

Big Sand Lake Association

Board Meeting

December 13, 2018

Attendees: Dennis Loots, Jim Anderson, Jeanne Young, Jim Cobb, Virginia Patenaude, Don Button

State of the Lake Mailing:

Jim to mail State of the Lake letter via snail mail.

Boat Landing:

Dennis is working with the DNR to get landing fixed. Do to staff changes new people have become involved making progress difficult. Dennis doesn't expect any immediate progress

Calcium Testing:

At the stakeholder's meeting it was discussed that we might want to sample for calcium since this is a factor in the susceptibility for zebra mussels. Don has sent a sample to be analyzed that would include calcium but has not received the results.

Speaker for Annual Meeting:

Jim Anderson has contacted someone who can speak on zoning for the lakes properties.

Membership:

There was a discussion on getting greater participation in the BSLA. Personal contacts were deemed the most effective approach. Everyone agreed that we would like to get the St. Croix Chippewa tribe involved but past overtures have not worked out. The issue will be raised again at the next Lake Stakeholders meeting.

Button Research:

Don has two projects going.

1. phytoplankton analysis as an indicator of lake productivity and health.
2. A new method of measurement of dissolved content of major nutrients.

Picnic:

Don Button volunteered to host the next picnic. It was suggested that Don provide access to microscopes and samples for attendees to look at, most especially the youth that may come.

Drainage into Lake

Jim Anderson reported that the low lying properties on the south side of the lake got flooded. An old culvert under Rt. 70 was blocked. The county and DNR approved a PVC pipe to drain the area behind the cabins into the lake.

Sustaining Walleye

Don suggested a study to determine what could be done to make the lake sustainable for walleye. No action was taken

Lake Issues:

Don feels we need more discussion on the issues and potential solutions outlined in the Observer. It was agreed that the board members will review the last issue of the Observer where Don listed a number of issues. The last issue of the Observer is posted on the website.

Don also feels that we should be promoting personal responsibility for global warming. Since our lake as everything else is affected by it. However other board members disagreed that this was an appropriate activity for a lake association unless we can provide a direct connection to actions that would benefit the lake.

Miscellaneous

Jim agreed to check the PO Box over the winter while the Treasurer is basking in the Arizona sunshine.

Next board meeting will be on Wednesday April 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cobb
BSLA Secretary