

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting
Big Sandy Lodge – 1/13/2018

Called to Order at 8:35 a.m.

Board Members Present: Bruce Johnson, Christopher Krolak, Kathy Beatty, Ann Rorem, John Pilney, Jack Johnson, Janet Hill, Dick Beatty, Margo Gisselman, Jim Carlson, Russ Thompson

Others Present: Ron Smith

- A. Review and Approve December Minutes:** Dick Beatty moved, Janet Hill seconded

- B. Review and Approve Treasurer's Report:** Janet Hill moved, Jim seconded

- C. Membership Report was given by Janet Hill:** We now have 559 members, including 29 life members and 32 business memberships.

- D. President's Report**
 - a. Attendance for winter meetings was reviewed:
 - February: Janet and Ann will be absent
 - March: Bruce, John and John will be absent

 - b. Invited Guest speakers for upcoming meetings
 - There was discussion about possibly cancelling the March meeting since Bruce will be absent, or Ben could chair the meeting. That will be finalized at the February meeting; therefore, no speaker has been determined for the March meeting.
 - It has been suggested that either a local real estate agent or the Aitkin County assessor will be invited to the April meeting. Bruce will follow-up at February's meeting.

- E. Old Business**
 - a. Invoice Mailing Dates
 - Invoices will be mailed on/about January 20th. Volunteers to help with the mailing process will meet at Kathy Beatty's on Thursday, Jan. 18 (and Friday, Jan. 19th if necessary)

 - b. Review Monthly Lodge Fee
 - Our current fee paid to the lodge for hosting monthly meetings is \$180/6 months. Bruce has suggested a voluntary increase to \$40 per month beginning January 2018; he will discuss the new fee with Josh Kuha, and report at February meeting.

 - c. Placemats
 - Jim Carlson has been checking with local restaurants to see which will be willing to use BSLA placemats. Hillcrest said probably not, the Lodge and Zorbaz have said no, Fisherman's has said

yes, Red Rock has said no. Our discussion following indicated that most members present think placemats are a good idea, and that a small start is okay. We will want to know the cost involved, but in general, the thought is to proceed. Ben will present possible designs at February meeting.

F. New Business

- Bruce will work on creating an extended calendar for speakers for upcoming meetings. Having someone from fisheries has been suggested, as well as possible someone who knows about shoreline invasive plants, like flowering rush, etc.

G. Guest Speaker

- Amanda Miller from Kennecott Mining reported on progress to date on Kennecott/Talon Metal's joint venture copper-nickel project near Tamarack. They will be drilling 4-6 holes starting in early February and expect to be finished by the end of February. Tours of the site are available to the public; information on these tours will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

H. Director's Reports

a. Margo/Ann-Spring Brunch Event

- Margo reported that she and Ann Rorem have planned the basic details for the Spring Brunch event. The event will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 10am to noon at the Lodge. The purpose of the event will be to help both new and long-time property owners to learn what we are able to do to improve our shoreline, while being good stewards of the lake. Janet Smude and/or Steve Hughes of the Aitkin County Soil and Water Conservation District have been enlisted to identify two speakers who will present the information and lead a question and answer session with those present. We are asking every board member to bring two guests to the meeting, and the event will also be promoted through our newsletter and website, with posters at local establishments and emails to all members with contact info on record. All guests will be given gifts from the event, along with hard copies of information presented. Updates on progress for the event will be given at all upcoming meetings.

b. Janet/Pipeline Report

- Janet reported that the EIS on the pipeline has been filed, but comments are requested and may be made through June.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:48 by Janet Hill, with Kathy Beatty seconding.

I. Next meeting will be on Saturday, February 10th, 2018 at 8:30 am at the Lodge.