

Big Sand Lake Preservation Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2014

Board Members Present: Don Button, President; Deb Loots, Secretary; Susan Raisanen, Treasurer; Jim Cobb, Webmaster

Persons Attending:

Anderson, CC and Judy
Corty, Bill
Pavlicek, Gary and Karen and three sons
Goetzke, Jack and Jan
Patnaude, Virginia
Loots, Dennis & Deb
Selbin, Tom
McMartin, Scott
Tjader, Jerry
Welsh, Mary Jo and Jack
Nichols, Don
Williams, Sue

Don Button opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and welcomed all present and then introduced the board members. Don presented the agenda and asked for a motion to approve. CC Anderson made motion to approve and Denny Loots seconded.

Secretary's Report

Deb Loots summarized the board meetings and last annual meeting. Four board meetings occurred during the past year due to the number of activities under consideration.

Statistics: 122 property owners
34 paid 2013 members
62 valid email addresses

Election of Officers: At the last annual meeting the membership asked that three Officers continue for at least another and they agreed. A Vice-President was added to the Board and Barry Mason elected. Three at large directors were also added to the Board: Jim Cobb, Bernie Allen, and Gary Boylan. It was suggested that a \meeting be held with the BSLA board. This did take place and there was agreed that collaboration was possible, although nothing specific was identified at that time.

Bylaws: Last year the bylaws were discussed and some changes suggested but no final conclusions or approval. Therefore, the Board spent considerable time revising the bylaws and this will be presented for approval after the treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded for approval of this report.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Raisanen reported on the BSLPA treasury

\$1951.43	Balance forward
\$420	From members' dues and donation
<u>\$1500</u>	<u>Advance payment from DNR grant</u>
\$3871.43	Total resources
\$48	Post Office Box Expense
<u>\$765.94</u>	<u>Printing and Postage Expense</u>
\$3057.49	Balance of Funds, net expenses.

Known Projected Expenditures

BSLPA will need to contribute \$1500 as a matching contribution for the DNR fish sticks grant. BSLPA will also make a contribution to the upcoming BSLPA picnic Treasurers report approved and seconded

Susan also announced that we have received our tax free status. Susan was applauded as she was instrumental in accomplishing this complex and time consuming task.

Bylaws revision

Jim Cobb summarized some of the revisions to the bylaws. He stated a model bylaws drafted by the DNR for lake associations were used for reference. Membership eligibility is for any individual or family that subscribes to the purposes of the Association and owns property within one mile of BSL and resides on the property at least one month each year. It was suggested that the one month be changed to 30 days. Dennis Loots made a motion to approve the bylaw revisions and it was seconded. The paid members were asked to vote for approval and the bylaws were thus approved by the two-thirds majority.

It was suggested that perhaps a proxy vote section be considered next year.

President's Report

Don Button made a slide presentation:

Mission: Understand, protect and preserve the quality of Big Sand Lake

Goals: 1) Improve Fishing 2) strengthen the overall ecosystem.

Review of Don's attached presentation helps all understand the current situation and proposed solutions.

The presentation concluded with a "To Do list" which consisted of:

1. Establish feasibility of rice restoration
2. Improve habitat with fish sticks, better drainage
3. Identify algal types, population
4. Survey bottom for plant and invertebrate types
5. Educate public on catch and release
6. Keep records of lake level, water table, temperature, oxygen
7. Complete DNR grant requirements
8. Improve funding base

General Questions from the attendees included:

- Gary Pavlicek commented on the status of the culvert repair on Sand Lake Road

- Karen Pavlicek suggested that Big Sand Lake may be on the DNR watch list as a sensitive lake thus restricting some activities that BSLPA maybe proposing. Karen agreed to get us more current and specific information on this topic.
- A question was presented on where the fish sticks will be located. With the DNR funding 50% of the cost, Don is working closely with the DNR regarding site for the fish sticks and any licensing or permit requirements.
- Tom Selbin said he is still doing the sechi disc and the most recent read was 16 ft.
- Adam Pavelicek questioned a change in the rush population in the west bay. Don offered to work with Adam and help investigate this situation.
- Funding needs—Don Nichols suggested that Don send out a request for funding for a specific project at end of year as this might be a good time to get donations.
- Everyone was encouraged to periodically check the website for updates on fish sticks, DNR grant, and other updates.

Election of Officers

A motion was made for Don Button to continue as president for at least another year and all eligible voting members agreed. C.C. Anderson nominated Jeanne Younge for Treasurer and all eligible voting members agreed. Bernie Allen had previously agreed to stay on the Board and his continuation was approved. With the current Secretary not offering to continue, Dennis Loots volunteered. All eligible voting members approved Dennis Loots as Secretary. Jim Cobb agreed to stay on as Webmaster. Susan Raisanen and Virginia Patnaude volunteered for the two remaining board positions and all agreed.

In summary, the new board is as follows:

President, Don Button

Vice President, vacant

Secretary, Denny Loots

Treasurer, Jeanne Young

At large Board positions—Bernie Allen, Susan Raisanen, Virginia Patnaude

Upcoming Activities:

Picnic—BSLPA and BSLA will jointly host a picnic at the cabin of Susan Raisanen on Saturday, August 9. The two Associations will jointly be providing burgers, brats, buns and picnicware. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs, a dish to share and beverages of their choice.

Don Button thanked everyone for attending. He adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Deb Loots

Secretary BSLPA