

## Big Sand Lake Association Board Meeting

June, 3, 2023

**Location:** Dennis Loot's cabin

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

**Absent:** Don Button

BSLA President, Dennis Loots, called the meeting to order at 9:37am

### 1. Approval of 15 April 2023, 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

- See a board member for specifics
- Motion to pay Directors insurance by ChipA, 2<sup>nd</sup> JaneJ. No discussion needed. Vote taken-unanimous approved.
- Karen announced she is going to resign from the board for personal reasons. For the Treasure role, she uses Quickbooks, but accounting is simple and could easily be done with a spreadsheet. Please contact a board member if you are interested in this role.
- Karen will do final financial report at the July meeting

### 3. Summer 2023 Annual Meeting & Picnic

- Meeting: will be **July 15<sup>th</sup> at Siren Senior Center @ 10am**. Picnic on the same day, following annual meeting
- Picnic: Dennis Loots will hold at his cabin. **Address 4897 Sand Lake Road**. This is located on the north side of Big Sand Lake. Burgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. Bring a dish to share.
- Speakers:
  - Kim Ammann, vet from Winged Freedom Raptor Hospital will speak and may bring a raptor being re-habbed. See <https://www.wingedfreedomrh.com/>
  - Re: Well water speaker. Karen has talked to DNR in Madison, WI. They like to talk to lake associations about wells but availability on a speaker is TBD. As a 2<sup>nd</sup> option, Dennis will pursue local well drillers to try and get a speaker.
- July Annual Meeting Agenda:
  - Dennis
    - Introductions of board members
    - Quick updates on various topics
  - Guest Speakers
  - Financial Report - Karen
  - DNR Geese Banding project – Jane
  - Automated Lake water monitoring project - Paul
  - DNR Fish report – copies will be available
  - Board Elections

### 4. DNR 2022 Fish Survey on Big Sand Lake

- Survey results report is available. Copies will be distributed at July meeting and posted to website after the meeting.

### 5. BSLA Board Officers Up for election at July Mtg:

- Positions up for Election: *Secretary, Treasure* & one currently open *At Large Director*

**6. Yearly “BSL Stakeholder” Meeting**

- Meeting is forum of: BSLA BODs + Tribe Reps + DNR + Burnett Co rep
- Dennis has not been able to get DNR to respond. He will continue to pursue.

**7. Info on newer Local Campgrounds**

- *Proposed Bocan Campground* – There are two lawsuits on this working through the system
- *Existing Peterson Road Campground* – no new news, appears to have limited usage
- *Existing Campground on 70* planned expansion – no new news
- *Existing Norman’s landing* – open, limited usage so far

**8. Get Lead Out Campaign**

- No news

**9. DNR CBCW (Clean Boats-Clean Water) Grants**

- Chip looked into DNR grant process via Jill Sutherland at DNR. Cycle is one year to apply. May 1<sup>st</sup>, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> application dates.
- BSL could apply for Surface Water Grant even though lake doesn’t meet NR1.91 (public access min 25 parking units space)
- CBCW grants only fund program to staff boat landing invasive species inspection and education
- Grants only applicable if association by-laws follow DNR policy of membership within 1 mile from lake and demonstrated lake association paid membership of 25+. There is a loophole which can mitigate the 1 mile rule since our association bylaws state within 1000 feet of lake
- After discussion we are not going pursue a DNR CWCB Grant at this time

**10. Excessive Canadian Geese on Big Sand Lake Project**

- Two DNR people came to Jane’s lot to discuss the project. The DNR will come at end of June and Band geese using 5 trucks and kayaks. They will herd all the geese they can into Jane’s lot, then will band the Geese. Just banding them will disturb them enough to get some geese to leave the lake. The DNR is interested in the data from the bands to track migration. The DNR will not remove any geese at this time.
- Jane also volunteered to talk again to the DNR person responsible for the DNR boat landing

**11. BSL Lake History Project**

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

**12. Automated Lake water monitoring system. Paul**

- Monitors: Air temp, water temp, solar light, turbidity, chlorophyll, algae. Keeps historical tracking data.
- Two options:
  - (1) Buy up front/own it. \$8,500 One Time Cost.
  - (2) Subscription price 8 months/year monitoring \$2000 per year + One time \$1500 cost for unit. So \$3500 total 1<sup>st</sup> year cost.
  - Units last 7-8 years.
  - General discussion on value of device vs cost, what to do with results, liability issues with publishing the data and having device in lake, etc, etc
  - Chip made a motion for Paul to present at the July annual meeting. Karen 2nded motion.
    - Discussion: The purpose for presenting at the meeting is to see if there is enough interest from members to proceed further investigation from the larger association. The approach would be for 1-2 year trial. Possibly solicit champions from the organization to donate cash to fund initial unit. Dennis will reach out to DonB on his view since he was not at the meeting
    - Vote taken to bring this topic to July meeting: 4 yes, Karen was opposed.

### **13. Open discussion – survey of the BSLA membership**

- A proposal was made to survey the BSLA membership this next year to get input on what projects should we be working on. What do people value? Etc, etc.
- Survey would be done electronically using the BSLA email list.
- Jane motion to proceed, Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion follower. Vote taken: unanimous

### **14. Waterproof Lake Maps**

- Minor updates made to maps by Dennis
- 500 updated maps bought. \$1.50 each. Supply should last us ~3 years
- Mailbox at DNR landing re-populated
- Copies will be provided at July meeting

### **15. BSLA Fiscal year**

- Karen said the board may want to consider changing our fiscal year to Jun-June. It's currently aligned with calendar year. There are pros/cons to leaving vs changing. No action was taken

**Next Board Meeting:** will be All members meeting Saturday July<sup>rd</sup> 15th

**Reminder that \$25 yearly BSLA dues are due. Please pay by June 30th**

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

Motion to Adjourn Mtg by Dennis. 2<sup>nd</sup> by ChipA

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 11:18am

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Applegath  
BSLA Secretary