

## Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting Big Sandy Lodge – 2/8/2020

**Called to Order at 8:30 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Dick Beatty, Kathy Beatty, Janet Hill, Ann Rorem, Christopher Krolak, Ben Gisselman, Stu Mortrude, John Sturner, John Pilney, Laurie White, Jack Johnson

**Others Present:** Norman and Gwen Wiese, chair and clerk of the Turner Township Board,

**A. Review and Approve November Meeting Minutes:** John moved approval, Stu seconded

**B. Review December Treasurer's Report:** Ann moved approval, Dick seconded

**Review December Membership Report:** \$15,000 in membership dues received already, several new business memberships including Ace Hardware, Ukura's, Round Lake Resort, and the café in McGregor

### **C. President's Report**

- a. April Meeting-confirm that speaker has been invited from the County Assessor's office
- b. BSLA sticker use-group agreed that most like to use them, John suggested we order more if necessary, Kathy confirmed that all new members receive one at the time they join including business members.

### **D. New Business**

- a. Discussion regarding who has the key to the safety deposit box.
- b. Discussion regarding speakers for the annual meeting, which included ideas about having folks from Willey's to discuss wake boat matters to possibly include the DNR and Floe/other manufacturers of wake boats. Group agreed to attempt to get these folks to a regular meeting and that the annual meeting is better left for updates from local agencies/Sheriff, DNR, Corps of Engineers, etc. Date is Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>-Lodge has been reserved.

### **E. Old Business**

AIS Time: 11 x  
15 minutes =  
160 minutes

a. **Love Your Lake Event** – Ann reported that she and Margo continue to work on the guest speakers, particularly someone from Bemidji State University and Barbie Martz for the purpose of discussing real estate values on the area and in conjunction with water quality and how that correlates. The date certain is Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Further discussion regarding advertising the event through the church, township, signage. Ann will address the need for volunteers as that arises.

b. **Newsletter layout/print needs** – Janet discussed that the new designer is working out very well and the product is very satisfactory.

## F. Director's Reports

a. Janet discussed topics addressed at a recent Minnesota Coalition of Lakes event including our various approaches to having a positive image in the community, additional endorsements for various kinds of boat uses, creating a list of influential individuals we need to maintain regular contact with. Janet also gave an update on the Enbridge pipeline including that the PUC recently voted to approve the most recent environmental impact statement which was a let-down but many hurdles remain.

AIS Time: 11 x  
20 minutes =  
220 minutes

b. Christopher discussed launch inspection grant application and anything we want to include in our grant request in the way of AIS outreach/prevention-ideas are welcome. Application is due in March

c. Ann requested that we please report our AIS hours asap, and she also mentioned that we need to maintain awareness of the flowering rush in the lake and monitor how it develops this season after ice-out

d. Stu added discussion regarding the Love Your Lake topic and helping members and non-members to have a better understanding of what it is that we do as an Association for the lake and how that helps members-particularly as in the case of the event topic in the way of educating about the things that we do and how that can help increase everyone's property values

e. Ben indicated that he'll schedule the Highway 14 cleanup sometime in late April

**Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m., Stu moved, Dick seconded**

**Next Meeting is on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at Big Sandy Lodge.**