

Minutes of the BSLA officers meeting, August 13, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 9:30. Officers present were:

Dennis Loots – President

Jerry Tjader – Secretary

Jeanne Young- Treasurer:

Ginni Patnaude - Director at Large

Don Button - Director at Large

We discussed expense limits and agreed by consensus that a limit of \$250 would be appropriate for all officers. Any planned expenditures over that amount will need to be pre- approved by a majority of the board. Voting could be done by email, if necessary.

We agreed to have our dues paid on a calendar basis, January thru December.

Per the bank, we have to close our current checking account and open up a new one with our new name. All present approved this action. Jeanne was going to talk with Jane Jensen of the “old” BSLA to finalize the transfer of funds to our new bank account. We will have both Jeanne Young and Dennis Loots on the signature card.

Dennis mentioned that Pamela Toshner and possibly Craig Roberts both of the Wisconsin DNR will be visiting our lake, and Dennis will give them a tour of the lake. The intent of the visit is to determine what the DNR can do for the lake, and discuss areas of common interest.

Dennis asked “What happened to the fish sign by the boat launch?” Don replied that the DNR had removed it because of non-conformity to DNR standards. DNR thought the concept of not keeping larger northern was good, but that technically this request was contrary to current fishing size limits and the DNR could not support it. They agreed with our point that the best defense against invasives was a strong ecology, can discuss how to restructure the signage, appreciated our efforts toward lake management, and indicated a desire to attend an association meeting.

We discussed getting a brochure printed for handing out at the landing, or for dropping off at peoples cabins. Don thought that perhaps Bernie Allen may have a file for this. Dennis is investigating.

Dennis reported that Jim Cobb is working on a Facebook page for the BSLA.

We discussed the questions that Dennis had posed to Don Button in an email sent in July. Some of these are:

1. The tribe is analyzing water samples monthly. Is what you are doing duplicating this?

Answer

– only the tribe is doing this analysis and we do not know where the analysis is going. Don is only measuring algal toxicity and speciation, other measurements are done by Tom Selbin, and the DNR.

2. Where can we view the results of the tribe's analysis? Answer – it seems this data is hard to see, but Don has some of it. Secchi disc depths are on the internet

3. Where is our algal bloom test kit? Don has it but did few tests with it as he did not know when and where the algae blooms occur.

Don read the results of his “to do” list. He has a goal of making Big Sand a model for a seepage lake. Dennis asked what the association members could do to help Don out. There are a couple of things: Don would like to get the stomach contents of caught fish.

Don has a theory that the diatoms are being replaced by cyanobacteria. He also would like to have someone take samples for him to analyze, and to let him know when the bloom occurs.

Dennis asked the group what they thought might be good topics for educational sessions. No firm answers received

Discussion lead to understanding that we need to change the name on our insurance policy. Jeanne Young will take care of that.

Don asked what legitimate expenses qualify for reimbursement, and that he has many items that he has paid for in the past. The answer was mailings, local meetings and conventions, and some lab expense, and similar things. Don has a large list of expenses that are not eligible, such as any expenses involved with the papers that he writes and travel to other states/countries to present them. (Note from Don - However our bylaws under Compensation say that officer and board members may charge expenses while on official business of the association. Most of our effort toward our mission of improving lake health is finding its way into the print.)

We need to have an expense approval form. Jerry volunteered to create one.

In December, we will send a notice for dues and donations. We will send paper requests to those for which we do not have an email address. However, we will advise that we will only communicate in the future by email unless we receive a specific request by the paper recipient requesting us to do so.

Regarding mailing expense, next year the “Sand Lake Observer” will be delivered only by email unless the property owner had previously communicated to us requesting paper delivery. All copies of the Sand Lake Observer, BSLA meeting minutes and other communications BSLA are all on the BSLA website,

Meeting adjourned

BIG SAND LAKE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, INC
FINANCIAL REPORT
AUGUST 13, 2016

Balance forward 06/20/2015 Annual Meeting	4,838.49	
DNR Grant final payment	500.00	
Dues/donations	<u>2,916.00</u>	\$
Total Income		8,254.49
Expenses:		
2015 Picnic supplies	200.50	
Expenses DNR grant work & equipment	2,000.00	
Officers & Directors Ins	869.00	
Board Member Expense reimbursements	376.71	
Post Office Box rent	48.00	
Ryan Benson (attorney fees)	<u>35.00</u>	\$
Total Expenses		<u>3,529.21</u>
		\$
Total Funds 08/13/2016		<u>4,725.28</u>