

## **BSLA MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**

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

Board members present: Vern Awes, Bruce Johnson, John Sturner, John Pilney, Bill Reed, Karen Trembley, John Merboth, Dan Branson, Mark Anderson, Dean Anderson, Neal Sampson, Jack Johnson, Jim Knoble (Liaison).

Guests: Sheriff Turner, Ron Smith.

Minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup> approved with corrections.

Dan Branson reviewed the expenditure for the past month. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes.

Membership Report: There are now 494 BSLA members with 1,048 home owners on Big Sandy Lake.

Jo & Mark presented a book on plants from Big Sandy Lake. Note: that we saw the book and appreciate the work done.

Jim Krezowski reported that wild rice days went well. Several members from the board came to help with various jobs at the booth.

Jim Krezowski asked Vern Awes to be our parliamentarian.

Jim Krezowski asked to have our time sheets turned in for the past 3 months, July, August & September at our October meeting.

Old Business: John Sturner reported that everyone has helped with participation with the Star Lake Program. The program will be in a holding pattern until Dan Siems is feeling better.

Newsletter: Articles need to be to Jim Carlson by the 21<sup>st</sup> of Sept. Vern Awes will be writing an article for the newsletter. The newsletter will be put together after the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

By-Laws: Bill Reed will be working on some changes to the by-laws. Motion was made to look at various issues; such as mission statement, by-laws, purpose and vision. There will be a committee to discuss from time to time these issues. Motion was seconded

New Business: the question was asked if they know anything about the train sinking in Big Sandy. Jim Krezowski will pursue.

Mark Anderson asked if there are any other occasions that we can set up a booth to have an opportunity to draw folks in to be members. Jim Krezowski will pursue various options.

ACLARA: nothing to report at this time.

TMDL: There will be a meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Fireside with folks from BAR attending. John Pilney will send out information on their report. Steve Hughes is setting up the meeting. It was asked if 2 to 4 folks could attend.

Invasive Species: There is a lot out there as to what is happening with the state as far as the invasive species. John Sturner will contact Marion Bender and get back to Jim Krezowski.

Community Projects: The cost for our community meal was \$262.00. Thanks John Merboth for putting this together and thanks to all who helped with the meal.

BSALWMP: Jim Knoble reported it is very important to attend these meetings. Bill Reed will get information regarding the meetings and put a reminder on the e-mail.

Water Quality: It was reported from our secchi disk readings that lake clarity is getting worse, in other words the transparency is decreasing on Big Sandy Lake. A special thanks who helped with these readings.

Fisheries: Jack Johnson has tried to get a hold of Rick Brueseiwitz. Jack will continue to try and get in touch with him.

Ron Smith reported that clean up day will be the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept. and starts at 9:00. Ron also reported that Shamrock workers will be going back to a 5 day week probably starting sometime in October. The state of Minnesota has extra money for recreational uses and Shamrock Township will have access to some of this money. It was discussed possible uses for the money would be to fix up a swimming beach by the CYC camp, bike trails, walking paths etc. If you have any ideas call Ron Smith.

Scott Turner talked about stewardship on the lake. Be thoughtful while using the lake for recreational purposes.

WEB site: is going well...

Meeting adjourned.

Jim Krezowski will bring treats for our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary