



Big Sand Lake Association Annual Meeting
June 29, 2019
Siren Senior Community Center

Dennis Loots brought the meeting to order at 10:00 am

- Approval of Secretary's report, that has been posted on our website.
 - Motion approved
- Discussion and approval of Treasurers report
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- Speaker Bob Baker, our liaison with Burnett County Lakes & Rivers Association
 - Handouts provided on the courtesy code, zebra mussels, etc.
 - Zebra mussels contained to the Mckenzie chain at 60 / sq ft which is a pretty high density
 - Lipsett lake association has 90% participation. Have a number of fund raisers including a silent auction. They are in close proximity to Mckenzie so feel they are vulnerable to boats coming from McKenzie. They staff the landing during the season to promote compliance.
 - Was asked if there are resources to assist lake associations and said he would look into it.
- Landing
 - We have asked the DNR about a decontamination station and fixing the ramp. The DNR wants a statewide policy before acting.
 - We have offered to assist the DNR in replacing the ramp but they declined. We are in the queue to have the landing corrected but it will not be this year.
 - A new floating dock has been put into place.
 - Someone asked if there is a senator or someone else who can help. No specific suggestion was offered other than contact the DNR
- Town of Sand Lake (Jerry Tjader)
 - May 18th. Had a cleanup recycle day. Plan to do it again.
 - Some road resurfacing is underway and replacing various culverts.
 - Sand Lake Rd to be resealed but not this year. An opinion was expressed that the road needs to be completely replaced. The culvert has been cleaned out but the beaver dam is still in place.
 - There is a proposal that the town create a five year plan for road maintenance and have a referendum to see if there is support to increase taxes.
 - Maintenance was done on the town shop including added heating to allow work to be done on equipment.
- Town of Lafollette

- New fire markers are being installed throughout the township
- A question was asked if a 911 call is identified by GPS, Denny said he would find out. (He was told they could identify the location of the call)
- Speaker Dave Ferris, County Conservationist for Burnett County
 - Came with a number of handouts. There is a pamphlet on how to use bait. Bait can contribute to the spread of disease.
 - Invasive species. Zebra mussels are in everyone's mind. Big Sand is considered somewhat susceptible to the mussels. Several lakes are being monitored. The county is also trying to push the DNR on the issue of a decontamination station.
 - There are beetles for controlling for various invasive plants. Dave was asked if the beetles could become a problem. The beetle that attacks purple loosestrife doesn't survive without the purple loosestrife so as the plant population declines so do the beetles. There are no current plans to use beetles on Big Sand.
 - Seepage lakes driven by groundwater, lag behind rainfall significantly. Runoff from rains contribute significantly to the nutrients added to the lake. The land around Big Sand is relatively high in phosphorous.
 - The Healthy Lakes program provides financial resources to the association for rain gardens, fish sticks, etc. The Healthy Lakes program requires a number of property owners to agree to participate in order to get approved.
 - Our lake clarity is good and has been very stable. Our secchi dish reading is about 10-15 feet and has been pretty consistent over the past several years.
 - Ice pushes are difficult . If it is the past winters ice damage then the DNR allows you to flatten it out. The rounder the lake the more the ice push. Wisconsin does not allow as much shoreline manipulation as Minnesota does. Natural plantings do help mitigate ice pushes.
 - Fireworks into the lake contribute heavy metals.
 - The county tries to work with the tribe and try to coordinate their activities where possible.
 - Dave was asked to speak with the tribe about clear cutting shoreline.
 - Wake boats are creating a number of issues on many lakes due to the large wake that is created by them.
 - Short term rentals - Burnett requires a permit. Also need a state license.
 - Shoreline program allows 35ft cleared per 100ft. Can also clear out the weeds in the water (by hand) in the same corridor.
- Election of officers. The positions of Treasurer, Secretary and one director are up for election. Karen Pavlicek agreed to serve as Treasurer. Paul Hassing agreed to serve as director.
- Flyer on Lyme disease was distributed.
- Member concerns/questions/comments
 - Ed Cook feels that the value of their property is greatly diminished by the tribe's amphitheater concerts. He has contacted the music director who indicated that he was willing to hear the concerns. Anyone who would like

to work to reduce the effect of the music should contact Ed.
 (edwardhcook@msn.com)

- o Gary Pavlicek mentioned he has noticed more activities on the lake with jet skis. Many operators don't observe the regulations. There were no suggestions on what should be done. The lake maps do have some of the regulations noted as did the state of the lake message that was sent out previously.
- A picnic is scheduled for August 10th at Don Button's. The Association will provide brats, burgers, pop and water, Bring a dish to share.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cobb
 BSLA Secretary

BIG SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC FINANCIAL REPORT June 1, 2019		
Balance forward 06/01/2018	\$5,701.09	
Dues/Donations	\$1,085.00	
Total Income		\$6,786.09
Expenses:		
Post Office Box Rent	54.00	
Lake Maps	643.00	
Annual 990 IRS reporting 2018	39.95	
2018 Annual Meeting (Senior Center)	45.00	
2018 Reimburse for Observer printing and mailings	275.74	
2018 Picnic Expenses	57.99	
Lakes & Rivers Assoc (2019 dues)	50.00	
Benson Law Office (annual report filing)	10.00	
Jim Cobb (reimburse for mailing expenses)	27.00	
Annual 990 IRS reporting 2019	39.95	
Officers & Directors Insurance	450.00	
Total Expenses		\$1,692.63
Total Funds 06/01/2019		\$5,093.46
Paid Members for 2018	27	