

**BIG SANDY LAKE
ASSOCIATION**
2010 Board Meeting Minutes

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BIG SANDY BOARD MEETING.....1-8-2010

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:40.

Board members present: Mark Anderson, Bruce Johnson, Dean Anderson, John Pilney, John Sturner, Karen Trembley, Dan Branson, Karen Tero & Liaison Jim Carlson.

Board members absent: Neal Sampson, Mike Tait, Bill Reed, Vern Awes, Jack Johnson.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from 11-13-09.

Dan Branson reviewed FY budget for 2010, motion was made and seconded to accept budget for 2010. Motion made and seconded to accept Nov. & Dec. treasurers report.

Membership: Dean Anderson has been working on lake lots and owners, getting correct address's etc.

President Jim Krezowski reported that log time sheets to be in...as they go to Janet Smude for grants etc. Be sure and report your home address for the upcoming census. The Annual BSLA meeting will be June 26th, 2010. Jim Krezowski will not be running for President. At the July 2010 meeting the election of a new president will take place. Those board members up for re-election will be Karen Trembley, John Merboth, Bill Reed, and Neal Sampson. Those running for board member need to have Bio's in by May 15th for the newsletter.

Old Business: John Sturner attended a board meeting for Star Lake, there is money left to go ahead for the future. John suspects that if Big Sandy Lake becomes a star lake the benefits could be good for business, good for property values etc. There must be a Lake Management Plan in place which is being worked on. At the March meeting we need to make a decision to go ahead with the Star Lake project. There will be no board meeting in Feb. 2010. Dan Branson will be in charge of the March 2010 meeting.

The Big Sandy Lake by-laws are still in process.

Dean Anderson asked that we have buttons on our Web site that folks can pay their membership dues using Pay Pal. Motion was made and seconded to approve a tab on the new Web site.

John Merboth made a motion to send a check back if we get someone's twice, this motion was seconded. This motion was opposed and amended to call folks and give them the opportunity to refund their money or leave on their account for future dues.

New Business: Barb Anderson will have a letter for the President to sign; this is to authorize the partnership between Shamrock Lakes Association and Big Sandy Lakes Association for means of a Pay pal donation button on the BSLA website.

Invasive Species: Mark Anderson reported on the cost of our inspection program which would be about \$2000.00. Mark will be working on a Grant for monies for invasive species, asking the DNR to support us. Mark Anderson has the grant prepared to send in. The amount requested

from the DNR would be \$3100.00; we would have to match this money. Mark came up with options such as accurate measurements on ruler, print up user friendly brochures to be given to boat dealers and brochures at major landing. Motion was made and accepted to accept Marks grant letter.

We need to have our newsletter on the Web site, delete the old site.

Minnesota waters is holding a conference...check the DNR Web site for more information.

Guest Scott Turner reported some good ideas for the Lake Association is to publish safe ideas while boating, fishing, swimming etc....getting to know your neighbors is very important and appreciate everyone invested in the process of staying safe on the lake.

Liaison Jim Carlson asked the board to approve \$2500.00 for the water institute...Motion made and seconded to approve the \$2500.00. Jim also asked for everyone to support the Rivers & Lakes Fair.

TMDL: John Pilney reported that project manager Bonnie expected to get a draft from BAR which would then go to the MPCA, they would approve the final report; at that time BAR engineering will be done. At that time we can put on our WEB site.

Water Quality: nothing to report.

BSLAWAMP: nothing to report.

Fisheries: nothing to report.

Water surface Use: nothing to report.

Jim Krezowski finalized the meeting by saying that someone should attend a couple of chamber meetings. The Web site is being worked on and will continue. If the BSLA get comments from lake owners regarding the newsletter we should answer in mass on the Webb site.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

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Neal Sampson to bring treats.

Big Sandy Lake Association Board Meeting 4-16-2010

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:40.

Board Members Present: John Sturner, John Pilney, John Merboth, Bruce Johnson, Mark Anderson, Dan Branson, Neal Sampson, Dean Anderson, Vern Awes, Karen Tero & Karen Trembley.

Board Members Absent: Jack Johnson, Mike Tait, Bill Reed.

Guests: Mark Krezowski, Scott Turner, Bob Griefzu, Brittany Raveill, Ron Smith.

Minutes approved as read for 1-8-2010.

Dan Branson reviewed Treasurers report for Jan., Feb & March 2010. Treasurer's report approved as read.

Membership: Dean Anderson reported 383 paid membership with 42 new members. Dean will check board members being up to date on their dues. Dean is suggesting we take off mail that is returned. Dean changed the addresses in his mailing list. We will be doing a full mailing after the May BSLA meeting.

Jim Krezowski asked a new directory be printed after the annual meeting.

Jim Krezowski sent a note out to board members regarding the annual meeting which is the June 26th, 2010.

Bruce Johnson needs the President's report and articles that will go in the newsletter by April 22, 2010. There will be an article in the newsletter explaining the newsletter being on the WEB site the same day as the newsletter is sent out.

Dan Branson will call the Sand Bar to confirm that they are hosting our annual meeting.

The agenda for the annual meeting will be in the May newsletter.

Rick Brusewitz will come to our annual meeting or send a speaker regarding fisheries.

Bob Griefzu suggested a speaker from the proposed coal classification plant in Palisade come to our annual meeting and speak on fallout from this plant.

Mark Krezowski suggested we have a speaker come to our annual meeting regarding mining.

Jim Krezowski will pursue a person to speak at our annual meeting regarding mining in our area.

It was decided not to have a Kennecott speaker come to our annual meeting.

Brian Napstad will be asked to be a guest speaker.

Most speakers will be limited to 15 minutes.

Vote for board members.

John Sturner gave the board an update on Star Lakes....do we want to continue with this program, if so, we need to get organized in order to go ahead. If we go ahead with the Star Lake Program we need a Lake Management Plan. Motion made by Dan Branson and seconded by Bruce Johnson to invite Mr. Sumption to our next meeting that would help write a Lake Management Plan for Big Sandy.

Guest Speakers:

Britney Raveill from Voyager Press spoke on the proposed regulation on area lakes could be regulated by the Coast Guard, Mille Lacs Lake with Gull Lake and Kabatogama are also on the list. The status of Aitkin Lake and Big Sandy is still unclear at this time.

Guest Bob Griefzu asked if we still wanted to authorize him to buy door prizes for the annual meeting, Bob was authorized to spend \$250.00.

Sheriff Scott Turner reported that buoy's will be going out soon.

Ron Smith reported that roads are now be worked on, they are working on the ballfield, calcium chloride is coming earlier for the roads, rip rap projects will be under way soon with a wash out at the bridge on bridge road. There will be men working on grinding tree stumps. The board of appeals will be April 23rd at Shamrock Town Hall. April 24th will Shamrock clean-up day. If you would like to volunteer be at the Town Hall by 7:30.

Mark Krezowski urged more members attend our board meetings.

New Business:

Dean Anderson will put the calcium chloride road treatment and cleanup day on the internet.

Invasive Species: Neal Sampson reported we received the grant for matching funds to pay for the intern that the DNR will train and place at our public access. How many intern's we will have is yet to be determined. Mark Anderson thinks there is signage that we can get like the DNR uses, for posting at access's.

Mark Anderson reported on the billboard (BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION) that will be posted for a period of 5 months beginning May 1st, 2010. Cost will be \$275 per month and \$600 for production and shipping charges. The billboard will be located north of Mora and will face south, meaning that north-bound travelers will see the panel as they pass it. The state/DNR will share total costs at the rate of 50%. Mark is checking on road construction north of Mora that could impact our location.

Fisheries: nothing to report.

TMDL: John Pilney reported he asked for recommendation and approvals from BAR, at this time it is not available but should be available in the upcoming month and a public meeting should be held, we should know something soon.

Water Quality: Nothing to report.

BSLAWAMP: John Merboth said the 319th grant came through. Will have \$2500.00 this year, get the bills in. Clean Water fun grant will probably get approved. Steve Hughes spoke on TMDL...he is hopeful the report should be ready by June. Janet Smude said this was the first year there was no sampling, we do have preliminary money for 3 sites.

Water Surface Use: Vern Awes handed out 2 parts to the Aitkin County Shoreland Management Ordinance.

Vern Awes also expressed great concern for the all the ice fishing that is being done on the North end of the lake. This was agreed upon by all board members, what else can be done to control this issue.

The WEB site is up and running.

May 14th will be our next meeting and the newsletter will be assembled after the meeting.

Motion made by Neal Sampson to adjourn, seconded by Mark Anderson.

Treats: John Merboth will bring treats.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

BSLA meeting May 14, 2010

BSLA board meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:30.

Board Members Present: John merboth, John Pilney, Vern Awes, Bruce Johnson, John Sturner, Dan Branson, Mark Anderson, Dean Anderson, Jack Johnson, Karen Tero, Bill Reed & Karen Trembley.

Board Members Absent: Mike Tait, Neal Sampson.

Guests: Sheriff Scott Turner, Ron Smith, Mark Krezowski, Jim Carlson.

Motion made by John Sturner and seconded by Bill Reed to accept minutes 4-16-2010.

Dan Branson gave the Treasurers report. John Sturner made a motion to accept Treasurers report, seconded by Bill Reed.

Dean Anderson reported 395 for membership.

Vern Awes will be developing the ballot for the annual meeting elections. There will be one ballot per person. Motion was made by Vern Awes to have Jim Krezowski contact Mike Tait if he will continue to be on the board, seconded by Dean Anderson.

The minutes of 2009 annual meeting will be posted. 5 people will be at the sign in desk, make sure everyone fully understands how the sign in works for the # in ballots. Dean

Anderson will print a roster to have at the annual meeting for folks that are members to sign in.

Speakers for the annual meeting have been arranged. The agenda is in the May newsletter.

Jim Carlson will sell Lake Association clothes at the annual meeting. Bruce Johnson will ask his wife to take over clothing for the Association.

Brian Napstad reported on the Mississippi Headwaters and Lake Association meetings are on the same day. The wild rice farm has been purchased in partnership with McGregor folks; they are working on getting enrolled in a conservation plan. Brian Napstad reported on the Bowser board. Brian is the head of the northern tier Bowser board.

The Federal government is trying to take over the Clean Water Restoration Act. At this point Brian felt it is good to keep this at the local level. This is now in play so write to Congressman Jim Oberstar.

Sheriff Scott Turner said the buoys are out....we are hoping the start of the fishing opener will have limited problems. Big Sandy Lake is a multi-use lake, so be mindful of other folks and activities while boating.

Ron Smith reported there were 172 loads that came in on Shamrock clean-up days. If you weren't a Shamrock Township resident you were charged. The leaf sites are expensive to maintain, littering at these sites is unacceptable.

Jim Carlson asked if the Cabin Life Magazine would still be handed out at the annual meeting, the Cabin Life Magazine will be available at our annual meeting. Vern Awes made a motion to let the water institute use our mailing, seconded by John Sturner. Jim Carlson explained some of the ideas of estate planning and the Big Sandy Foundation if anyone is interested.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Sturner reviewed our process of becoming a Star Lake. We should invite Steve Hughes to one of our meetings to explain what monies are out there for us.

John Sumption gave out information on becoming a Star Lake. We need to pass a resolution today to have John Sumption help us with this project and he will send us a contract to sign.

Dean Anderson made a motion to hire John Sumption to write a Lake Management Plan, seconded by Dan Branson, all in favor.

Motion was made by Dean Anderson to close the Old Web site, seconded by Mark Anderson. Dan Branson will check on the process of closing the old Web site. All in favor, motion passed. We will invite John Sumption to our July 9th lake association meeting.

Invasive Species: Mark Anderson reported our BSLA sign will go up north of Mora, when construction begins it will be moved to the Tamarack area on Hwy. 210. We still have \$2400.00 to work with.

TMDL: John Pilney has been monitoring. Janet Smude said the contract has been extended for BAR engineering. Water quality is the main goal of the Lake Association.

BSALWMP: John Merboth reported if Janet Smude did get approval for sampling there is GPS for this project. John Pilney would do the sampling. We need to get any bills to Janet Smude ASAP. There will be an article in the next newsletter regarding available funds for such items as no mow zone, shoreland restoration etc.

Motion made and seconded to not host the community meal this year.

ACLARA: Bill Reed reported that the group is activating a number committees and the communication chairman had requested e-mail addresses for all board members of the various lake members of ACLARA. The board agreed to have Bill Reed send e-mail addresses to the communication chairman.

Dan Branson made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by John Pilney.

Bill Reed will bring treats for June 11th meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

BSLA meeting June 6-11-10

BSLA board meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:35

Board Members Present: John Merboth, Mark Anderson, Vern Awes, Dan Branson, Dean Anderson, John Sturner, Bruce Johnson, Bill Reed, John Pilney & Karen Trembley.

Board Members Absent: Karen Tero & Neal Sampson.

Guests: Brian Napstad, Jim Carlson, Jim Knoble, Mark Krezowski, Dave Tjosvold, Sheriff Turner, John Engesser (Division of Land & Minerals), Bruce Johnson & Brian Herbranson.

Motion made by Dan Branson and seconded by John Sturner to accept May 14, 2010 minutes.

Dan Branson reviewed Treasurers report. John Sturner made a motion to accept treasurer's report and seconded by Dean Anderson.

Dean Anderson reported membership is at 398....

Presidents Report: President Krezowski asked for volunteers for the Rivers & Lakes Fair. The quarterly time sheets are due for April, May & June at the July meeting. Jim congratulated Bruce Johnson for a great Newsletter. The boat inspection training class is the same day as our annual meeting; Bill Reed will discuss this with ACLARA. It was suggested to have the boat inspection training at our 2011 annual meeting. Jim welcomed Brian Herbranson who has volunteered to run for a board position.

Vern Awes is in charge of board position ballots at the annual meeting. Vern asked if anyone knows of someone that would like to run for a board position to let him know. Dean Anderson made a motion that a person with the least amount of votes gets the lesser term. Discussion....it was decided by the board that board positions should not be filled by using lesser votes. Dean Anderson with drew his motion. John Sturner made a motion to appoint Brian Herbranson for the one year term that was vacated by Mike Tait, seconded by Bill Reed, approved by the board. Brian H. accepted the position.

John Sturner reported on the Star Lake program, John will have a speaker at our July 9th meeting. John will invite anyone who has an interest at our annual meeting.

Old Business:

Jim Krezowski has the agenda ready for the annual meeting. Minutes of 2009 annual meeting will be posted along with the treasurer's report; the agenda will be at all tables. Bill Reed will have 911 information available at our annual meeting.

New Business:

Bruce Johnson will have Big Sandy Clothing available at the annual meeting which will be sold for cost.

Dave Tjosvold reported on the Rice Farms and how critical the paddies are regarding fertilizers and such and how this flows into Big Sandy River, eventually ending up in Big Sandy Lake. Dave's wish would be that the DNR would be the custodian of the rice paddies. BSLA would be a lot of help to support the sale to the DNR by writing a letter to them... Motion was made by John Sturner to support a resolution in favor of the government purchasing this land for preservation, seconded by Vern Awes. Approved

Guest Speakers:

John Engesser from Lands and Minerals in Hibbing reported on Minnesota Mineral Resources, Policy for Mineral Development, School Trust Fund, School Trust Land, State Mineral Lands, Mineral Income and Mining in Minnesota. John also explained the various properties in Minnesota that are active and inactive with Minerals. John also talked about research that is being done at the DNR in Hibbing.

Mark Krezowski reported on the Plasma 101" that will be in Palisade. There will be a presentation at the Minnesota National Golf Course on Thursday, July 1, 2010. Learn more about the proposal for the City of Palisade.

Jim Carlson the Water Institute will be starting soon.

Brian Napstad...the Prarie River Bridge is now in completion.

BSALWAMP: John Merboth reported the TMDL update which says BAR engineering will have complete report the end of June... probable public meeting to occur a month later.

Next meeting will be our Star Lake Program....July 9.

Motion by Vern Awes to adjourn meeting, seconded by Dean Anderson.

Jim Krezowski will bring treats for July meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

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Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting
August 13, 2010

BSLA Board meeting was called to order by John Sturner at 8:30 am.

Members present were: Dan Branson, John Merboth, Jack Johnson, Vern Awes, Bruce Johnson, John Pilney, Dean Anderson , Karen Tero John Sturner and Bill Reed..

Absent were: Jim Krezowski, Karen Trembley, Mark Anderson, and Brian Herbranson ..

Guests were: Jim Noble ,Bob Greifzu and Brian Napstad.

Motion was made by John Merboth and seconded by Dan Branson to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Branson presented a report for June and July. Bill Reed made a motion to accept the report. Vern Awes seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report.

1. Time Logs. 2nd qtr need to be turned in.
2. Help for Wild Rice Days. Bruce Johnson reported that he will need help to reserve and set up the booth at 9:00 am. Volunteers were Jack Johnson, Dan Branson and Vern Awes. The booth will be manned in two hour increments. 9-11, Jim Noble, 11-1, Bill Reed and 1-3 Bruce Johnson. Take down will be done by Bruce, Vern and Jack.

Old Business: Star Lake Management Plan update: Meeting next Fri. @ 9:00 am at Grace Church.

New Business: 2010 Directory. Dean Anderson reported that there are approximately 420 members. A motion was made by Bill Reed to put together a new 2010 directory. Seconded by John M. Discussion followed: Dan Branson said there is no money now. John Sturner asked that this issue be tabled until next meeting. A discussion on what should be printed (i.e. names, addresses, phone, numbers, email, etc) was also tabled.

Committee Reports:

TMDL: John Pilney reported that MPCA has a final draft on their website. He brought attention to page 54, page 57 and section 5.4. There will be a public review on Aug. 26, 3-5 pm at the Tamarack Sno-fliers.

ACLARA: Bill Reed reported that they will be meeting tomorrow.

Website: Neil Sampson, absent; no report.

Water Surface Use: Vern Awes led discussion on fishing close to private properties and ice fishing issues.

Invasive Species: no report.

BASALWAMP: John Merboth reported on the annual meeting and named some of the shore line improvement projects to BSL over the years.

Community Projects: County Rd. 14 pickup will be October 4.

By-Laws Update: Vern Awes, Bill Reed, John Sturner and John Pilney will meet on Sept. 7, 2010 to work on this item.

The September meeting will be moved from Sept. 10 to Sept. 17th. Jack Johnson will check on the availability of Grace Church. The November meeting date also needs to be changed.

Fisheries: Jack Johnson announced an Aug 27 meeting regarding slot limits in St. Paul. More information on this is in the Newsletter.

Dean Anderson brought up the directory and what information should be included. Discussion followed regarding who should have the directory. Again, the issue was tabled.

Vern Awes reported on a County Commission meeting that he attended regarding selling property to the DNR through the Lessard Program. After discussion and a vote, the County Board will continue to support the issue.

Brian Napstad reported that the governor elected to not put the Shoreland Ordinance into play indicating that the variety of lakes and lake usage dictated that one set of rules would be inappropriate.

Adjourn: John Merboth made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jack Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bets Thompson Merboth for
Karen Trembley

BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MTG. 9-17-10
Grace Lutheran Church

BSLA meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:35.

Board Members Present: Bill Reed, Jim Pilney, Bruce Herbranson, Dean Anderson, John Merboth, Vern Awes, Mark Anderson, Bruce Johnson, Dan Branson, Neal Sampson, Karen Trembley, Jim Krezowski.

Members not present: Jack Johnson, Karen Tero, John Sturner.

Liaison's Jim Carlson & Jim Knoble

Motion made and seconded to approve minutes from August 13, 2010. Thanks to Bets Merboth for taking minutes in August.

Dan Branson reviewed treasurer's report, motion made and seconded to approve treasurer's report. Membership: Dean Anderson reported there are 489 members. Congratulations Dean on your attempt to bring in new members.

Bruce Johnson asked that newsletter articles be to him by October 25th. The Newsletter will be put together at our November meeting.

President's report: Shamrock Clean-up day is Sept 18th. If anyone can help with this project is welcome.

Jim Krezowski talked with St. Paul Corp of Engineers, as of now the ROPE is a dead issue.

Bryon Johnson from the Corp of Engineers said there was enough opposition regarding ROPE to put this project on hold.

The Star Lake Project is in its final draft, when this is completed John Sturner will review this with the board and guests.

Wild Rice Days went well. Over \$900.00 was sold in clothing etc. It was suggested to put our sale of clothing on the WEB site; an article will be in the upcoming newsletter.

Committee Reports:

TMDL: John Pilney reviewed findings from BAR engineering. Their findings will now be left up to the county.

INVASIVE SPECIES: The highway signs are still up regarding invasive species.

Brian Herbranson has discovered a large patch of purple loose strife.

There are 5 sites with purple loose strife; Jim Carlson & Rich Rezanka were looking at various sites for this weed.

We do not have a summary at this point regarding our summer interns.

Mark Anderson is going to pursue with authorities various launching sites on the lake that could be a possibility for zebra mussels. Mark discussed launching sites with the authorities was to determine the feasibility of closing down some of smaller launch sites around the lake that are not operated by the DNR or Corps of Engineers. If that is not an option, we need to see that they are properly signed with AIS materials.

Neal Sampson has been updating on our WEB site. If there is anything you want on the WEB let Neal know.

Dean Anderson suggested that we have Big Sandy Boat sticker on our boats. Mark Anderson will follow-up on the boat stickers.

WATER SURFACE USE: Vern Awes had nothing to report.

ACLARA: Bill Reed reported on a presentation regarding intern grants. There are names and numbers of who has control of the grants; grants are part of the DNR. Bill has training materials if anyone is interested. Bill also has the new law regarding watercraft and bait container draining laws in Minnesota. This law will be in our November newsletter.

WATER QUALITY: Secchi disk readings are done for the season.

BSALWMP: John Merboth reported on grant monies. Include everyone, use your time sheets to record any time spent in regards to BSLA activities.

Vern Awes will schedule a meeting with committee working on the BSL by-laws.

Jim Carlson gave us an update on Vern White; he is now in hospice at the Owatonna house.

Scott Turner reported that it has been a quiet year....be vigilant about your neighbors. We have hit an all time low in the county for burglary and thefts. Focus on prevention.

Motion was made to explore the slow no wake on the Prairie River. Whatever the county board passes will have to have the slow no wake. Safety on the Prairie is an issue; we have heard that folks living on the Prairie have been asking for slow no wake zones for some time. Indication to the public suggesting with recommendation to slow no wake, this will be in the Presidents report in the November newsletter. Seconded by Neal Sampson.

Bruce Johnson asked Sheriff Scott Turner about a helicopter pad at Shamrock town hall. At this point they are looking at various options such as the airport in McGregor.

Jim Carlson reported the Water Institute program went well. He will be asking Lisa Kruse for a small article regarding the Silver Sneakers at the fitness center that will go in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned by Neal Sampson and seconded by Bruce Johnson.

Neal Sampson will bring treats for October

NEXT MEETING – October 8, 2010 at the Log Church

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

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BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MTG. 10-08-10
Grace Lutheran Church

BSLA meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:30.

Board members present: Jack Johnson, Dan Branson, Karen Tero, Mark Anderson, Brian Herbranson, John Sturner, Vern awes, Karen Trembley, Neal Sampson, and Bruce Johnson.
Board members not present: Bill Reed, John Merboth, Dean Anderson, John Pilney.
Guests: Jim Carlson, Bruce Larson.

President's report: Jim Krezowski asked that Log sheets for July, August, and Sept are due...we use our logged time sheets for Grant money. The November 12th board meeting will have to be moved to Fisherman's Bay due to a fall dinner at the Log Church.

Due to conflicts of other events in the area, the board meeting for June would have to be moved to June 3rd, 2011, the annual meeting would be moved to June 11, 2011. More discussion on these changes if the church is available on June 3rd and the Sand Bar would be available on June 11th, 2011 for the annual meeting.

There is no board meeting in December 2010.

Newsletter articles need to be to Bruce Johnson by 10-24-10. Newsletter will be put together at our November 12th meeting.

John Sturner made a motion to accept minutes from Sept., seconded by Bruce Johnson.

Dan Branson reviewed treasurer's report. Dan updated everyone on the 6 month review of CD's...John Sturner approved, seconded by Jim Krezowski.

Membership is at 507.....thanks Dean Anderson.

John Sturner met with the Star Lake committee and gave an overview at our meeting. Our Lake Management Plan is almost complete and will go on our WEB site when complete. It was suggested that a Lake Management committee amongst the BSLA board. The Lake Management Plan will be out for the board to read before it is accepted. Notices have been put in the Minnesota Waters Newsletter. There will also be an update in our upcoming newsletter. Thanks to John Sturner for working so hard on this project.

Jim Krezowski has been working on the slow no wake sign's on a portion of the Prairie River. He is waiting to get back with Scott Turner...then it will have to be approved by the county Commissioners. The sign that was on the Old Bridge will be put back up by John Sturner.

A question and answer area will be our next newsletter. Neal will send out a courtesy copy to all board members. Mark is putting together an article in the November newsletter, if you have questions write to the board member and we will put that in the newsletter.

Beginning in January we will no longer include any notification of membership fees due in any of the newsletters, instead we will have two separate direct mailings, one to current members who will be asked to send their annual dues payment along with the tear off section of the invoice in the envelope which we will include with the mailing. The other mailing will be to all residents who are currently not members of the association, they will be asked to complete an

information form and mail it along with their membership fee in the envelope they received with the invoice.

TMDL: nothing to report.

Invasive Species: Gull Lake now has Zebra Mussels. We got the word the grant we applied for came through, this can be used for signage for 3 or 4 boat access points, Rich Rezenka could possible help us put up the signage at Traders Post landing, Corps of Engineers, Pier 65...

Water Surface Use: Vern Awes pointed out there is an access at the Sand Bar, if this is not an official access it should be closed, Vern Awes and John Sturner will check on this access.

ACLARA: Nothing to report.

Water Quality: Nothing to report.

Fisheries: Jack Johnson announced that the slot limit on Big Sandy is still in process and awaiting approval.

BSALWAMP: Nothing to report.

Bruce Johnson...asked for any additional articles for the newsletter.

John Sturner moved for additional money of \$350.00 for the use of the church for the lake association meetings and doing some copying for us, seconded by Vern Awes.

NOVEMBER 12TH Lake Association meeting at Fisherman's Bay at 8:30.

Meeting Adjourned by John Sturner seconded by Vern Awes.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

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BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING
Meeting at Fisherman's Bay...11-12-10

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:35.

Board Members present: Mark Anderson, Brian Herbranson, Dean Anderson, John Sturner, Bruce Johnson, John Pilney, Karen Trembley, John Merboth, Neal Sampson Vern Awes, Jack Johnson and Bill Reed.

Board Members Absent: Dan Branson & Karen Tero.

Guests: Bruce Larson, Mark Johnson, Ron Smith & Jim Carlson.

Motion made by John Sturner to approve minutes of 10-08-10, seconded by Bruce Johnson. Dan Branson sent Treasurers report, motion made and seconded to approve treasurers report.

Membership: Dean Anderson reported we now have 513 members.

Dean Anderson discussed the hiring of Barb Anderson to do our billing and membership for \$20.00 an hour. Discussion followed to do billing for 2010/2011 and set goals for the upcoming year as to expenditures of projects and income. Motion made by John Sturner to have Barb Anderson do our billing and membership for \$20.00 and hour, seconded by Bruce Johnson.

President's report: Jim Krezowski, board meeting and annual meeting will tentavily be held June 3, 2011 and annual meeting June11, 2011. This will be determined soon.

Jim Krezowski will not be present for our January 14, 2011 meeting, John Sturner, Vice President will be present for this meeting.

Thanks to Brian and Sharon Napstad for allowing the board to meet at Fisherman's Bay.

By-Laws: Vern Awes and board members reviewed changes to the By-Laws that were done by the By-Laws committee. These changes will be made by Vern Awes and Karen Trembley and will be addressed at our next board meeting. Each board member will be sent a copy of changes to review before the January 2011 meeting.

John Sturner gave an overview regarding the Star Lake project. We scored 95 points. There will be an awards ceremony, with the date, place and time yet to be determined. Motion was made by Vern Awes to give \$200.00 towards the Star Lake ceremony, seconded by Bill Reed.

Thanks John Sturner for all you have done....keep up the good work.

Guests: Jim Carlson was approached by Lisa Kruse to have Teri Arnold and Shari Horton speak on the proposed playground in McGregor. This has been a community effort and asked if the Association could support this project in any way with a donation or time spent as a volunteer. Ron Smith reported there were many trees down due to the last wind storm we had, Shamrock maintenance folks worked very hard getting trees out of harms way. Ron also asked on narrow roads around Big Sandy, if walkers could walk single file, with ongoing traffic etc. can be a hazard.

Jim Carlson asked if the Association could support Operation Christmas, which helps needy families in the area.

TMDL: John Pilney discussed the ROPE study which was finalized, the decision being not to change the date of discharging water out of Big Sandy Lake. The ROPE study is no longer on the computer, John will do more checking. Nothing to report on TMDL.

Invasive Species: Mark Anderson said the large signage for various access points on Big Sandy have arrived and will be put up.

Water Surface Use: nothing to report. Bill Reed talked with the folks at the Dam and they don't expect the water to go down on Big Sandy.

ACLARA: Bill Reed reported they have shut down for the winter.

Community Projects: Vern Awes asked when the Association is approached by outsiders for money, how do we handle this? As part of our mission statement we will not be giving to various organizations that are not related to Big Sandy Lake. We need to look at our budget regarding missions/projects on the lake. Jim Krezowski will let the folks know that the Association cannot give at this time.

Motion made by John Sturner to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dean Anderson.

Jack Johnson will bring treats for the January meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

BIG SANDY 2010 ANNUAL MEETING – BIG SAND BAR – JUNE 26, 2010

Coffee & Rolls were served.

President Jim Krezowski called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

President Jim Krezowski welcomed everyone to our annual meeting. Jim introduced all board members, Karen Trembley, Dan Branson, John Merboth, Jack Johnson, Vern Awes, Mark Anderson, Bruce Johnson, John Pilney, John Sturner, Bill Reed, Dean Anderson, Karen Tero & Brian Herbranson. Neal Sampson not present.

Mark Anderson introduced Mallory Anderson from Duluth, who brought interesting displays of invasive specimens. The good news is that there is no new invasive species in Big Sandy that we are aware of at this time. Numerous lakes in the area have invasive species. As an association we are working hard with folks coming to Big Sandy Lake to educate those regarding invasive species. With your help and perseverance we can keep Big Sandy free of invasive species.

Bill Reed has brochures on how to take care of your septic system. There are 911 brochures with all instructions (house numbers) to obtain a sign for your home. Bill thanked everyone who participated in writing letters, making phone calls and attending meetings regarding the ROPE study. As of now this project is on the shelf.

John Sturner stressed that the neighborhood signs are important. We have made application to become a Star Lake; this would be very prestigious. There will be a meeting on July 9th at the Log Church in regards to the Star Lake program. There will be group leaders and groups that will discuss the vision for our lake. We are working on our Lake Management Plan which is a requirement to become a Star Lake.

The minutes from our 2009 annual meeting and the treasurer's report is posted.

Vern Awes explained the board's election process. The elected officers will serve on the board for 3 years...when your term is up you can run again or others can run.

Vern asked if there was any nominations from the floor or write in's, are there any nominations from the floor, are there any nominations from the floor, seeing none, nominations from the floor are closed. The board members running for re-election are Karen Trembley, John Merboth, Bill Reed, Dan Branson & Neal Sampson. Each of the incumbents gave a brief bio. Brian Herbranson (our new board member) said this is a great opportunity for him and is looking forward to being part of the Lake Association.

Jim Carlson – on August 21st the Big Sandy Foundation meeting will be hosted by Dave and Leslie Metsen from 2 to 4. The Big Sandy water institute is underway and was developed for kids to learn appropriate use of our lakes. It is run through Community Ed, teaching kids without cost to them. It was suggested we use interns....there is already interns in place.

The 5 incumbents were voted in...Vern Awes said that we are part of various duties as board members. Vern covered some of the issues of the lake.....be courteous on the lake, encourage enforcement, use common sense and good judgment.

Sheriff Turner...there are handouts on the back table on some laws regarding the lake. The weather radio is a fantastic device to have in your home. Neighborhood watch signs are very important in preventing crime as well as having 911 signs.

Brain Napstad reported the Prairie River Bridge is nearing completion, now all the bridges around Big Sandy are new. We are losing our lakes due to phosphorus. The rice paddies have been purchased in hopes of getting public ownership. We are putting a proposal to purchase this 1000 acre; the price will have to be determined. This land could be used for hunting and fishing and needs to be supported. The Lake Association has voted and supports the resolution to support the LASARD council. The folks that purchased the rice paddies should be commended. Property assessed values...the lake shore on Big Sandy Lake is reduced by 12%...you will notice the face value has been adjusted on your tax statement.

Mark Krezowski...”plasma 101” What is Plasma Arc Gasification? What is the Palisade PAGE Teams’s business plan? Get answers to these questions and more July 1, 2010 at 1:30 at Minnesota National Golf Course.

Rick Brusewitz... fisheries. Rick gave an excellent presentation on our up coming slot limit on Big Sandy which will go into effect in 2011.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

Lunch was served.