



President Dennis Loots called the meeting to order at 10:00am. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

The first item on our agenda was a presentation by Sarah Boles, owner of Plantscapes, on Lakeshore restoration. Sara had a wealth of information about various approaches to shoreline restoration, with many slides showing restoration results. She also had numerous information pamphlets and booklets which attendees were able to take

Following the presentation we had the treasurer's report. It was accepted by the members . Here is the report.

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Next we had the secretary's report. The minutes were not read, but highlights were pointed out. The minutes were approved. They can be viewed on our website.

President Loots reported on the association's activities for the past year.

- A tour of the lake with DNR officials resulted in the officials becoming more familiar with our lake. Some purple loosestrife was noted and the owner made aware of it,
- Meetings have been held with the tribe to become more familiar with the activities they are pursuing, and to look for common interests.
- We investigated the fish sticks idea, and decided not to pursue any activities related to it.
- Attempt to increase our membership with the handout introducing

us, given out on Memorial Day weekend.

- We have created an aquatic species hand out, which will have a map of Big Sand on one side. This will be a handout at the boat launch.
- Professor Button continues his lake research projects.
- We will have our summer picnic at the home of Jim and Dotti Cobb, August 12 at 1:00 pm. Their address is 24736 Fosmo Dr.

Election of Officers In odd years we need to elect the Secretary, treasurer, and one director. We also needed to fill the vacant Vice President position. Jim Anderson has agreed to be Vice President, Jeanne Young will continue as Treasurer, Jim Cobb has agreed to become the Secretary, Ginny Patnaude will continue as a director and Jerry Tjader has agreed to take the vacant Directors position that Jim Cobb is leaving. These offices were elected by acclamation.

Discussion of shoreline planting continued, Owners can get financial help to do this. Both the DNR and Burnett county have programs to aid this. The DNR only gives grants to organized groups, while the county can be approached by individuals. If you are interested give your name to one of the officers and we may apply for a grant to cover all who are willing to do this. The strings attached are these: If you get a county grant the county gets a permanent covenant on your title. If you get a DNR grant they ask for a 10 year commitment, and they will monitor you.

Don Button then took the podium to speak about the Lake Observer.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Big Sand Lake Association meeting agenda

Saturday, June 17th, 2017 10:00 am

The Lodge at Crooked Lake, Siren WI

Opening Introductions/welcome

Program: Lakeshore Restoration:

Why? How? Cost? Can BSLA get involved? Questions/Answers

Sara Boles, Owner of Native Landscapes

Reports: Treasurers, Secretary

What has BSLA been doing during the last year?

- Hosted meeting with DNR
- Meetings with the Tribe to expand working relationship
- Investigated Fish sticks for lake to improve fishing
- Effort to expand membership
- Scanned lake shore for Invasive plant- purple loosestrife
- Aquatic Invasive species- boat landing take away
- Professor Button continues lake research projects
- Summer Picnic

Election of Officers:

Positions open this year are Treasurer, Vice President, Secretary and one Director.

What is BSLA focused on for 2017-18?

- Healthy Lakes and lakeshore restoration

Summer Picnic—August 12, 2017 1:00 pm at the home of Jim and Dotti Cobb

Report from Jerry Tjader, Supervisor, Sand Lake Township

Lake Observer—Don Button

- Highlights, questions, comments