

BSLA Meeting 10-09-09 at Log Church

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

Board Members: Neal Sampson, Bruce Johnson, Mike Tait, Dan Branson, Vern Awes, Dean Anderson, Karen Tero, John Merboth, Mark Anderson, Karen Trembley and Jack Johnson. Board Members Absent: John Pilney, John Sturner.

Liaison's: Jim Knoble, Bob Griefzu.

Guests: Dan Guida, Brian Napstad, Scott Turner, Rick Bruesewitz & Ron Smith.

Minutes of Sept. 11, 2009 approved with corrections.

Dan Branson reviewed expenditures for Sept. and the FY 2010 budget. Treasurer's report approved. Motion made and seconded to have budget committee for the upcoming year. The committee will be Dean Anderson, Vern Awes, Jim Krezowski and Dan Branson.

Membership report: We now have 495 members. Motion made and seconded to leave 2010 membership sign up January 2010. Membership will be discussed by the budget committee and report back to the board in November 2009. Keep your time log sheets current. The time sheets will now be October, November & December 2009.

Jim Krezowski contacted Steve Clark regarding ROPE; at this point the ROPE is over. By-Laws: Bill Reed could not be present but will continue working with the By-Laws. Vern Awes has an article in the newsletter regarding river speeds and fishing. It was suggested to have an ongoing article in the newsletter regarding stewardship while fishing and boating on the river.

Jim Krezowski reported there was various train issues on Big Sandy during the early days of logging etc.

TMDL: Nothing to report.

Invasive Species: This will be ongoing for Big Sandy folks to monitor; the potential is always there to get more invasive species. Heidi Wolff is always working on grant money that can be used for an intern at boat accesses. There is a window of opportunity to put in for grant money. The University of Minnesota is researching the zebra mussel.

Community Reports: Nothing to report.

BSLAWAMP: Jim Krezowski apologized for our attendance at these meetings. Jim Knoble offered to attend summer meetings.

Water Surface Use: There will be an article in the newsletter regarding the practice of using good judgment and common sense while boating, fishing and respect the use of home owner's property. It was decided to continue these articles in the newsletter regarding courtesy on Big Sandy Lake.

Correspondence: Jack Johnson is having trouble getting bags for road side pick-up on Monday.

Web site: There was discussion on various things that can be put on our Web site. A committee; Mike Tait, Dan Branson, Bruce Johnson, Dean Anderson and Karen Tero will do some brainstorming on ways to put the newsletter on the WEB. Suggestion was to write an article in the Jan. newsletter that we are looking at putting the newsletter on the Web and when to do a hard copy.

ACLARA: Closed for the season.

Guest Rick Bruesewitz spoke on fishing concerns and possible solutions to slot limit, size of fish that can be kept etc. on Big Sandy Lake. Fisheries are interested in draw down on the lake but this is typically not a problem, there is no reason to stock at this time. The key is to protect our female walleye population for spawning. Rick will be putting an article in our January 2010 newsletter regarding fisheries. Rick was asked to speak at our annual meeting on June 26th 2010. Jim Knoble and Jack Johnson offered to help Rick with grant monies for fisheries.

Dan Guida reported there are new weights for the buoys in hopes that will deter moment of buoys.

Sheriff Scott Turner reported things are pretty quiet right now.

Ron Smith reported that clean up day went well. There will be some grant money to put in handicap parking by Shamrock Town Hall. You can reach Ron Smith at 426-3575 or Shamrock town hall at 426-3736 if there are snow issues, trees down etc.

Brian Napstad reported invasive species is coming closer and closer and has become a state wide issue. The Association of Minnesota Counties will be having policy meetings. Brian asked the board to come up with ideas that he can submit to AMC regarding invasive species.

Brian reported that ROPE has a report out now that is on the internet. As of now the operating procedure regarding ROPE has not changed. Brian reported that John Welle said the Prairie River Bridge is behind schedule and options for winter driving on the bridge.

Meeting Adjourned.

Dean Anderson will bring treats for the November 13 meeting.

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

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