

BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION January 11, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Mark Johnson at 8:35.

Members Present: Bob Griefzu, Jim Carlson, John Sturner, Don Fuchs, Karen Trembley, John Merboth, Neil Sampson & Jack Johnson.

Guests Present: Ron Smith

Minutes & Treasurers approved.

President Report: The BSLA will continue grants with the Clean Water Partnership. The directors of the BSLA will provide an in-kind match of time or money for the following projects, speakers & workshops, send out newsletters, send directors to the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Association Conferences, hire DNR intern to educate and work with the people on BSL. Educate property owners on lakeshore & water quality, assist the McGregor 5th & 6th grades with their curriculum & the summer water institute. Mark will talk with Janet Smude on ways of spending Grant money.

Water Quality: John Pilney received an e-mail from the MPCA (Don Kriens) regarding pollutants coming into Big Sandy Lake. Don Kriens explained some of the sources and what they can and cannot do in such areas as farming etc.

BSLAWMP: Neil Sampson discussed the possibilities of a small meander on Ditch 14. This is done as a demonstration not as a fix. There is a lot of resistance and there would have to be public meetings etc.

ROPE: Nothing to report

TMDL: Nothing to report

WATER PLANNING TASK FORCE: The Water Planning Task Force is being proactive in regards to various water sources.

INVASIVE SPECIES: Neil Sampson reported that Don Jensen will speak at our Feb. 8th board meeting regarding invasive species.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS: The McGregor Chamber of Commerce was asking for sponsorship for the Big Sandy Snowmobile Race. Motion not to sponsor the snowmobile race this year pending the results of our survey that was sent out in Jan. Motion was voted and carried.

Jim Carlson reported the Water Institute is in the planning stage for 2008.

Jim Carlson will also get the details for the BSL board to serve a community meal and bring the information to the Feb 8th meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to give \$300.00 towards the Rivers & Lakes Fair.

Motion was made and seconded to give \$2500.00 to the Water Institute.

WATER SURFACE USE: nothing to report

FISHERIES: nothing to report

VEGATATION: Don Fuchs will try and get Wayne Mueller to speak at our March meeting. We will be asking Maggie Leach to come to our April meeting to discuss TMDL (water quality).

Guest Speaker: Ron Smith reported the progress of the Shamrock Township maintenance building. Right now they are waiting on steel beams for the roof.

LAND USE & ZONING: The BSL board is sending a letter to the Aitkin County Board of Adjustments regarding variances on the lake. Motion made and seconded to send letter to Aitkin County Board of Adjustment.

NEWSLETTER: Jim Carlson is collecting articles for the April Newsletter. Bring or send articles to Jim C. by March 19th. Newsletter will be put together at Karen's house on April 10, 2008. Jim C. & John Merboth will be working on the nominating committee. Potential board members will be in the April newsletter. Bios for potential board members and exiting board members that have agreed to run will go in the June newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from the Minnesota Waters is asking for any financial help for their WEB site, any help will be greatly appreciated. Motion was made and seconded to send \$200.00 for their WEB site and seconded. Motion amended to send \$100.00 for the year 2007 and \$100.00 for 2008, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Dan Branson will call the insurance man regarding an umbrella policy for BSL board.

By-Laws are still in process and will remain under old business.

The audit for our bank accounts is being scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS: John Sturner will represent BSLA for the Star Lake proposal.

A motion was made and seconded to pay 15 cents a mile to BSL board members who attend meetings or business. Motion amended to read 30 cents per mile to BSL board members who attend meetings or business. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to pay the log church \$600.00 for year 2007 & 2008 for the use of their community room for lake association meetings.

Meeting Adjourned.

Jim Carlson will bring treats for the Feb. 8th meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary