

BSLA Board Meeting August 8th, 2008

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

Members Present: Dan Branson, John Pilney, Mark Johnson, Mike Tait, Bill Reed, Jim Knoble, Neal Sampson, John Merboth, Bob Griefzu, Karen Trembley, Jack Johnson, Jim Carlson and John Pilney.

Guests Present: Bruce Larson, Vern Awes, Brian Napstad, Sheriff Turner and Bruce Larson.

Motion made and seconded to accept July minutes and Treasurers report.

Presidents Report: Jim Krezowski thanked everyone who helped serve the community meal in McGregor. A couple of things were added to the agenda, there will be a Kennecott tour if we would like to go. A Shoreland Ordinance meeting will be held on Aug 9th, 2008 at the court house in Aitkin. Keep up your clean-water partnership time sheets as hours are accumulated and used for grant money.

New Business: Bill Reed has worked on the by-laws and the new by-laws have been reviewed by all board members. President Krezowski asked if there was any discussion, there was none. Jim Knoble made a motion to approve by-laws; this was seconded by Mike Tait. All those in favor signify by saying I, approved by all. By-Laws amended as of today 8-8-08.

Items on the agenda: Should various meeting's/jobs be combined to become more knowledgeable in a given area. Neal Sampson asked to be removed from BSLAWAMP meetings and asked to have vegetation and invasive species combined. Bill Reed would like to be taken off BSLAWAMP and put on ROPE and upper Mississippi meeting etc....Table these issues until the Sept. meeting.

Annual Meeting Evaluation.... All reports were the meeting went well along with good information. John Merboth reported the meeting was shorter and the pace was improved. Mike Tait asked if Sheriff Scott Turner comes next year that he has an educational agenda.

Jim Krezowski asked if the board wants to go ahead with the Kennecott mine tour and if we would want to piggy back along with the Water Planning Task Force, everyone was in favor. Bob Griefzu will contact Steve Hughes regarding the date and time.

Joni Torgeson from Kennecott contacted John Pilney and asked to go with John to do our BSL water samplings which will be on Monday; Jim Knoble will go when he can.

The Shoreland Ordinance meeting will be at the Aitkin court house on the 9th of August. Mike Tait, Bill Reed, Jack Johnson and Bob Griefzu will be attending. Mike Tait has a concern of the ordinance being to constrictive. Speak on your own behalf....this is a hearing and still goes back to commissioners.

Newsletter.....Karen Trembley recommended we go to quarterly newsletter. Motion was made by Bob Griefzu and seconded by Jim Knoble to have the newsletter quarterly. Vern White offered to help Jim Carlson, Vern also suggested putting it on the WEB page. Articles for the newsletter need to be to Jim Carlson by Sept. 19th. We will be putting the first newsletter together at Karen's on October 9th.

Bonnie FinetyThis will be the kick off collecting data for all the years of work to figure the internal process of phosphorous. Bar Engineering will be putting all data into models by next June. John Pilney will be our contact person for the TMDL study. Neal will work on getting the TMDL study on the Big Sandy Web site. Work with John Pilney as a lead person on this project.

Vern Awes stated we are into a campaign season....Mr. Napstad is running for commissioner and Vern would be happy to bring any data to us, Vern is seeking our support for Mr. Napstad.

Commissioner Napstad.....The Shoreland Ordinance meeting will be August 9th at 10:00 at the county court house. The document will be screened at the public meeting, it is very important for the public's input before the decision is made. What the bill proposes is to manage watershed level in Minnesota.

Sheriff Turner reported this summer has been quiet on the lake.

The ROPE study hearing will be at McGregor School at 6:00 on Sept. 8th, 2008.

Neal Sampson did a workshop on Big Sandy for invasive Species....it was very interesting to identify an invasive species plant....a weed was found and reported to the DNR specialist.

Water Surface Use....Vern White will get e-mail out to all folks regarding their meeting.

Amy Kloburchar and Norm Coleman responded to our letter regarding ROPE study and they have contacted the CORP of ENGINEERS.

The October meeting will be held at the Aitkin court house...Jim Knoble will bring treats.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary