

BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING  
October 17, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:30.

Board members: John Merboth, Dan Branson, Karen Trembley, Bob Griefzu, Jim Knoble, Jack Johnson, Bill Reed and John Pilney.

Guests: Bruce Larson, Dave Chisvold and Sheriff Turner

Minutes and Treasurers report approved as read.

President Report: A special thanks to Shamrock Township board for writing a letter to all interested party's regarding ROPE.

**Old Business:** A final letter to all property owners on Big Sandy Lake regarding ROPE will go out today asking property owners to send letters e-mail or make phone calls. Property owners must reply to the Corp of Engineers by Nov 3, 2008, there will be no correspondence after that date.

Big Sandy Lake Structure: The structure assignments was discussed and decided to contact more property owners.

WEB site: Neal and Dan checked into computer costs and what the benefits would be. The board will go ahead with Jason who will be starting our WEB site. The board will publish our new WEB site in January newsletter. Suggestions regarding the WEB site were discussed such as a person to disseminate messages, to get a form for folks to contact the board etc. Motion was made and seconded for Neal and Dan to continue with the WEB site process.

Jim Carlson has resigned from the board; motion was made and seconded to give Jim & Ann a gift certificate from a local restaurant for all their work and commitment.

Jim Krezowski will contact folks for potential board members.

Jim Krezowski will contact Vern White asking if he will be working on the January 2009 newsletter.

**New Business:** On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October there is an invasive species meeting in Duluth, this is an instruction program. If anyone is interested in going, motion was made and seconded to reimburse folks for attending invasive species meeting.

**Committee Reports:** John Pilney just received an update from Janet Smude on our water sampling. We have not received any data from Bar Engineering. The samplings of phosphorus is higher this year than last year, this could be the BSL is lower and the sediment in the lake has higher phosphorus and is being stirred up. Secchi disk readings were good in July and changed in Sept. to about 3 feet. With Kennecott samples and our samples there was a big difference in phosphorus, someone needs to check with them, why their samples were different than ours.

BSLWAMP: Mark J. had a conversation with Janet Smude regarding grant monies through BSLWAMP, this money could be used for teaching purposes. Ask Mark to get in touch with Janet and ask for the guidelines to get grant money.

Water Planning Task Force: Kennecott was to have a presentation at this meeting. Water Planning Task Force has their meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month from 2PM to 4PM. The next meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of Nov.; this date will be put on our WEB site.

Community Projects: One BSLA member needs to be on the foundation board and this is in their by-laws. There should be a person from the foundation giving us a report. Mark K. will call Jim and Ann Carlson regarding the foundation and the water institute. Bob Griefzu reported the buoys will be coming out.

Water Surface Use: Nothing to report.

Fisheries: Jack Johnson reported there will be slot limits on various lakes....when you get your license, check your book for lakes that will have slot limits.

Government Relations: Bill Reed will be checking with Aitkin County on variances and if we are still receiving them.

Sheriff Turner reported it has been very quiet on the lake. We have not heard back from the DNR regarding wake or no wake zones on the Prairie River. This is contingent upon this board going with wake or no wake on the Prairie River. John Pilney will check with Janet Smude on whether or not water quality data on the Prairie River was impacted by heavy weekend boat traffic. Sheriff Scott Turner will write an article for the Jan. newsletter.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Jim Krezowski will bring treats for Nov. meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary