

## BIG SANDY BOARD MEETING.....1-8-2010

Meeting called to order by President Jim Krezowski at 8:40.

Board members present: Mark Anderson, Bruce Johnson, Dean Anderson, John Pilney, John Sturner, Karen Trembley, Dan Branson, Karen Tero & Liaison Jim Carlson.

Board members absent: Neal Sampson, Mike Tait, Bill Reed, Vern Awes, Jack Johnson.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from 11-13-09.

Dan Branson reviewed FY budget for 2010, motion was made and seconded to accept budget for 2010. Motion made and seconded to accept Nov. & Dec. treasurers report.

Membership: Dean Anderson has been working on lake lots and owners, getting correct address's etc.

President Jim Krezowski reported that log time sheets to be in...as they go to Janet Smude for grants etc. Be sure and report your home address for the upcoming census. The Annual BSLA meeting will be June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Jim Krezowski will not be running for President. At the July 2010 meeting the election of a new president will take place. Those board members up for re-election will be Karen Trembley, John Merboth, Bill Reed, and Neal Sampson. Those running for board member need to have Bio's in by May 15<sup>th</sup> for the newsletter.

Old Business: John Sturner attended a board meeting for Star Lake, there is money left to go ahead for the future. John suspects that if Big Sandy Lake becomes a star lake the benefits could be good for business, good for property values etc. There must be a Lake Management Plan in place which is being worked on. At the March meeting we need to make a decision to go ahead with the Star Lake project. There will be no board meeting in Feb. 2010. Dan Branson will be in charge of the March 2010 meeting.

The Big Sandy Lake by-laws are still in process.

Dean Anderson asked that we have buttons on our Web site that folks can pay their membership dues using Pay Pal. Motion was made and seconded to approve a tab on the new Web site.

John Merboth made a motion to send a check back if we get someone's twice, this motion was seconded. This motion was opposed and amended to call folks and give them the opportunity to refund their money or leave on their account for future dues.

New Business: Barb Anderson will have a letter for the President to sign; this is to authorize the partnership between Shamrock Lakes Association and Big Sandy Lakes Association for means of a Pay pal donation button on the BSLA website.

Invasive Species: Mark Anderson reported on the cost of our inspection program which would be about \$2000.00. Mark will be working on a Grant for monies for invasive species, asking the DNR to support us. Mark Anderson has the grant prepared to send in. The amount requested

from the DNR would be \$3100.00; we would have to match this money. Mark came up with options such as accurate measurements on ruler, print up user friendly brochures to be given to boat dealers and brochures at major landing. Motion was made and accepted to accept Marks grant letter.

We need to have our newsletter on the Web site, delete the old site.

Minnesota waters is holding a conference...check the DNR Web site for more information.

Guest Scott Turner reported some good ideas for the Lake Association is to publish safe ideas while boating, fishing, swimming etc....getting to know your neighbors is very important and appreciate everyone invested in the process of staying safe on the lake.

Liaison Jim Carlson asked the board to approve \$2500.00 for the water institute...Motion made and seconded to approve the \$2500.00. Jim also asked for everyone to support the Rivers & Lakes Fair.

TMDL: John Pilney reported that project manager Bonnie expected to get a draft from BAR which would then go to the MPCA, they would approve the final report; at that time BAR engineering will be done. At that time we can put on our WEB site.

Water Quality: nothing to report.

BSLAWAMP: nothing to report.

Fisheries: nothing to report.

Water surface Use: nothing to report.

Jim Krezowski finalized the meeting by saying that someone should attend a couple of chamber meetings. The Web site is being worked on and will continue. If the BSLA get comments from lake owners regarding the newsletter we should answer in mass on the Webb site.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

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Neal Sampson to bring treats.