

## **Big Sand Lake Association Board Meeting**

November 5, 2022

**Location:** Don Button's house

**Board Attending:** Dennis Loots, Karen Pavlicek, Chip Applegath, Don Button, Jane Jensen

**Absent:** Paul Hassing

BSLA President, Dennis Loots, called the meeting to order at 10:06am

### **1. JFYI Approval of July 30, 2022 Minutes: was done via email vote. Vote was unanimous**

- Minutes: were published on the BLSA website and emailed to members using MailChimp tool
- Website updates: "About Us" Section: Mission updated to match mission statement from updated bylaws. Names of board members updated.

### **2. Treasurer Report: Karen Pavlicek**

Contact a board member if you want to see specifics. Net is we are in good shape, balance is positive

Motion to Approve treasurer report: Chip A

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jane J

Vote: Approved unanimously

### **3. General Topics:**

- Preserve Burnett County info. Dennis will contact PBC to see if they are still in operation and processing requests to be added to their email list. If so, Chip, will send out the link to our members and encourage them to subscribe directly as they occasionally publish insightful and timely info in regards to campground plans.

### **4. Summer 2022 Annual meeting review and Summer 2023 planning**

- 2022 Speakers were good, great topics. Excellent turn-out for meeting
- Mtg location – some people were not able to hear. (Other places we normally use were all booked). It was good to introduce BSLA members to new dining/bar establishment on the lake
- Next summer:
  - i. Plan to use Siren Senior Center as our preferred meeting location
  - ii. Dennis reached out to Bob Baker sec/treasure Burnett County Lakes and rivers to possibly speak
  - iii. Don suggestion someone from Tribe talking about their customs and connection with environmental topics
  - iv. Jane noted Zoning is always a topic of interest to the members
  - v. We need to introduce the BSLA Officers at the start of the meeting
  - vi. We discussed whether to split the picnic and meeting into two different days. This idea got mixed reaction – will discuss further at next board meeting
  - vii. Dennis will see if Susan still has an interesting in hosting picnic next summer

### **5. Dennis reached out to DNR on yearly "BSL Stakeholder" Meeting**

- Meeting is forum of: BSLA BODs + Tribe Reps + DNR
- Have not had a 3-way stakeholder meeting for a couple years due to COVID

- DNR willing to restart meeting. Late winter/early spring recommended by DNR so fish survey could be shared with BSLA and Tribe. Dennis will work to get a stakeholder meeting on the calendar

## 6. Campgrounds

- *Peterson Road Campground* - appears to be getting very little use. It's just a wide-open field with 2-3 campers at most
- *Bocan Proposed Campground* – no news yet, he is still working legal challenges
- *Campground on 70* - has purchased land north of existing site and plans to expand. They are already zoned to expand as they are commercial already

## 7. BSLA Board Positions

- We have an open Director position. Hard to find candidates interested in being on board. Would like to get some younger people involved. Please contact an existing board member if interested. The current open position is not a lot of work, good way to test drive involvement

## 8. Get Lead Out Campaign

- Continue to remind people and message why this is important. Dennis will check with Rockcrusher Outdoors to see if they sell non-lead tackle. As reported at summer meeting, Big Mike's carries it.

## 9. Lake History Project

- Dotti Cobb willing to work on it, Dennis is looking for someone to lead this project
- Lolita M. Taylor wrote a small book in 2005 called "Travel Back In Time on Highway A" which may have some reference info. Don has a copy
- Discussion was to possibly get a meeting this winter with Dennis, Dotti and Chip to discuss next steps

## 10. Don's BSL Preservations Projects

- Briefly discussed various Preservation projects Don has been focused on
- We had a short discussion about invasive species and things BSLA may be able to focus on for this topic

## 11. General Discussion – Other topics

- Secchi Disk (water clarity) measurements still being done by Tom Selbin and info is being submitted to DNR
- Don's Lake Research - he is planning to submit a paper on new method he is creating via BSL work

- DNR launch ramp is still a mess in regard to tilt. Jane offered to talk to DNR on this again as she stated this is a top concern people mention to her

viii. Motion by Don B not to re-engage with DNR on it this year

ix. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen P

x. Discussion. Dennis gave background. The DNR owns the ramp and they have told us nothing further is planned for our ramp. Dennis has done a lot of work on this with DNR in the past; BSLA even offered to pay for repairs, but DNR would not consider. After BSLA requests, the DNR did “repair” work last year which consisted of pushing the concrete slab back down into the lake and putting in gravel at the water end. They also replaced the dock two years ago.

xi. Motion passed by vote: Don, Karen, Dennis, Chip voted *for*, Jane *against*.

## **12. Next meeting target late March/Early April**

Motion to Adjourn Mtg: Chip A

2<sup>nd</sup> : Dennis L

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 11:27

Respectfully submitted

Chip Applegath  
BSLA Secretary