

Agenda for BIG SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION
June 11, 2016
9:30 Sand Lake Township hall

SECRETARY'S MINUTES FROM MEETING FOLLOW AT END OF AGENDA

Opening Comments from Past Presidents

Jim Anderson, BSLA
Don Button, BSLPA

Nomination and voting on Officers:

Past Officers and Directors will propose a slate of individuals:
Other nominations from the floor
Vote

Status of merger—Association name change and change the name of Registered Agent

- Need to pass a motion to amend Articles of Incorporation to change name from BSLPA to BSLA
- Would like to have the Benson Law firm in Siren, who drafted our original Articles of Incorporation, to be the Registered Agent

Guest Speaker:

Jason Towne, Burnett County Zoning Administrator
Changes in shoreline zoning regulations recently passed by WI legislators

What happening in Sand Lake Township?

Jerry Tjader, Supervisor for Sand Lake Township

BSLA website

- Error in address that I sent by email to many: should be bigsandlakewi.org
- Notice the many new features that have been added such as activities in the community
- Investigating BSLA Facebook page

News from the Tribe (if received prior to meeting)

New Business:

- Building better relations with the Tribe
- Picnic--- time and place
- What do members want us to focus on?
- I've contacted Burnett County Land and Water Conservation Department
 - They offered to train members on invasive species on a Saturday in July or August
 - Also offered seminar on the Healthy Lake program offered by UW Stevens
 - Request of Land and Water Conservation Department obtain DNR assistance to train us on invasive species and development of Aquatic Plant Management plans for Sand Lake.
- Encourage people to attend the Northwest Lakes Conference on June 24th in Spooner

Conclude with "Ask the Professor" questions regarding recent Sand Lake Observer.

Minutes of Meeting

Jim Anderson, past President of BSLA opened the meeting and talked about the merger process, the vote and how positive he feels about the combined association. Jim also outlined the name change, adoption of the old BSLPA Articles of Incorporation and By-laws and other aspects of the merger.

Don Button, past President of BSLPA: presented a summarized version of the Sand Lake Observer entitled: Big Sand Health: Problems and Progress. That report as well as the Sand Lake Observer are on the website. It had been indicated that Big Sand Lake was experiencing much reduced mayfly hatches to which several attendees disagreed indicating that the mayfly hatch in 2016 was the largest in over a decade.

Jim Anderson then led the group through the nomination and voting process. The two prior associations proposed a slate of offices as follows:

President: Dennis Loots

Vice President: no nomination

Secretary: Jerry Tjader

Treasurer: Jeanne Young

Director at Large (1-year term) Ginni Patnaude

Director at Large (2-year term): Don Button

Director at Large (2-year term) Jim Cobb

No other nominations were received and a voice vote was held and the proposed officers were elected.

While the merger has taken place, to officially change the name a motion must be made to amend the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws. A motion was made, seconded and approved to make the necessary changes in the legal documents which allows for the filing of appropriate paper work with the State, bank, etc. Subsequent to the meeting, BSLA has worked with Ryan Benson, attorney, a BSLA member and permanent lake resident to file the necessary paperwork and will be completed shortly. Ryan Benson of Benson Law in Siren has also agreed to be the Registered Agent going forward.

Guest speaker Jason Towne, Burnett County Zoning Administrator was introduced and outlined the new zoning ordinances that have been implemented state wide. Several of the changes include:

- View corridors are now 35' per 100' of frontage from what previously was 30' regardless of frontage.
- Boat houses (dry) can no longer be ban but the County can still regulate size, color, materials and more
- All legal non-conforming structures can be rebuilt if they are non-conforming to lake set back.
- Regulations are in place to require runoff reduction techniques once the impervious surface of all structures on a lot exceed 15%.
- Gazebos up to 200 sq. ft. can now be built on the property provided it has a setback of at least 35'. A permit is still required.

Jason suggested that he be contacted whenever we are making structural improvements to our property as the zoning changes have liberalized some aspects of what can be done but also made it more difficult to do others.

Jerry Tjader, Supervisor for Sand Lake Township advised on the following activities for our roads over the next few years:

- Dongola is going to be scrub sealed in 2016

- Sand Lake Road will have its cracks and potholes filled in 2016 and then will be chip sealed in 2017
- Birch Haven Road will have its cracks repaired in 2017 and chip sealed in 2018

Loots made reference to the web site and the correct web address of bigsandlakewi.org. Loots also commented on how webmaster Jim Cobb has enhanced the site with activities in the area and links to weather. It is the goal of BSLA to make the site a “go to” location before coming to Big Sand Lake.

A special thank you to Tom Selbin who has been taking Secci disk readings and reporting them to the DNR for over 10 years. Tom advised that the reading for 2016 was 22 feet, the clearest reading recorded for Big Sand Lake.

Director at Large Ginni Patnaude obtained a one-page summary of what the St Croix Environmental Services and Natural Resources division of the Chippewa Tribe has accomplished and plans for 2016. The report is part of the documents with these minutes. In summary, the Tribe has planted 750 lbs. of wild rice over the last 3 years (2013-15). There will not be any planting in 2016. Also the Tribe has stocked nearly 600,000 walleye fry in the lake with 191,000 of that total in May 2016. In addition, the Tribe stocked 685 6-8” walleye in 2015.

For new business, Loots advised that the picnic will held at his cabin but a date needs to be determined as yet. Loots also advised that Burnett County Land and Water Conservation Department is wanting to work with BSLA and promote the Healthy Lake program established by UW- Stevens Point as well assistance in training members to recognize invasive species.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 11:10.