

BSLA MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY, May 9, 2008

Board members present: John Merboth, Don Fuchs, Bill Reed, Jim Carlson, Neal Sampson, John Sturner, Dan Branson, Bob Griefzu and Karen Trembley.

Guests present: Bruce Larson, Brian Napstad, Dean Anderson, Ron Smith, Betty Seidenhranz, Shirley Scollard, Brent Speldrich, Scott Turner and David Leaf.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Jim Krezowski at 8:35.

Minutes and Treasurers report were approved as read.

Membership is at 426.

Vice President Report: Mark Johnson is asking the board to complete their time sheets. A letter from Leah Peterson from Minnesota Waters is hosting a workshop on Wednesday the 21st of May and the cost is \$10.00 per person. Motion was made and seconded to provide gas and event money for anyone attending on the 21st of May.

Proposed Agenda for annual meeting:

Terry Neff could come to the annual meeting and field questions from the audience.

We need to keep Kennecott in the loop, keep in touch with Brian Napstad regarding Kennecott issues.

ROPE: Letters went out to all property owners regarding ROPE. Letters were also sent to our Senators/Representatives, the Governor and Steve Clark.

TMDL: The work plan was finalized with BAR engineering and is expected to be finalized with Aitkin County next week. John Pilney will write up questions regarding TMDL and send to the MPCA. John will do a follow-up.

Water Planning: None

Invasive Species: Neal and Jim K. will work together to keep invasive species out of Big Sandy Lake.

Motion was made to pay for signs at BSL public landings. Motion was amended to have enforcement language on the sign. Motion was seconded. Jim K. will talk to Connie and the DNR.

Water Surface Use: nothing to report

Community Projects: On August 23, 2008 Mark & Julie Krezowski will be hosts for the Big Sandy Lake Foundation. The Big Sandy Water Institute will be sending out their 2008 summer schedule. Jim Carlson will check with the Lions if they could help support our handicap dock.

Motion made and seconded to reimburse John Merboth for all mowing expenses.

Jim Carlson wanted articles for June newsletter by May 21st. He needs BIOS's from 4 board members.

Old Business: Are there any other nominations for the board.

The community meal is still on going.

New Business: None

Guest Ron Smith thanked the board for helping with the clean-up. Shamrock Township will be writing a letter regarding ROPE to all concerned parties.

Guest Brent Speldrich covered areas of invasive species. Brent said it is OK to put up signs at public landings that will help educate folks on invasive species.

Sheriff Scott Turner said the buoy's are out. He appealed to the public to use common sense while boating and to watch for no-wake zones.

Guest Brian Napstad commented on the no-wake ordinance, this has to be done in a lawful manner. There will be a ROPE headwaters meeting in Walker on May 16th.

Bill Reed has been working on the by-laws; this project needs to be accomplished very soon.

John Sturner is writing a letter to Aitkin County regarding a couple of garbage properties. We are hoping Aitkin County will take some action soon.

Meeting Adjourned....

Jim Krezowski will bring treats.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary