

Big Sand Lake Association Board Meeting

April 15, 2023

Location: Paul Hassing's cabin

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

BSLA President, Dennis Loots, called the meeting to order at 10:05am

1. Approval of 05 Nov 2022, Minutes

- Approval was done via email vote, vote was unanimous.
- Minutes were published on the BLSA website & emailed to members using MailChimp tool

2. Treasurer Report: Karen Pavlicek

- No income or expenses yet for 2023. Contact a board member if you want to see specifics
- Karen will give the Treasure report at our Annual Meeting

3. BSLA Membership discussion

- Discussion on why many people on the lake are not BSLA members and whether we should do more outreach to get more members
- Discussion on if we should survey people on what they would like BSLA to focus on. The challenge is we don't have emails for many people on the lake. We could do a postal mailing since we have more postal addresses, but not sure of the effectiveness of this
- The action taken was to encourage getting more paid members and provide some data back to the board on membership and contact

3.5. Fish Population & Fish sticks

- Discussion if there was any recommendation BSLA should make on catch & release of the large fish on the back of lake map we give out. No conclusion was reached on the effectiveness of this, but Dennis will consider if room on current map
- Don discussed the general concept of building and putting in "fish sticks" to promote fish habitat

4. Summer 2023 Annual Meeting & Picnic

- The meeting will be July 15th at Siren Senior Center @ 10am. Picnic on the same day
- Possible Speakers:
 - Kim Ammann, vet from Winged Freedom Raptor Hospital would speak and may bring bring a raptor being re-habbed. See <https://www.wingedfreedomrh.com/>
 - Karen will pursue getting someone to speak on Well Water
 - Final decision on speakers will be made by June 3 board meeting
- Picnic: Dennis will confirm Susan Raisenin is willing to host picnic (she had offered previously)

5. DNR 2022 Fish Survey on Big Sand Lake

- No information available from DNR yet

6. BSL Lake Maps provide by BSLA

- BSLA provides about 150 maps per year via mailbox at DNR landing
- Cost \$600-\$1000 for 500 maps (~\$1.20-\$2.00 per map)
- Motion to approve spending up to \$1000 for more maps by ChipA, 2nd KarenP
- Discussion: Nice benefit for members, Dennis checks mailbox periodically and refills. Don noted that lake maps are available on phones these days
- Vote 5 Yes, 1 No (Don). Motion passed.

7. BSLA Board Officers Up for election at July Mtg:

- Positions up for Election: *Secretary, Treasure* & one *At Large Director* open position
- Karen would like to swap her *Treasure* role for *Open Director* role, so we are looking for someone that would be interested in the *Treasure* position.
- Chip said he would volunteer to continue as *Secretary* for another term

8. Yearly “BSL Stakeholder” Meeting

- Meeting is forum of: BSLA BODs + Tribe Reps + DNR + Burnett Co rep
- Meetings were paused during Covid
- Dennis has not been able to get DNR to respond. Will continue to pursue.

9. Info on Local Campgrounds

- *Bocan Proposed Campground* – On Pause. Bocan application was rejected by Judge, asked to re-submit.
- *Existing Peterson Road Campground* – no new news
- *Existing Campground on 70 planned expansion* – They owe a comeback to county board after initial review of their expansion plans

10. Get Lead Out Campaign

- No news

11. DNR CBCW (Clean Boats-Clean Water) Grants

- Chip will contact the DNR to understand this program better

12. Excessive Canadian Geese on Big Sand Lake

- Jane said DNR will relocate geese on some lakes. Jane will contact DNR to explore this further.

13. BSL Lake History Project

- No news, didn't get started on this yet

14. Open General Discussion – Other topics

- Paul will investigate further an automated water monitoring system he saw - to understand functionality and cost

Next Board Meeting: will be Saturday June 3rd 10am at Dennis Loot's cabin

Reminder that \$25 yearly BSLA dues are due. Please pay by May 15th

- Mail check Payable to: Big Sand Lake Association
- Mail to: PO Box 145 Siren WI 54872

Motion to Adjourn Mtg by ChipA. 2nd by KarenP

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Applegath
BSLA Secretary