ACLARA – Jim Krezowski will possibly be going to the meeting.

John Pilney spoke with Janet Smude; there was discussion on the high nutrients on the river.

Scott Turner - reported the Slow No Wake signs will be going up on the Prairie River. A photo will be in the upcoming newsletter. It was suggested to have a sign on the Prairie River Bridge as well.

Ron Smith – Shamrock Township – reported the township is replacing signs on the roads. The gravel pit was bought by the township. Volunteers are needed for the Shamrock Clean up Day.



Brian Napstad reported on Lake Minnewawa improvement.

Guest Speaker David Kanz – DNR – spoke on the potential purchase of the wild rice farm by the DNR. The potential would be to keep it in Wild Rice production through cooperate farm agreement from the DNR. John Pilney will write a letter to the DNR. Motion was made by Bruce Johnson that the best procedures be used in the proposal; there will also need to be clean water out of the system that would be in place, seconded by Dean Anderson. John Pilney will send his form letter to the board.

Meeting was adjourned.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

Dean Anderson will bring treats for May meeting.

May 11, 2012 BSLA Meeting was held....there is no minutes as the old computer lost all data...Karen M. Trembley

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting  
Grace Lutheran Church – 7-13-12

Meeting called to order by Vice President John Sturner.

Board members present – Dean Anderson, John Pilney, Andy Streeter, Janet Hill, Bill Reed, Mickey Utech, Karen Trembley, Brian Herbranson, John Gornick, Bruce Johnson, Ben Gisselman, David Schaaf.

Guests: 20 folks in attendance.

Vern Awes conducted the nominations: Motion was made and seconded to elect Bruce Johnson as our new President. Vern asked for any other nominees, a white ballot was cast for the nominees. By acclamation he introduced Bruce Johnson as our new President.

Procedures for the Corp of Engineers: There is a new regional manager; Jim Carlson said Jeff Steere had called them. Brian Napstad said the ROPE study is now on the computer. You can now go on the computer for flood information. Bruce Johnson said he would like to see the article for the newsletter. Ben and Vern will undertake this project. Another project is our septic system; John Sturner stated this should be a water quality issue. John Pilney asked if anyone has been in touch with FEMA. John wanted to know if anyone is taking water samples and is it safe to be in the water. Motion was made by John Sturner and seconded by Brian Herbranson to expend monies for water sampling and relate this information to families. Brian Napstad said each bay is different and a number of samples need to be taken. Brian N. said that common sense would be to think before going in the water at this time. A motion made by John Sturner and seconded to expend \$1000.00 for water testing.

Septic systems were discussed; Brian Napstad asked if there should be mandatory inspections or another type of inspection for septic systems. Brian suggested talking with Jerry Pollack who did the Horseshoe Lake. Motion was made and seconded to have Vern Awes get in touch with Jerry Pollack regarding the Horseshoe Lake septic system. We need to get an article in the newsletter. Rick Brusewitz (fisheries) spoke on the fish in Big Sandy, some will survive some not. Rick explained the various components regarding oxygen in the lake and how this affects the fish. There is a concern with lake folks eating fish, the health Dept. does not step in. There is a flushing rate going on in Big Sandy, with the decrease in water quality. There is a significant algae bloom going on which does supply some oxygen to the lake.

Sheriff Turner received a call from the MPCA; they will be doing water testing on the lake. This information will be posted on the WEB site. The question was asked is our WEB site current, Brian H. is working on this.

Old Business: John Sturner made a motion to have Big Sandy Lodge host our annual meeting for 2013, seconded by Brian Herbranson. It was requested to have the meeting in the downstairs area of the Lodge, Brian Herbranson will check this out with the lodge.

Brian Napstad said there will be garbage collection for folks that have been affected by the flood. Clean up will be on road side, if more time is needed for pick-up it will be extended. If dirt or whatever is needed you can pick up dirt as well.

There is still a slow no wake on Big Sandy.

Vacation rental ordinances need to be referred to Aitkin County.

Ron Smith said that Shamrock Township will set out pallets on curbside for used sand bags. Unused plastic bags can be brought to Shamrock Township town hall. Shamrock Township has done a terrific job helping flood victims. We need to get an article in the newsletter regarding Shamrock pick-up.

Sheriff Turner expressed the appreciation to Shamrock Township for their cooperation during this flood. The lake is going down approximately 2 inches a day. FEMA will be coming out and if the dollar amount is significant the Governor can ask For Federal Assistance. Sheriff Turner expressed thanks to Grace Lutheran church has been a great partner hosting a site for flooded folks along with volunteers. Clean-up will be starting soon, sort your waste for the curbside pickup that is free. Sheriff's from other counties came up to help.

Tom Peterson said that boat landings inspection for invasive species has been suspended until further notice.

Motions was made and seconded to host a get together at Big Sandy Lodge for folks who have been instrumental in helping flood victims...

Motion was made and seconded to divide the \$1000.00 received from Lake Country with 4 recipitants that are in need on Big Sandy Lake. John Sturner made a motion to have Vern Awes and Jim Carlson work with Health and Human Services regarding flood relief victims, seconded by Brian Herbranson.

Motion made by John Sturner to authorize the purchase a lap top computer for BSLA and seconded by Brian Herbranson.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

Ben will bring treats for the August meeting.

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting  
Grace Lutheran Church – 10/12/2012

Meeting was called to order at 8:33.

Board Members Present: Bruce Johnson, John Pilney, John Sturner, Brian Herbranson, Andy Streeter, Vern Awes, John Gornick, Janet Hill, David Graff.

Board Members Absent: Mickey Utech, Jim Krezowski, Bill Reed, Karen Trembley, Ben Gisselman

Others Present: Sheriff Turner, Ron Smith, Brian Napstad

Three guests in attendance including liaisons.

Minutes (**not read or approved\*\* -- how do we handle this?**)

Treasurer's Report: John Sturner/Janet Hill m/s to approve the treasurer's report.

Membership Report: One new paid member, so we now have 503 members. The membership committee is working on a method for handling memberships and billing.

President's Report:

The recognition dinner for flood volunteers went well.

Yard waste compost site: The signs are back up; the DNR has opened the site again. The township is hiring someone to roll over the compost annually. The BSLA spent about \$200 on signs to show people where to put brush and leaves and what materials are not accepted. The BSLA will continue to monitor this site.

Governor's fishing opener: The Governor's Opener is not going to happen at Big Sandy for 2013. Another application is being sent to have the opener at Big Sandy Lake in 2014.

Motion made to have the opener here Sturner/Herbranson m/s

AIS inspections: Andy Streeter and Brian Herbranson are following up with Tom Peterson on the BSLA effort to control aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels. A DNR grant is available to request DNR boat inspectors. Andy S, Brian H, and Janet H will work on this.

Mass email -- The BSLA is getting a new email system so we send updates en masse, to disseminate information quickly to BSLA members.

Bookkeeper: A bookkeeper is needed on a contract basis to handle BSLA memberships, keep records, and ensure all financial transactions are recorded.

New Business:

There will be a November 16 meeting in Grand Rapids of the Floodwaters Mitigation Task Force with Army Corps of Engineers about future handling of flood waters. The Aitkin County assessor's office can provide damage estimates. John Gornick, Vern Awes, and Bruce Johnson will attend.

BSLA Board meeting schedule: Vern Awes/David Schaaf m/s that the BSLA Board have a meeting the second Friday of every month at the Old Log Church except for December. If there is a reason to change the date or location, we will notify people.

Janet Hill and Bruce Johnson will work on certificates of appreciation for former board members.

Time sheets: Janet will get a schedule of time sheets to board members, and let them know when to hand them in.

Disposal of dead snails and dead fish: Bruce Johnson will write to Terry Neff and to find out the proper way to dispose of dead snails and fish.

There are trees in the middle of the Prairie River. Janet Smude of the Aitkin County SWCD is writing a proposal to get help for the property owner to remove them.

No secchi disk work was done this year on Big Sandy Lake, mainly due to flooding. Nothing was done at the wild rice farm this year: no crop grown, no fertilizer applied.

Ron Smith reported on township business:

Shamrock Township is preparing for the upcoming elections. The township worked with FEMA in three areas: immediate flood cleanup, roadside cleanup, and getting the roads back into shape. The latter is the most expensive. There is a time limit, so the township needs to hire a contractor to complete the work. FEMA will pay for the contractor.

The township laid 500 yards of class 5 dirt on the roads last month. That's a lot of dirt.

Lake Country Power donated \$500 toward rebuilding the ballfield, and the Minnesota Twins donated \$10,000. The money will be used to make the field into a "legion size" field, so legion teams will be able to play on it. 35 yards of black dirt will be put down and seeded.

The Emergency Managers of Minnesota give an award each year for good emergency management. Shamrock Township deservedly won the award this year for their work during the flood of 2012.

Fall cleanup day: There were complaints that there wasn't enough notice for the fall cleanup. The township will try to give more notice in the future, but isn't always able to pinpoint a date until late in the season due to other work obligations.

Brian Naptstad reported on the Aitkin County Board:

The DNR is forming an aquatic invasive species (AIS) advisory group. This will be a group of about 15 citizens. This group will provide input and advice to the DNR on what should be

done with the AIS program. No scheduled meeting yet; they are just soliciting applications for membership via the DNR website.

The Association of MN Counties (AMC) had a meeting to come up with legislative platform. The DNR sent Bob Meyer, the DNR legislative deputy, and Paul Radomski, DNR aquatic biologist, to present shoreland ordinance changes to deal with structure setbacks, impervious surfaces, building height, and so forth. The Counties think they should put more effort into AIS.

Many disparate groups are interested in the flooding issue. It's being proposed that the Mississippi Headwaters Board become the point of contact (POC) for the Army Corps of Engineers, and form a Flood Mitigation Task Force to come up with a way to manage flooding in the future, in an attempt to rein in the various organizations and focus effort.

The Aitkin County board is working on problem with zoning letters that were sent out with errors.

Aitkin County Board is working to ease costs for raising buildings above the flood plain using concrete blocks.

Sheriff Turner reported that things are quiet on the lake. Big Sandy is open for business following the summer of flooding.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39, and several board members went out to clean up the portion of Hwy 14 that the BSLA has adopted.

## BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING

November 9, 2012 at Log Church

BSLA meeting called to order by President Bruce Johnson at 8:25.

Members Present: Andy Streeter, Brian Herbranson, John Gornick, Mickey Utech, John Sturner, Vern Awes, Karen Trembley, Bill Reed.

Board members not present: Janet Hill, David Graff, John Pilney, Jim Krezowski.

Guest present: Brian Napstad, Bruce Larson, Tim Harris.

Minutes of September approved and seconded.

Minutes of October with one change David Schaff was present. Minutes were approved and seconded.

Mickey Utech gave an overview of the Treasurers report. Treasurer's report was approved and seconded.

President Bruce Johnson said everything is good at the bank.

Dead snails/fish in plastic bags cannot be left at yard waste site. This problem has been resolved.

Old Business: The mitigation task force for the Corp of Engineers is Steve Clark. The task force will be meeting in Grand Rapids to discuss potential flood issues.

The Corp of Engineers at the dam said they will be letting water out in Dec.

The board is in the process of getting someone to take care of our membership and get this up and running. The board will revisit the membership in Jan. 2013.

Andy Streeter will be checking on potential grants for our boat launches for 2013.

Some of these grants expire in March. Andy will have a update in Jan. 2013.

Ben Gisselamn has everything in place for the mass e-mail. If anyone wanted to be responsible that would work as well. Ben has some options and will bring those ideas to our Jan. 2013 meeting.

Leech Lake association sent Bruce J. a copy of their newsletter and Lake Management Plan, there was some good ideas that the board can look into.

John Sturner congratulated Bruce Johnson for doing a good job as President.

Shamrock Township sent a thank-you note for our help with the flood.

Vern Awes suggested our guest speakers come at 9:30. This will be put on our agenda for Jan. 2013.

Ben Gisselman will check with the printer of our newsletter if they could put the labels on.

Our February newsletter is in transition. Vern Awes will check on this issue.



Mickey Utech will be checking with the banks in McGregor regarding our newsletter.

Bill Reed reported on the Water Planning Task force. A tour was taken to a peat plant.

Tim Harris - guest - has an interest in the Lake Association. We are working hard to keep folks informed on issues regarding Big Sandy Lake. One of the issues is invasive species.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

John Sturner will bring treats for our January meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

**BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
BIG SANDY LODGE – 6-9-2012**

Big Sandy Lake annual meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 9:00. President Jim Krezowski welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the annual minutes of June 11, 2011.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurers report.

Board Members Present: Vern Awes, John Sturner, John Pilney, Andy Streeter, Brian Herbranson, Bruce Johnson, Karen Trembley, Mickey Utech, Dean Anderson, John Gornick, Bill Reed.

Terri Ladd from the Corp of Engineers gave an overview with the high water. The Lake is receding, the slow no wake should be over in a couple of weeks. The dam is wide open as of now.

Election of Officers: Vern Awes introduced our current board members that are running and two new candidates that are running. Incumbents running are Vern Awes, Bruce Johnson, John Pilney and two new candidates running are Ben Gisselman and David Schaff. Each gave a short bio why they would like to serve on the board.

Vern asked if there is anyone else who would like to run, saying none....no other nominations. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Dean Anderson is retiring from the board and has done a great job and will continue with membership.

Prizes were given out.....

Opening Remarks:

Andy Streeter thanked everyone for volunteering at boat landings inspection. There is a need for more volunteers; a sign up sheet was given out. Andy stressed to keep up the fight at our boat landings to keep up our inspection of boats.

Tom Peterson spoke on volunteers and how important they are. Andy gave a brief overview regarding inspections. They do Friday afternoons, Saturday and Sunday morning. Vern Awes reminded folks who put boats in on private property to inspect their boats as well.

Guests: Dan Guida & Scott Turner spoke about the slow no wake...this will probably go off in about 2 weeks. Scott Turner stressed to be mindful of your neighbors and use the neighborhood watch. If you see something suspicious give the Sheriff a call. We can all be eyes and ears for the Sheriff Dept. Deputy Dan Guida spoke on fishing, it is very good right now. Dan Guida's cell is 218 429-1399, leave a msg. he will get back to you. If you can't get in touch with Dan call the sheriff's office at 1-888-900-2138 or 218 927-7400. Buoy's stay at the lake location they have been on. Dan Guida and Sheriff Turner are working on getting a power washer....A thanks from Jim Krezowski.

Guest Katie Nelson works for the Riverwood Health Care Center spoke on the foundation and all the new portions of the hospital in Aitkin. Katie thanked Shirley Winegar for her work with the foundation. Some of the things going on in the new hospital are single rooms, expanded rehab facility and support services have been updated. A question to Katie was, is there ever going to be an urgent care in McGregor, at this time there will not be urgent care in McGregor.

Guest: Jim Carlson spoke on behalf of the Water Institute regarding all the projects they do through the summer with children. Jim thanked the lake association and Shamrock Township for their support to the Water Institute.

Brian Herbranson gave an overview of the 5k race that was held at Big Sandy Lodge. The Prue family gave a check to the lake association for \$300.00. Thanks to the Prue family for the check and hosting the 5K. Brian thanked everyone who helped with this event which will be held again next year.

Election results: All five were elected.

Prizes were given out.

Guest speaker Steve McComas was introduced by President Jim Krezowski. Steve McComas spoke on water quality in Big Sandy Lake which is getting better. Steve gave an overview of various scenarios that can make a lake good or bad, such as plants, types of fish etc. As of now we don't have zebra mussels.

John Sturner applauded Jim Krezowski for his work as a President. Jim will remain on the board.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 11:25.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

Lunch was served by Big Sandy Lodge.