

BIG SANDY LAKE BOARD MEETING
Sept. 12th, 2008

Board Members Present: John Pilney, Bill Reed Vern White, Jack Johnson, John Sturner, Jim Knoble, John Merboth, Neal Sampson, Mike Tait, Karen Trembley, Jim Carlson & Bob Griefzu.

Guests Present: Craig Anderson, Vern Awes, Dave Leaf, Dave Tjosvold, Brian Napstad & Sheriff Scott Turner.

Vice President Mark Johnson called the meeting to order at Aitkin, County court house at 9:05.

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes and treasurers report.

Sept. is the end of the quarter for the water grant fund, Mark Johnson asked all board members to bring our time sheets in at the October meeting. We should have the report back from Heidi Wolf on the outcome of interns that were at our public landings this summer.

ROPE: There were 120 people at McGregor High School for the ROPE meeting. Bill Reed reported the board and BSL home owners have two major issues right now, the ROPE study and Shoreland Ordinances. We are looking at better options to communicate with BSL owners. Brian Napstad reported that the ROPE study has been out for some time and the county board will take a position regarding ROPE and will get back to the BSLA board on this issue. There is concern when there is high water, what does the CORP intend for that? Jim Carlson made a suggestion to open up Pine Knoll which would allow water to flow perfectly; Brian Napstad said this would not be cost effective. What can we do as a lake association...engage the band by asking them to give us an official statement...Dan Branson will communicate with Sandra Skinaway, Mike Tait will follow-up with Dan. It would be helpful to authorize George Tienen who would be in touch with Sandra as well. Motion was made and seconded to write a letter to all lake shore owners urging them to write a letter to the CORP, the board would put together a generic letter with bullet points, concerns etc. regarding ROPE, when the letter is completed it will be put together and sent out in a timely manner.

Motion was made and seconded to table BSLA Structure until the next meeting (How do we divide the work?)

Communication Web Page:

A suggestion was made to set up a Task Force to set up our own Web Page. Neal Sampson encouraged everyone to take a field trip on the computer and see what other associations are doing before we start shooting in the dark. A guest made a comment that has a WEB site for his business, there is no start up costs and you can upgrade. John Pilney will check with his daughter on her WEB site. The next BSLA meeting we will discuss options. Craig said Wayne Floe has offered help; bulletin boards are a possibility, guest comment by Vern Awes to check with Wayne Floe. Brian Napstad suggested looking at the Mississippi Headwaters Web site. A motion was made by Vern White to allocate \$500.00 towards the WEB...this motion was seconded.

Shoreland Ordinance...Brian Napstad will be addressing this at the commissioners meeting. The draft will be talked about and there are various components that Brian supports.

Bill Reed suggested we update the membership form.

Motion was made and seconded to change our October BSLA meeting to October 17th.

Jim Carlson is resigning from the board as of today Sept. 12th, 2008. We can appoint someone to fill Jim Carlson's position. Also, Jim Knoble is potentially resigning as of June 2009.

TMDL....John Pilney said the lake is not improving, he has 2007 data, we are measuring sediment on the lake, any time you do anything to the lake this will create impacts.

Water Planning Task Force... There will be a Kennebec tour on Sept. 24th at 1:00; hopefully the water planning task force will attend.

Invasive Species... The purple blue strife in BSL has been sprayed. Bill Reed will write an article for the October newsletter.

Water Surface Use.... We will answer to the folks who quarried us regarding the sign on Prairie River Bridge. Vern will respond to property owners and will forward a copy to the Sheriff. Is there such a thing as a speed limit on Prairie River?

Fisheries.... Jack Johnson will get the rules on fishing.

Vegetation..... nothing to report.

Next Commissioner meeting Jim Knoble will plan to attend.

A resolution was made by John Sturner thanking Brian Napstad for all his support to the board, motion was made and seconded to accept John's resolution.

Newsletter: In the October newsletter Neal will upgrade with important dates and such. Mention should be made on ROPE. Sheriff will address no wake in the April newsletter. Brian Napstad will have an article in the newsletter regarding Shoreland Ordinances. John Sturner will have an article regarding the Star Lake project. January newsletter 2009 will be addressed by Vern White. Suggestions for the newsletter, the newsletter go out to all property owners, considering a different format, need to have a director of communication, newsletter for Jan. have two potential articles and be more attractive to more people. Motion was made and seconded to fund \$1000.00 for the increase of cost to the newsletter if needed

Treats for October meeting..... Jack Johnson

Meeting Adjourned

Karen M. Trembley, secretary