

Annual Meeting, Saturday, June 24, 2017
Big Sandy Lodge

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by President Bruce Johnson.

Board members present: Bruce Johnson, Kathy Beatty, John Sturner, John Pilney, Christopher Krolak, Janet Hill, Jim Carlson, Anne Rorem, Jack Johnson, Russ Thompson, Dick Beatty

Liaisons present: Bob Greifzu and Bill Reed

Board members absent: Ben Gisselman, Jeff Backowski; Liaison Jim Krezowski

Welcome and greeting by Bruce Johnson, BSLA Board President.

Bruce Johnson called for a motion to accept 2016 annual meeting minutes: moved by Russ Thompson, seconded by Gary Anderson. He then called for a motion to accept 2016 Treasurer's Report moved by Gary Anderson, seconded by Don Halloff.

Bruce introduced the current board members, mentioning that two members resigned from the board in 2016 — Mickey Utech and Micki Berg — and thanked them for their service. He explained that the lake association depends on the following individuals in the community to help find answers to questions:

- Amber Ladd (CO)
- Courtney Kinnett (Libby Dam), who described the changes at the dam: the campground is getting a pollinator garden and 100% reservable campsites, and there is a new playground (ADA accessible), and as always, free picnicking and beach. They keep the lake level at 1216.0 - 1216.56 for summer. 1216.31 is the average lake level; it is currently at 1216.29. See rivergauges.com for information.
- Rick Bruesewitz — DNR Fisheries expert
- Steve Hughes - Aitkin County water management supervisor, works with inspectors on boat ramps (which are employees of Aitkin County)
- Bill Pratt, Aitkin County Commissioner — See Aitkin County website for his phone number and email address. He welcomes questions.
- Ron Smith, Shamrock Township Supervisor
- Scott Turner, Aitkin County Sheriff, who said, in his 13th year as sheriff of Aitkin County, he appreciates residents being his department's eyes and ears to reduce burglaries. Aitkin County has gone from about 400 down to 120 burglaries a year. The sheriff's department is involved with the AIS effort as well.

Christopher Krolak showed video of the effects of Aquatic Invasive Species on Big Sandy Lake.

Nomination and Election of New Board Members. John Sturner announced the people running for office. On the ballot: Jeff Backowski, Dick Beatty, Janet Hill, Jack Johnson, John Sturner, Margo Gisselman, Ann Rorem. Stu Mortrude was nominated by Marilee Sturner from the floor. There was a move to a unanimous ballot (moved by John Sturner, seconded by Christopher Krolak). Unanimous approval: all board members were re-elected, and we welcome three new board members, Stu Mortrude, Margo Gisselman, and Ann Rorem.

Bruce gave thanks to the Big Sandy Lodge for hosting our annual meeting. Josh Kuha, General Manager of the Lodge, presented the BSLA with a check for \$1200, proceeds from the Annual Run For the Lake 5K, which is sponsored by the Big Sandy Lodge.

Janet Hill spoke about the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline.

Kathy Beatty thanked our business members and encouraged members to patronize their businesses and thank them for supporting the lake association.

Drawings were held for Door Prizes and Grand Prize Paradise Pad, a floating raft procured with help from Willey's Marine. Barb Pilney won.

11:55 Meeting was adjourned, followed by lunch.