

Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting
The World Wide Web – 6/13/2020

Called to Order [Via Zoom](#) at 8:45 a.m.

Board Members Present: Dick Beatty, Kathy Beatty, Janet Hill, Christopher Krolak, Ben Gisselman, John Sturner, Stu Mortrude, John Pilney, Margo Gisselman, Ann Rorem, Laurie White,

Others Present: None

- A. Review and Approve May Treasurer's Report:** Ben moved approval, Margo seconded
Decision was made to transfer an additional 20k into a CD
- B. Review and Approve May Meeting Minutes:** John Sturner moved approval, Dick seconded
Review May Membership Report: 2 new business members

C. President's Report

- a. Russ Thompson's Membership-He is still involved and Bruce is keeping him posted remotely outside of actual participation until we begin to meet in person again
- b. Discussion regarding going back to regular meetings-Group agreed to go back to regular meetings starting next month.
- c. Discussion regarding paying proper credit to retiring Directors, including discussion regarding ensuring they are present/recognized at the annual meeting.

D. Old Business

- a. 2020 Annual Meeting-Group agreed to make August meeting as our annual meeting, Bruce to look into bylaws regarding requirements for election
- b. Love Your Lake event officially canceled for 2020

E. New Business

- a. Election of New and Incumbent Directors
Dick indicated that Tom Meyers is interested, John Sturner moved, Bruce seconded, all voted in favor
- b. Resuming inviting liaisons and guests to meetings including the County tax assessor. Group agreed that we can begin doing this but not until August meeting and that we'll invite the assessor to our "annual meeting".
- c. Discussion regarding subscription to Zoom-tabled for discussion next month in person.

F. Director's Reports

- a. Laurie White and Bruce discussed the ongoing discussion surrounding wake boats and when we'd like to reach out to folks like Wayne Floe for attendance at a meeting. Consensus seemed to be to hold off until at least the August or September meetings.

- b. John Pilney-discussed regular water testing this summer and fact that phosphorus levels coming into the lake via the Prairie and Sandy River are exceedingly high and that he doesn't see us meeting water quality standards unless these numbers are reduced. Margo asked how that can be accomplished, John responded that part of it is getting McGregor to reduce their discharge into the Sandy River. The discharge is accumulated wastewater from the winter months for which they have a permit to discharge in the spring and summer months. John has been looking into how such a small city has such high phosphorous levels in its wastewater and the answer to that is unclear. John also wondered how they were able to receive a permit to discharge such high phosphorous-containing effluent. John and Dick have been looking into federal funding options to help with this problem. Ann asked about the new channel proposed through the bog south of McGregor for water transfer-John P. indicated the hold-up is a lack of funding. Bruce questioned whether some of the phosphorous is coming from the golf course, and whether purposely focused sampling could reveal anything more definitive.
- c. Christopher Krolak-He has been discussing with the DNR the fish tagging program they are doing this summer and he indicated that the DNR would appreciate some assistance in the way of outreach education at the launches for example on what the tags mean and what people should do when they see them. Group agreed that helping with this effort is a good idea. Bruce will take the lead on this project in contacting the DNR, Ben and Christopher indicated that they would help.
- d. Ann Rorem-In response to a question by Bruce regarding Flowering Rush, she has not seen any yet this season but will keep us informed. Dick indicated that he understands that the DNR will be back to assess the success of the pulling/removal that they did last summer. Dick will follow up with the DNR on this.
- e. Kathy Beatty-Asked if we should again give \$500 to the 4th of July fireworks and group agreed. Kathy also asked if Stu was still planning on distributing welcome bags to new property owners and the understanding was that this is still in effect and all agreed this was a good and effective program.
- f. Janet Hill-Requested that we all come up with any good newsletter article ideas for the August newsletter.

Meeting interrupted by technical matters at 9:08 a.m., at that point we lost John Sturner and Stu Mortrude, meeting resumed at 9:22 and ultimately adjourned at 9:45.

Next Meeting is on Saturday, July 12, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. AT THE BIG SANDY LODGE.