

BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING  
JULY 11, 2008

Board Members Present: John Merboth, Jim Carlson, Jack Johnson, Jim Knoble, Vern White, Dan Branson, John Pilney, Bill Reed, Jim Krezowski, Mike Tait, Karen Trembley, Bob Griefzu.

Guests Present: Bruce Larson, Ron Smith, Sheriff Turner, Jim Mickelson & daughter, Brian Napstad, Kennecott mining folks.

President Mark Johnson opened the meeting at 8:35.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and Treasurers report.

Election of Officers: Dan Branson, Treasurer – Karen Trembley, Secretary will remain on the board. Mark Johnson & Jim Krezowski will share the duties of Vice President and President. Motion made and seconded to accept these positions.

John Merboth has everything in place for the community meal on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July. All workers need to be there by 4:30.

Jim Carlson needs all articles for the newsletter by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. News letter will be put together at Karen's house on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August at 1:00. John Pilney, Bill Reed, Dan Branson, Sheriff Turner will have articles to go in the newsletter.

ROPE: Dan Branson asked if the board could facilitate a meeting regarding ROPE. We will wait to hear from Dan regarding this meeting; he will be in touch with Steve Clark.

Mark passed out the organizational structure and asked the board to think about what you can do. This will be on our agenda August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Water Planning Task Force: A request to have Steve Hughes set up a tour at Kennecott. Bob Griefzu will get back to board on the date.

Invasive Species: Neal S. is still working on appropriate verbiage for signs at boat landings. The workshop class will be July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>...check your e-mail for further information.

Community Projects: The water institute is on going due to some cancelled rain days. Jack will get date for county 14 pick-ups. Wild Rice Days the end of August.

ACLARA – next meeting in Aitkin regarding ROPE. Jim Krezowski will have more information regarding Eagles Program, give details to Jim Carlson.

Bill Reed reported on the meeting he attended in Walker hosted by Minnesota Waters for a number of counties in our area. He emphasized the aggressive tactics regarding invasive species that two counties are taking, and the need to do so on Big Sandy to avoid the serious consequences if we fail to keep them out.

A copy of the by-laws was passed out....Mark asked everyone to read this carefully and will be voted on at the Aug. BSLA meeting.

Three folks from Kennebec had a presentation on the mining operation with questions and answers to follow. They encouraged folks to take of tour of their operations.

Scott Turner reported a great summer so far. Slow no wake zone is still in question on the Prairie River. Bruce Larson asked what the rules are on the Prairie River...

Ron Smith..Shamrock Township: The mowing is done, there have been drainage issues and fallen trees have been an issue. Work is almost complete on the new maintenance building. The tennis courts should be done in a week or so. The wash out on bridge road is in process of being fixed.

Brian Napstad...County Commissioner: Brian passed out a copy of phosphorus testing since 1994, an aerial photo was taken and a map to depict phosphorus, Janet Smude provided this data.

Brian also reported on the proposed Shoreland Ordinance...there are some areas in the proposed document that need to be addressed. There will be a meeting regarding the Shoreland Ordinance in Aitkin, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Brian encouraged everyone to attend.

Mike Tait will bring treats for Aug. meeting

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

Jim Mickalson said the board is doing a great job.