

**Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting**  
**Via Zoom –12/12/2020**

**Called to Order at 8:36 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Bruce Johnson, Kathy Beatty, Ben Gisselman, Margo Gisselman, Christopher Krolak, Laurie Hamre, John Pilney, Ann Rorem, Laurie White, John Sturner, John Pilney

**Others Present:** Ron Smith

- A. Review and Approve November Meeting Minutes Report:** John Sturner moved approval, Margo seconded.
- B. Review and Approve November Treasurer's Report:** John S. moved approval, Ann seconded  
**Review November Membership Report:** 633 individual memberships and 35 business memberships (see attached).

**C. President's Report**

a. Update on Boat launch signage-Bruce spoke with Glen Demenge and looked at the material which will be aluminum. Goal for posting is May 1<sup>st</sup>, Stu mentioned that we should consider timing and possibly putting the posts in now in anticipation of the ground not yet being thawed. If the signs get in later in May, that would be okay as well.

b. Lodge Payment-Bruce discussed whether we should pay the Lodge for months they were unable to accommodate our meetings, group agreed we should not.

c. Fire Tower Concern-Discussion regarding whether we should create a sign, contribute to the creation of a sign, or write a newsletter article regarding safety and vandalism. Group agreed that we don't want to have any liability, but contributing to the DNR for any signage and writing a newsletter article would be a good approach.

**D. Old Business**

a. Update on Signs Graphics/Wording-Margo reported that she has been in touch with Tim Scollard with content and he is working on perhaps three examples that we'll be able to review at a future meeting.

b. Newsletter Article Ideas-Bruce reported that he spoke with Rick Bruesewitz as to him writing an article regarding Walleye tagging. Ann reported that she has the following for articles being written or are possibilities: DNR Fishery, E-911 numbers article from Kathy, Star Lake article from John Sturner, Own Your Wake article from Laurie White, recap of wake meeting from Ben, Big Sandy Lake accomplishments over the years article, Bob Harder article, Lake Facts article from Margo, Talon update, pipeline update, possible water testing results article from John Pilney, annual AIS synopsis from Christopher, real estate update from Stu, weed disposal article by Ann. This next newsletter (February) is the one that goes out to all property owners.

c. Love Your Lake Event-Margo reported that we had reserved May 8<sup>th</sup> at Minnesota National, but now that has been scheduled as the Minnesota fishing opener. She'll work on reserving either May 1<sup>st</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>, with preference for the 15<sup>th</sup> for potential better attendance.

## **E. New Business**

- a. Process and volunteers for invoice mailing 2021-Discussion regarding whether we can actually physically get together for this task, especially given how long it will take. Bruce suggested six volunteers take their share home. Kathy agreed this is doable. Volunteers are: Laurie, Hemre, Margo, Ben, Christopher, Ann, Bruce, and John Sturner. Ready for pickup from Kathy by January 4<sup>th</sup>, to the post office by January 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **F. Director's Reports**

- a. Stu-Mentioned that he's in Florida, working hard.
- b. Ann-Mentioned that she needs to turn in hours for AIS to ACSWCD for grant purposes.

## **G. Guest Speakers**

- a. Ron Smith-Township is tree trimming at this time. Township is also in the process of opposing a public access vacation request near Hillcrest (Ron mentioned that there are 54 such accesses around the lake). Ron indicated that the Township commonly opposes these requests as they have various purposes such as drainage. Township elections are happening soon.

Adjournment moved by Ben, Ben seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

**Next Meeting is Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Location TBD.**

**2020 Membership Data -- November**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>2019</b>		<b>2020</b>	
	<b>Count</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Paid</b>
<b>Complementary</b>	7	N/A	8	N/A
<b>Business Lifetime</b>	3	\$1,000	5	\$1,000
<b>Business Regular</b>	32	\$1,750	35	\$1,860
<b>Individual Lifetime/Benefactor</b>	35	\$2,975	38	\$2,713
<b>Individual Over \$30</b>	141	\$9,515	173	\$11,605
<b>Individual at \$30</b>	371	\$11,080	374	\$11,155
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>\$26,320</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>\$28,333</b>
<b>PayPal Use</b>	52	\$2,930	59	\$2,625

Liz Hartinger Memorials

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**TOTAL**

**\$28,988**

<b>Business Members</b>		<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
	202 Tavern			50	50
	A & M Electric	50	50	100	50
	Ace Hardware				50
	Aspen Realty	50	50	50	50
	A+ Auto Body	50			
	Bann's Bar and Restaurant	50	50	50	100
	Big Sandy Camp and Retreat	50	50	50	50
Life	Big Sandy Lodge & Resort	50	50	500	Life
	Catholic Youth Camps	50	50	50	50
	Century 21 Twin Lakes Realty	50	50	50	100
	Christian Realty	50	50	50	50
	David Winegar, DDS	50	50	150	50
	EyeCare Center of McGregor	50	50	50	50
	Fisherman's Bay		50	50	50
	Floe International, Inc.	50	50	50	50
	Goble's Sewer Service			50	50
	Grand Timber Bank	50	50	50	50
	GTS Tree Service		50		50
	Horseshoe Lake Inn			50	
	Ind. School Dist. #4	50	50	50	
	Lake Country Power	50	50	50	
	Light Publications	50	50		50
	McGregor Baking Company			50	
	McGregor Insurance				50
	McGregor Lanes				50
	McGregor Oil			50	
	McGregor Printing		50		50
	McGregor Realty	50	50	50	50
Life	Medtronic				500
	Meyer's Service Center	50	50	50	50
	Minnesota National Golf	50	50	50	50
	Northern Ridge Landscaping		50		50
	Nistler Plumbing and Heating	50		50	50
	Ole's Resort			50	50
	Peat, Inc	50	50		50
	Prairie River Inn			50	
	Round Lake Resort & Bar				60
	School House Café				50
Life	Talon Metals (Kennecott)			50	500
	Tamarack Pest Control	50	50	50	50
	Target (Dank)	Member	Member	Member	Member
	Thrifty White Pharmacy	50	50	50	50
	Township of Workman			50	50
	Ukura's Big Dollar				50
	Up North Riders				50
	Voyageur Press	50		50	
	Willey's Marine	50	500	Life	Life
Life	Willey's Sport Shop & Spirits	50	50		
	Yellowstone Log Homes	100	50	50	50
	Zorbaz Big Zandy	50		500	Life
Life	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1650</b>	<b>1850</b>	<b>2700</b>	<b>2860</b>
	<b>COUNT</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>