

BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING – MAY 15, 2009

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

Member Present: Bob Griefzu, Jack Johnson, Mark Johnson, John Merboth, Mark Anderson, Neal Sampson, Bill Reed, Mike Tait, Dan Branson and Karen Trembley.

Guests Present: Tom Besch, Jim Carlson, Vernon Awes, Karen Tero, Jim Mickkelson and Ron Smith.

Minutes were approved as read.

Dan Branson recapped all categories, expenses and income from FY 2008. Dan's recommendation was to keep the 2009 budget the same as 2008. Dan will be sending out the FY 2009 budget with the May Minutes. The budget will be posted at our annual meeting in June. Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report and the new FY 2009 budget.

Membership: John Merboth reported 430 members have joined, with 83 new members.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Jim Krezowski spoke with Steve Clark, regarding ROPE, there will no draw down of water this year on Big Sandy Lake.

Annual meeting: Jim Krezowski, asked for the meeting to promptly begin at 9:00, with lunch and prizes to follow.

Guest speakers will be Tim James, St Croix Watershed....Commissioner Brian Napstad, Sheriff's Office and Fisheries.

Mark Johnson reported on the Rivers & Lakes Fair, John Sturner also attended. Invasive species was a hot topic this year. Also, attended was goal setting for a Lake Management plan. If you have any questions call Mark Johnson.

Neal Sampson will be signing the contract with Heidi Wolff for our boat landing intern. The intern will be covering 4 high end ramps.

Discussion was to insert an article from the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer by Matt Jesky regarding Kennecott. There was discussion regarding the article. It was decided to put the article in the newsletter with the heading **"this article is provided to you for your information only."**

Jim Carlson reviewed the articles that will be in the June/July newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Johnson & John Sturner will continue to work with the Star Lake Program. The board discussed our next newsletter; Jim Carlson will assist Mike Tait and Karen Tero.

GUESTS:

Ron Smith reported the spring clean up went well and Shamrock roads are looking good.

Tom Besch who lives on the Prairie River has great concern that someone is going to get killed. Tom is asking the board to support him and 8 other folks who live on the Prairie to help with getting slow no wake buoy's on the river. Jim Krezowski will contact Scott Turner regarding this issue and get back to Tom. Jim Carlson and Jim Mickelson will check on mailing for the Big Sandy Lake Foundation.

TMDL: Barr Engineering does not have all their data from their studies regarding TMDL but should have it soon.

Bill Reed & John Mertboth will be attending the BSLAWAMP meeting on June 10th.

Neal Sampson reported the invasive species signs are finished and will be up soon. Motion was made and seconded to give an additional \$300.00 to put up a kiosk, Neal and Dan will work on this project.

Bill Reed asked if there were any conditional use permits. Bill Kruda's conditional use permit was approved.

Jim Krezowski asked if someone could attend the ACLARA meeting, Bill Reed offered to attend.

There was no correspondence.

Meeting Adjourned....

Treats for June 12th....

Karen M. Trembley, secretary