

BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MTG. 9-17-10
Grace Lutheran Church

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

Board Members Present: Bill Reed, Jim Pilney, Bruce Herbranson, Dean Anderson, John Merboth. Vern Awes, Mark Anderson, Bruce Johnson, Dan Branson, Neal Sampson, Karen Trembley, Jim Krezowski.

Members not present: Jack Johnson, Karen Tero, John Sturner.

Liaison's Jim Carlson & Jim Knoble

Motion made and seconded to approve minutes from August 13, 2010. Thanks to Bets Merboth for taking minutes in August.

Dan Branson reviewed treasurers report, motion made and seconded to approve treasurer's report.

Membership: Dean Anderson reported there are 489 members. Congratulations Dean on your attempt to bring in new members.

Bruce Johnson asked that newsletter articles be to him by October 25th. The Newsletter will be put together at our November meeting.

President's report: Shamrock Clean-up day is Sept 18th. If anyone can help with this project is welcome.

Jim Krezowski talked with St. Paul Corp of Engineers, as of now the ROPE is a dead issue. Bryon Johnson from the Corp of Engineers said there was enough opposition regarding ROPE to put this project on hold.

The Star Lake Project is in its final draft, when this is completed John Sturner will review this with the board and guests.

Wild Rice Days went well. Over \$900.00 was sold in clothing etc. It was suggested to put our sale of clothing on the WEB site; an article will be in the upcoming newsletter.

Committee Reports:

TMDL: John Pilney reviewed findings from BAR engineering. Their findings will now be left up to the county.

INVASIVE SPECIES: The highway signs are still up regarding invasive species.

Brian Herbranson has discovered a large patch of purple loose strife.

There are 5 sites with purple loose strife; Jim Carlson & Rich Rezanka were looking at various sites for this weed.

We do not have a summary at this point regarding our summer interns.

Mark Anderson is going to pursue with authorities various launching sites on the lake that could be a possibility for zebra mussels. Mark discussed launching sites with the authorities was to determine the feasibility of closing down some of smaller launch sites around the lake that are not operated by the DNR or Corps of Engineers. If that is not an option, we need to see that they are properly signed with AIS materials.

Neal Sampson has been updating on our WEB site. If there is anything you want on the WEB let Neal know.

Dean Anderson suggested that we have Big Sandy Boat sticker on our boats. Mark Anderson will follow-up on the boat stickers.

WATER SURFACE USE: Vern Awes had nothing to report.

ACLARA: Bill Reed reported on a presentation regarding intern grants. There are names and numbers of who has control of the grants; grants are part of the DNR. Bill has training materials if anyone is interested. Bill also has the new law regarding watercraft and bait container draining laws in Minnesota. This law will be in our November newsletter.

WATER QUALITY: Secchi disk readings are done for the season.

BSALWMP: John Merboth reported on grant monies. Include everyone, use your time sheets to record any time spent in regards to BSLA activities.

Vern Awes will schedule a meeting with committee working on the BSL by-laws.

Jim Carlson gave us an update on Vern White; he is now in hospice at the Owatonna house.

Scott Turner reported that it has been a quiet year...be vigilant about your neighbors. We have hit an all time low in the county for burglary and thefts. Focus on prevention.

Motion was made to explore the slow no wake on the Prairie River. Whatever the county board passes will have to have the slow no wake. Safety on the Prairie is an issue; we have heard that folks living on the Prairie have been asking for slow no wake zones for some time. Indication to the public suggesting with recommendation to slow no wake, this will be in the Presidents report in the November newsletter. Seconded by Neal Sampson.

Bruce Johnson asked Sheriff Scott Turner about a helicopter pad at Shamrock town hall. At this point they are looking at various options such as the airport in McGregor.

Jim Carlson reported the Water Institute program went well. He will be asking Lisa Kruse for a small article regarding the Silver Sneakers at the fitness center that will go in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned by Neal Sampson and seconded by Bruce Johnson.

Neal Sampson will bring treats for October

NEXT MEETING – October 8, 2010 at the Log Church

Karen M. Trembley, secretary

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