

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting  
Big Sandy Lodge – 5/12/2018

Called to Order at 8:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Bruce Johnson, Christopher Krolak, Kathy Beatty, John Pilney, Margo Gisselman, Stu Mortrude, Ben Gisselman, Jeff Backowski, Ann Rorem, Janet Hill, Dick Beatty, Jim Carlson, John Sturner

Others Present: Bob Greifzu (Liaison), County Commissioner Bill Pratt

**A. Review and Approve January Minutes:** Stu moved, Kathy seconded

**B. Review and Approve April and March Treasurer's Report:** John moved, Ann seconded

Motion to allocate \$10,000 to a CD made by Dick, seconded by Margo

**Membership Report was given by Kathy Beatty:** So far in 2018, we have 559 paid members, including 2 benefactors and 28 paid business memberships

**C. President's Report**

- a. Shoreline Management Seminar-Ann and Margo, plans are coming together, plants have arrived via Barefoot Gardens (bottle gentian, joe pie weed, blazing star), bags are being prepared, speakers are arranged, prizes including the rain barrel are in order, board members should arrive at 9:30am, Jeff to retrieve rain barrel from Groth Lumber in Wright
- b. Annual Meeting-June 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm  
Discussion regarding speakers at the annual meeting (see agenda), time for each  
Bruce to prepare agenda, Ben to create PowerPoint, Kathy to make ballots, Kathy to acquire give-away from Willey's (splash pad), other giveaways will be cups

**D. Old Business**

- a. Volunteers for 5K Run for the Lake  
Kathy, Bruce, John, Jeff, Jim, Margo, registration at 8:30am, race at 10am
- b. Discussion regarding BSLA apparel
- c. Highway Clean-Up  
Event was successful as always, Herbranson family and friends are always appreciative and supportive, not as much trash this year, John S., Stu and his wife, Jack Johnson, and Ben participated, lunch at Zorbaz after and as always, Kurtiz provided some complimentary pizzas to support the cause
- d. Placemats-They are done and have been distributed to Hillcrest, Fisherman's Bay, and Prairie River Inn, 500 have been printed so far and we'll plan to have the mass printing done once we are sure that this version is what we are settling with, reaction to the design has been good so far
- e. Bob Greifzu discussed the new bait water bags that are being used by local bait shops, with a discount if you re-use the bags on items such as lures

- f. AIS Grant-Ben-our application for educational materials (placemats) was approved in full and also in full for boat launch hours, reminder to group to keep track of in-kind hours as they equate to an \$18/hour discount on our 10% cash match
- g. Bruce mentioned that he and Jeff worked the township cleanup event which was very busy again this year but perhaps busier than years past

**E. New Business**

- a. Dick Beatty  
Mentioned that our scholarship award will happen soon and it was decided that Dick and Kathy will attend that event at the high school
- b. Stu Mortrude  
Discussion regarding items for inclusion within the welcome bags, and ensuring that each board member has a bag to distribute to any new lake property owners that they may encounter in a given year
- c. Jeff Backowski  
Mentioned that promoting the history of Raspberry Island and the activities occurring there are matters that we should promote further perhaps in the newsletter, etc.

**F. Director's Reports**

- a. John Pilney  
Discussed PCA standards for sulfate measurement and the fact that the process for measurement is being reevaluated really from the beginning. Discussion regarding lack of enforcement of sulfate ppm rules on new mining projects
- b. Kathy Beatty  
Some responding members have suggested that they would be willing to receive the newsletter electronically  
General discussion about creating some customized stationary for the BSLA

**G. Guest Speakers**

- Commissioner Bill Pratt-June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting (1-3pm) at Long Lake Conservation Center of various lake associations meeting to compare notes on what works and what doesn't for various groups and their lake groups.  
New government center plans are underway and demolition will begin this June of the old jail and that part of the building that is not part of the historic courthouse, will accommodate new court security measures and also expansion of various county government departments such as Veterans Affairs, County Commissioner offices, etc.  
Various road improvement projects will be underway this summer

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:19 by Janet, with John S. seconding.

**H. Next meeting will be the annual meeting on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lodge.**