

**Big Sandy Lake Association Meeting
Big Sandy Lodge – 7/11/2020**

Called to Order at 8:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Bruce Johnson, Dick Beatty, Kathy Beatty, Ben Gisselman, John Sturner, Stu Mortrude, Margo Gisselman, Ann Rorem, Laurie White, Russ Thompson, Tom Meyers, Christopher Krolak, John Pilney

Others Present: Ron Smith

A. Review and Approve June Treasurer's Report: John moved approval, Margo seconded

B. Review and Approve June Meeting Minutes: Kathy moved approval, Ann seconded
Review June Membership Report: We're at 625 members, 39 businesses, including new business member Medtronic via Laurie \$500 donation)

Group welcomed new board member, Tom Meyers.

C. President's Report

a. Firework donation-Bruce confirmed that the donation has historically been \$1/member and group agreed

b. Discussion regarding whether we will have an annual meeting. Most of discussion centered around it being too difficult to have a conventional full annual meeting. Bruce mentioned that bylaws suggest nominees need to be voted on, which led to further discussion regarding how to appoint new board members without a vote. Stu proposed we have the two nominees write background letters on their biographies, interest in the Board (Beatty's to convey message to Laurie, Russ Thompson to convey to Doug), and then the Board will make a choice at the August meeting. Official appointment and renewals of existing Directors suspended until annual meeting 2021, Stu moved, John Sturner seconded.

c. Discussion regarding the recent bass fishing tournament on June 28th, John Sturner moved we write a letter to the DNR requesting better enforcement in the future and BSLA being notified, Ben seconded.

d. Discussion regarding wake activity from wake boats thus far this summer, and an overall discussion regarding general boating, wake surfing, jet ski etiquette. John Sturner will follow up with local law enforcement. Kathy proposed that etiquette rules be provided to boaters and particularly VRBO renters. Tom pointed out that with so many wake/ballast boats coming and going on the highway, there's going to be plenty of water transfer, even inadvertent, because ballast tanks cannot be completely drained. He mentioned that he understands Lake Minnewawa has been using a steamer/decontamination device at one of the launches which is voluntary.

e. Kathy mentioned that Facebook was a hotbed for negativity regarding boating activity. Kathy asked whether the rule imposition was appropriate and group agreed her response and enforcing the rules was appropriate.

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.

E. New Business

- a. Discussion regarding resuming inviting guests/ speakers as of August. Bruce will invite Mike Danger from the County Assessor's office for August meeting.
- b. Articles for Newsletter-Seems we have sufficient content for Janet for the next newsletter.

F. Director's Reports

- a. Kathy mentioned that Laurie Hamre is very interested in joining group, mentioned that she's retired and very dynamic, and a possible great asset.
- b. Russ Thompson mentioned that Doug Taylor is also interested
- c. Laurie White-Mentioned that U of M is seeking money for specific research regarding the impact of wake surf waves on shorelines. Some discussion as to what the data will be used for and if it targets wake boats specifically, which the group agreed we don't want to support. Laurie moved that we contribute \$1,000. Group agreed the data would be useful for shoreland type study, and to demonstrate impacts of waves based upon boat type, and weather conditions. Decision was made to table any contribution until we know more about the actual organization.
- d. John Pilney-He and Dick Beatty were out taking measurements recently on dissolved phosphorous in the lake (*see attached*). The results were 20mcg/liter in Bill Horn Bay, state standard is 30. Webster Bay measured at 29. Main basin measured at 28. Under the bridges at Prairie River and Sandy River both measured in the 40's. John has been researching data from the MN PCA regarding discharge from McGregor wastewater and he learned that it has inexplicably high numbers of dissolved phosphorous and nitrogen, and it's being released in a manner where it can get into the Sandy River. A solution could be that this same water would be released into the ponds/wetlands (Kimberly Marsh) on the east side of 65 north of McGregor or that it be treated before being released, or that it drain in a different direction. Mayor of McGregor, Dake Olson, is aware but the City does not have the funding. Exploration is needed to find funding sources to address this project. Discussion ensued regarding what the project would consist of and what kind of monetary amounts we are talking about. Group agreed that this should be a primary initiative for the BSLA given its direct correlation with our Mission. John Pilney to write an article for the newsletter alerting members to this issue to help increase awareness and contribute to any possible solutions. Dick added that they are adding an additional sampling site under the 232 bridge to get an idea of what the golf course may contribute in the way of phosphorous.

- e. Dick Beatty-Regarding Flowering Rush, Ann reported that it's in full bloom right now which is earlier than normal, but she doesn't see there to be more than in the past. Dick discussed that we can get a permit for physical removal according to the DNR. Group discussed whether this is something we want to contribute money towards. Dick will look into finding a contractor and getting a quote. Dick added that they have been taking Secchi Disk readings in the main basin this year, and the measurements are twice as clear as compared with past summer measurements. Christopher reported that he sees measurements being about a foot better than normal in Bill Horn Bay
- f. Stu Mortrude-Discussed efforts to bolster membership. He questioned whether the bag program to new property owners should be continued-group agreed that the effort has been successful and should continue, and it's worth any cost associated with materials.
- g. Christopher Krolak-Launch inspectors for AIS are down, 14 positions out of 24 are filled, so coverage may be spotty.
- h. Kathy Beatty-Asked group to be mindful of misplaced/missing markers, and report them to the Sheriff.

G. Guest Speakers

- a. Ron Smith
 - Township meeting is happening both in person and online, which has its challenges
 - He doesn't see significant relief regarding COVID happening anytime soon
 - Township may have to do some remodeling to accommodate social distancing during things like voting
 - Township cleanup day in the fall will be canceled due to lack of social distancing
 - Discussion regarding a township walking trail between the township hall and Highway 40 a likely possibility. Grant funds were requested for this but not approved initially, but the township is on a list to get funding potentially this fall. This project would include moving the tennis courts further towards the leaf site
 - Discussion regarding public requests for walking paths/sidewalks on township roads at large. Issue is it gets the township into eminent domain issues which is not something the township is willing to tackle.
 - Discussion regarding speed signs placed to reduce speed and the fact that they now collect data on top speeds, number of cars
 - Ron mentioned issues with sand bar participants landing their boats on his property

Adjournment moved by Margo, Kathy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:56.

Next Meeting is on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the Big Sandy Lodge.

BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

June 2020

GRAND TIMBER BANK

OPENING BALANCE		6/1/2020		\$ 20,530.48
CREDITS				
Deposit	Membershp Donations	6/3/2020	\$ 287.00	
Deposit	Membershp Donations	6/15/2020	\$ 630.00	
Deposit	Membershp Donations	6/18/2020	\$ 245.00	
Deposit	Membershp Donations	6/24/2020	\$ 300.00	
Deposit	Interest	6/30/2020	\$ 0.92	
TOTAL CREDITS			<u>\$ 1,462.92</u>	
DEBITS				
Check 2498	MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates	6/1/2020	\$ 300.00	
Check 2504	Shamrock Lakes Fireworks	6/25/2020	\$ 500.00	
Check 2505	Country Mutual Insurance Co	6/30/2020	\$ 333.00	
TOTAL DEBITS			<u>\$ 1,133.00</u>	
CLOSING BALANCE		6/30/2020		\$ 20,860.40

MEMBERS COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION

Savings Account xxxxxx1000		6/30/2020	\$ 1,343.55	\$ 1,343.55
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CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Members Cooperative Credit Union

xxx5876		6/30/2020	\$10,577.73	
xxx5884		6/30/2020	\$10,839.64	
xxx4088		6/30/2020	\$10,601.04	
xxx7664		6/30/2020	\$10,437.07	
xxxx9510		6/30/2020	\$10,251.12	
xxxxxx2002		6/30/2020	\$10,386.36	
xxxxxx2003		6/30/2020	\$ 6,673.67	
Total			<u>\$69,766.63</u>	

Grand Timber Bank

xxx92		6/30/2020	\$10,143.38	
xxx93		6/30/2020	\$ 4,010.39	
xxx04		6/30/2020	\$ 4,463.45	
Total			<u>\$18,617.22</u>	

TOTAL CDs				\$ 88,383.85
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TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS & CDs				\$ 110,587.80
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2020 Membership Data – June

MEMBERS	2019		2020	
	Count	Paid	Count	Paid
Complementary	7	N/A	8	N/A
Business Lifetime	3	\$1,000	5	\$1,000
Business Regular	32	\$1,750	34	\$1,860
Individual Lifetime/Benefactor	35	\$2,975	39	\$2,784
Individual Over \$30	141	\$9,515	169	\$10,970
Individual at \$30	371	\$11,080	370	\$11,010
TOTAL MEMBERS	589	\$26,320	625	\$27,624
PayPal Use	52	\$2,930	56	\$2,530

Business Members		2017	2018	2019	2020
	202 Tavern			50	50
	A & M Electric	50	50	100	50
	Ace Hardware				50
	Aspen Realty	50	50	50	50
	A+ Auto Body	50			
	Bann's Bar and Restaurant	50	50	50	100
	Big Sandy Camp and Retreat	50	50	50	50
Life	Big Sandy Lodge & Resort	50	50	500	Life
	Catholic Youth Camps	50	50	50	50
	Century 21 Twin Lakes Realty	50	50	50	100
	Christian Realty	50	50	50	50
	David Winegar, DDS	50	50	150	50
	EyeCare Center of McGregor	50	50	50	50
	Fisherman's Bay		50	50	50
	Floe International, Inc.	50	50	50	50
	Goble's Sewer Service			50	50
	Grand Timber Bank	50	50	50	50
	GTS Tree Service		50		50
	Horseshoe Lake Inn			50	
	Ind. School Dist. #4	50	50	50	
	Lake Country Power	50	50	50	
	Light Publications	50	50		50
	McGregor Baking Company			50	
	McGregor Insurance				50
	McGregor Lanes				50
	McGregor Oil			50	
	McGregor Printing		50		50
	McGregor Realty	50	50	50	50
	Medtronic				500
	Meyer's Service Center	50	50	50	50
	Minnesota National Golf	50	50	50	50
	Northern Ridge Landscaping		50		50
	Nistler Plumbing and Heating	50		50	50
	Ole's Resort			50	50
	Peat, Inc	50	50		50
	Prairie River Inn			50	
	Round Lake Resort & Bar				60
	School House Café				50
Life	Talon Metals (Kennecott)			50	500
	Tamarack Pest Control	50	50	50	50
	Target (Dank)	Member	Member	Member	Member
	Thrifty White Pharmacy	50	50	50	50
	Township of Workman			50	50
	Ukura's Big Dollar				50
	Up North Riders				50
	VMware (Gudenkauf)				Member
	Voyageur Press	50		50	
Life	Willey's Marine	50	500	Life	Life
	Willey's Sport Shop & Spirits	50	50		
	Yellowstone Log Homes	100	50	50	50
Life	Zorbaz Big Zandy	50		500	Life
	TOTAL	1650	1850	2700	2860
	COUNT	32	30	35	39

Analysis Report

July 06, 2020

REPORT TO:

Big Sandy Lake Association

PO Box 21
McGregor MN 55760

INVOICE TO:

Big Sandy Lake Association

PO Box 21
McGregor MN 55760

Date Rcvd-Brnd: 6/22/2020
Time Rcvd-Brnd: 11:00

Sampled By: Richard Beatty
Sample Type: SW
Recv Temp°C: 5.9 on ice

LOCATION:

SITE / ANALYTE	Sample Date/Time	Analyzed Value	Units	Reporting Limit	Analytical Method	Analysis Date/Time	Analyst	Code #
BSL-SR	6/20/2020 @ 10:51							
Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin-NA		6.9	ug/L	1	SM 10200 H	7/2/20 10:19	LP	033898
Total Phosphorus		0.041	mg/L	0.005	EPA 365.3	6/24/20 09:15	CJS	033898
BSL #1	6/20/2020 @ 11:30							
Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin-NA		4.8	ug/L	1	SM 10200 H	7/2/20 10:19	LP	033899
Total Phosphorus		0.02	mg/L	0.005	EPA 365.3	6/24/20 09:15	CJS	033899
BSL #2	6/20/2020 @ 10:21							
Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin-NA		8	ug/L	1	SM 10200 H	7/2/20 10:19	LP	033900
Total Phosphorus		0.029	mg/L	0.005	EPA 365.3	6/24/20 09:15	CJS	033900
BSL #3	6/20/2020 @ 12:01							
Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin-NA		12	ug/L	1	SM 10200 H	7/2/20 10:19	LP	033901
Total Phosphorus		0.028	mg/L	0.005	EPA 365.3	6/24/20 09:15	CJS	033901
BSL-PR	6/20/2020 @ 11:45							
Chlorophyll a, Corrected for Pheophytin-NA		4.8	ug/L	1	SM 10200 H	7/2/20 10:19	LP	033902
Total Phosphorus		0.044	mg/L	0.005	EPA 365.3	6/24/20 09:15	CJS	033902

Approved By:



Date Approved: 7/6/2020

Sara Ahlers, Laboratory Director

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