



BSLA Annual Meeting
June 23, 2018
Siren Senior Community Center

Dennis Loots brought the meeting to order at 9:35am

Motion to approve the last year's meeting minutes was approved. Treasurer's report, biggest expenditure has been for the lake maps available at the boat ramp. There was a question about the reimbursement to Don Button for mailing expenses. Motion carried to accept the treasurers' report.

Bob Baker, the liaison with Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Association spoke. BCLRA contributed to the high pressure wash system for decontamination. Worked to get legislation passed in the county that requires that a decontamination station must be used if it is available. The BCLRA also funded the decontamination signs that go with the stations. Bob is also a member of the Lipsett Lake Association. The lake is about 400 acres and has about 85% participation from their 100 or so property owners. They have a committee that promotes membership and the benefits of membership. They have a number of events during the year. One event is a brat/corn feed that has become a big fundraiser for their association. They have a silent auction and can attract 100 or more participants. They also have a group that does dockin/dockout as a fund raiser. With their funds they hire a student to monitor the boat ramp in the summer at \$12/hour. They carry liability insurance for the officers and workman's comp for the summer hire. They also do water quality monitoring.

Discussion on a change to bylaws to allow flexibility for the scheduling of the annual meetings. Motion to change was approved.

Jerry Tjader indicated that Sand Lake Road would be chip sealed next year. Other projects have diverted funds causing the delay of work on Sand Lake Road.

Jim Cobb reported that the old "Robert's Roadhouse" has been purchased and the new owners plan to reopen it.

Decontamination Station: We don't have any invasive species in the lake and are most concerned with boats being contaminated coming in. There is concern about placement and the room required. A concern was also raised about the use of rental trailers since they "visit" many different lakes. Estimated cost to put the station in would be less than \$500. There was general support for the proposal. The DNR will be contacted to see how they would like move forward on a decontamination station.

A concern was raised regarding the noise from the concerts put on by the tribe. It was suggested that the association not become directly involved and to let individuals take their concerns directly to the tribe.

Jim Anderson reported that the BSLA, DNR, Dave Ferris from Burnett County and tribe met over the winter regarding lake issues. The DNR has no plans to stock walleyes and do not believe the Big Sand Lake is conducive to muskies. The Tribe has been stocking walleyes with

permission from the DNR but there is little evidence that they survive. The Tribe will continue stocking if they have sufficient supply. Both the tribe and the DNR don't see any immediate issues in our lake. It was suggested that we also contact the tribe regarding the potential decontamination site.

Dennis Loots will contact the DNR regarding our signs and potential repair of the boat landing.

A concern was raised about someone apparently cutting portions of bog and letting it loose in the lake.

A concern was also raised about people following the appropriate boating rules. It was suggested that we provide education via email and distribution of the courtesy document developed by the Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Association.

A motion to retain Dennis Loots as President and Jim Anderson as Vice President was passed.

Jeanne and Steve Young have agreed to host the picnic on August 11th.

Meeting was adjourned at 11am

BIG SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC			
FINANCIAL REPORT			
MAY 31, 2018			
Balance forward 05/31/2017		7,091.39	
Dues/donations		825.00	
Total Income			\$ 7,916.39
Expenses:			
2017 Picnic supplies		133.56	
Post Office Box Rent		52.00	
Dennis Loots (reimburse for copies)		48.00	
2017 Annual meeting speaker		237.98	
2017 Annual meeting Hotel meeting room charge		150.00	
Lakes & Rivers Assoc membership dues (2017 & 2018)		100.00	
KJE Design (Lake Maps)		522.30	
Benson Law Office (Annual report filing)		10.00	
West Bend (Officers & Directors Insurance)		450.00	
Don Button (reimburse for Observer printing and mailings)		511.46	
Total Expenses			\$ 2,215.30
Total Funds 05/31/2018			\$ 5,701.09
Paid members for 2017	39		