

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting
Grace Lutheran Church – 2/12/2016

Called to Order at 8:32

Board Members Present-Bruce Johnson, Ben Gisselman, John Sturner, Janet Hill, Jim Carlson, Kathy Beatty, Dick Beatty, John Pilney, Jack Johnson, Russ Thompson

Others Present: Bob Greifzu

- A. Review and Approve Prior Minutes-
Jim moved, Dick seconded
- B. Review and Approve Treasurer's Report (see attached)
Kathy moved to approve Treasurer's report, Dick seconded
- C. President's Report
 - a. Member's Annual Invoices
 - 1300 mailed out this year (400 approx. more than normal), additional businesses included on list and some duplicates have caused that number to increase
 - Janet, Bruce, Dick, and Kathy got together and did the invoice mass mailing (folding, stamps, envelopes, etc.)
 - b. Update on Newsletter
 - 1,300 newsletters also went out this single quarterly time per year
 - c. Lake Map Printing for GFO Give-away
 - 500 are printed and we reviewed them at this meeting. All were impressed and thought this was a nice give-away at future events
 - d. Invoice from Minnesota Soil and Water
 - Request for reimbursement to ACSWD in the amount of 9,281 for our in-kind contribution towards AIS hours spent monitoring on Big Sandy this summer
 - Ben to discuss with Steve Hughes the amount of hours actually expended by monitors on Big Sandy this past summer so we can determine whether the requested amount is accurate, and whether it includes a reduction for our in-kind hour contribution for volunteer time
- D. Old Business
 - a. Review 2016 Budget
 - Budget amount same this year as was last year
 - We are sending more than we are taking in assuming the present numbers being debated regarding our AIS grant match
 - b. Governor's Fishing Opener
 - Need a point person for the booth, locations, set-up
 - Ben to discuss with Steve Hughes the prospect of ensuring the accesses are covered for the GFO weekend

- c. Aitkin Lake Forest Road
 - Russ was curious regarding the comments from Amber Ladd at the last meeting regarding the closure of the Aitkin Lake Forest Road
- E. New Business
 - a. Facebook Issues
 - Discussed whether we're having any issues related to Facebook-consensus was no but there is healthy activity on the page
 - b. Email Issues
 - No issues reported
 - c. John Sturner moved that we contribute \$1,000 to the Aitkin County Law Enforcement Benevolent Association, Jim Carlson seconded, group voted unanimously to support
 - Also, a Go Fund Me Page for this purpose has been created for the community to contribute to
- D. Director's Reports
 - a. Janet Hill
 - MN COLA, their agenda is to pursue the following: revise and enhancing shoreland rules, have AIS enforcement go through MPCA, septic inspection
 - Regarding pipeline, Enbridge challenging the idea that EIS needs to be complete before they can move forward
 - Mayors of 82 communities in Canada have rejected the Energy East trans-Canada pipeline project
 - Governor's Water Summit coming up on February 27th-Janet distributed info regarding completing their survey by
 - Janet also suggested the idea of encouraging estate planning giving to the BSLA
 - b. John Pilney
 - Kennecott/Rio Tinto-operation is 12 miles long by 2 miles wide
 - This mining is for copper and it appears as soon as the copper price rises, mining could very well begin
 - Mentioned that the water testing methods they continue to promote are flawed
 - Meeting being held with Matt Jeschke and Kennecott in March that directors are invited to attend
- F. Guest Speakers
 - a. Ron Smith-
 - Distributed info regarding funding fallen officers fund pertaining to Deputy Steve Sandberg
 - Ron distributed flyer with items and cost for county clean-up day
 - Road sanding underway, plenty of ice under areas where there is a roadside tree canopy-there is always a balance between preserving tree canopy and preventing ice buildup areas

- Ron is up for reelection this year and has no challenger but with little voting turnout, write-ins can be threatening. Sheriff Turner announced that he endorses Ron.
 - Board of Audit Meeting for Township coming up
- b. Sheriff Turner
- Ice has been between 16-18" of ice but multiple cars in one place is a problem
 - Many events are restricting ice parking including Eel Pout Festival
 - Aitkin County Deputies will be assisting Cass County for Eel Pout and Cass County in exchange is sending deputies here for the GFO weekend, which is also the same weekend that the fallen officers event is taking place in Washington DC which Sheriff Turner is leaving to attend on Saturday May 14th
 - Significant burglary arrest made south of Aitkin
 - Suspect arrested with significant amount of methamphetamine (a pound)
 - Motor vehicle stops has been an increasingly effective tool for dealing with drug arrests
 - Encountering a lot of people with mental illness and the Department is working on better ways to address offenders with mental illness and alternatives to traditional incarceration
 - Ice driving restriction on Minnewawa for tournament tomorrow

Motion made by John Sturner, Dick seconded. Adjourned at 10:26.

Next Meeting is Friday March 11, 2016.

Jack Johnson to provide treats for March