

## BSLA board meeting 11-13-09 at the Log Church

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:45.

Board Members Present: Dan Branson, John Merboth Bruce Johnson, Vern Awes, Mike Tait, John Pilney, Dean Anderson, Karen Trembley, Bill Reed, Neal Sampson, Jack Johnson, Mark Anderson. Liaison Jim Carlson. Board Members Absent: John Sturner & Karen Tero.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from 10-09-09.

The monthly Treasurers report was approved and seconded.

Dan Branson/budget committee came up with some possible ways of cutting our budget for FY 2010. Possible ways of cutting cost would be our insurance, which Dan is looking into. The Rivers & Lakes Fair, Plant ID class, the possibility of including other lakes for classes. Our mailing options, safety deposit box, intern program, possibly using grant money or fund raisers, annual meeting, dues/subscriptions, mailing list, Web site, office supplies, gift certificate's, books & clothing, meeting space, mowing outlook, neighborhood watch signs, community dinner, Aitkin Cty education day, take a kid fishing, water institute, snow flyers sign, seminars. The budget was tabled until January 2010 meeting.

Membership: Dean Anderson sent e-mail to get more lake owners to sign up.

Currently we have 4 newsletters; first newsletter will go out to all lake owners. Jim Carlson stressed that the June 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter is critical due to the upcoming annual meeting. A newsletter would go out every 3 months. Motion was made and seconded to eliminate fire works from our sign up form. Motion made and seconded to invoice membership for 2011. Dean Anderson will be doing the membership. Janet Smude indicated there is some grant money available, there are some stipulations. We have \$2500.00 a year from grant money per Janet Smude. Minnesota Waters is doing a match fund program. A plan or specific project would have to be in place and go into the future. We would need \$5000.00 to match Minnesota Waters monies. There are other possible grant monies out there. Any further discussion...contacts Vern Awes.

### Old Business:

Newsletter: Jack Johnson will contact Rick Bruesewitz for an article. Bruce Johnson will be our chairperson for the newsletter. Articles need to be to Bruce by the 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. so newsletter can be ready for our January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010....meeting at Grace Lutheran.

Star Lake, nothing to report.

Bylaws....Bill Reed will continue with the Bylaws at January meeting.

It was discussed to reconstruct our agenda for next month.

Jim Carlson commended Dean Anderson for his help in sending out Big Sandy Foundation information.

Scott Turner...gave the stats that were in the Aitkin paper, this has to be done every year. Scott was concerned regarding the # of drowning on Big Sandy Lake and what could be done to avoid these, some options were discussed.

Brian Napstad...reported on suggestions and preparations regarding various counties who are working on environmental and natural recourses with aquatic species. Question to be asked is how aggressive is the DNR regarding invasive species. Everyone needs to be going in the same direction and being aggressive on aquatic invasive species. There could be a general fund sponsored by license fees and local funds. All counties should get together and look at environmental policies.

BSLAWMP: ....meeting was regarding grants. Jim Krezowski will be in touch where next meeting will be.

Water Quality: nothing to report.

Website page: The Web page is back on track. The membership form will be re-done. A start up page with the membership form will be on the WEB. Question is to set up with Dean's e-mail will be worked on with Neal.

ACLARA: nothing to report.

Correspondence: Newsletter is great.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Neal Sampson will bring treats for January 2010 meeting.

Karen M. Trembley