

# Big Sand Lake Association Board Meeting

January 25, 2020



**Attending:** Dennis Loots, Karen Pavlicek, Jim Cobb, Don Button, Paul Hassing

**Absent:** Jim Anderson

Dennis brought the meeting to order at 10:08am

Topics/speakers for this summers meeting in June.

Two suggested by Denny are Lyme's disease and the other is the history of the St Croix Chippewa on our lake.

Denny will call the tribe and attempt to get someone to speak to the history of the tribe.

Karen will call her contacts there as well.

Karen suggested a topic of wells and septic systems.

Lead free fishing tackle-- do we take a position on it or not?

Jim indicated that he had put some information on the website but may have taken it down. We will repost the information.

Denny will contact Big Mike's and others to see if they even sell it.

Calcium and conductivity tests

Denny contacted NLS and indicated it would cost about \$70 for the two tests.

Dave Ferris will provide direction on how this will be handled but we have offered to pay for the tests.

Update on number of members in BSLA and email addresses.

After the mailing we received 8 dues payments from existing members.

Jim reported that we had a little over 80 email addresses and 84 letters were sent to landowners that have not provided their emails.

Youth fishing contest

We will do a survey via email and notice on the website to gauge interest in the event

Denny suggested that one of the prizes should be lead-free "something" which would be a good way to educate on the benefits of non lead tackle

The contests would be open to anyone but promoted only to email list and on website

Maps

Agreed that we should continue printing the maps.

Directors' Insurance

Karen will review the policy to see if there is a way to reduce the costs.

#### Welcome Kit

The idea of a welcome kit for new owners on the lake was raised. Karen will look into how we would know if a property transaction on the lake has occurred.

#### Picnic

Karen will look into holding it on their "commons" area.

#### Checks

Motion: Checks in the amount of \$50 or less can be signed by a single person provided that the other two account signatories have provided written or email consent.

Next board meeting will be held on April 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cobb  
BSLA Secretary

- For kids 15 and under (could be 12 or 16 or other age).
- Open to members of lakeowners family or guests
- Timing – not on 4<sup>th</sup> weekend or day of BSLA annual mtg.
  - Sat. 6/20 or 6/27, 7/11 or 7/18
  - 9 AM to 2 PM, awards at 2 PM
- Prizes for biggest sunfish, northern, bass (maybe a special award for any walleye).
  - Value of prizes TBD, nothing real valuable.
  - Could have age brackets
  - Register catches at any time at registration location (someone's cabin)
    - Requires someone to volunteer to be the registration location and do measurements, hand out awards, etc. Anywhere on the lake with a dock big enough to accommodate several boats at once.
  - Size based on either weight or length
  - Might require some funds from BSLA for prizes or refreshments
- Awards given at end of contest
- Need balloons or some type of decoration on dock at registration location to be visible from the lake.
- Leaderboard at registration location. Perhaps refreshments available there.
- Other activities at station? Raffle, educational items, casting contest, other.
- **Key** – Need a plan to make lakeowners aware – email, flyers, other?
  - Need to plan out when and how to make people aware in advance!
- No entry fee or registration ahead, just show up with fish.
- Cancel for bad weather, no reschedule.
- Tribal rep at Oct. mtg. indicated they would want to be involved.
- Might require a permit as per Oct. mtg. Probably not the case, but should review with Dave Ferris in April after date is established.