



BIG SAND LAKE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF Annual Meeting

June 20, 2015 and held at Burnett County Government Center

Don Button, President, opened the meeting with a welcome to all attendees.

Board Members present were: Don Button, Dennis Loots, Jeanne Young, and Ginny Patnaude

Secretary's report: The Secretary's report for the June 2014 annual meeting was approved after a motion by G Patnaude and seconded by J Anderson. D Loots reminded attendees that all meeting minutes for all of the meetings are on the BSLPA website. While in the prior meeting minutes, D Loots also provided a brief summary of activities that have transpired since last summer such as the purchase of a microcystin (Cyanotoxin) test kit, update on the fish sticks and completion of the DNR report to fulfill the terms of the grant.

Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$5,827.49 of which \$1,500 is DNR grant money. BSLPA had revenue from dues and donations of \$2,770 and expenses of \$989. Paid membership was 33. Report was approved by motion from G Patnaude with a second by J Anderson.

President's report:

Don made a 1 hour presentation on the status of the lake which included:

- Control of Reed Canary Grass and Hybrid Cattail
- Water levels
- Update on growth of wild rice
- Update on quality of fishing
 - o Missing top predators (large northern pike)
 - o Disappearance of walleyes
 - o Number and size of perch is growing.
- Status of water quality
 - o Algae blooms

Other topics that were discussed

D Loots opened a discussion on combining the two Sand Lake associations, BSLPA and BSLA. The thought was officers of the two associations should meet and discuss issues of concern and commonality should the membership of both associations consider merging. There was a motion by J Taylor to open discussions and investigate terms of a merger with BSLA and for the officers to report back to the BSLPA membership their thoughts and the officer's recommendation. The motion was seconded by D Loots and passed by the members attending.

Summer picnic—D Button had earlier advised by email that the BSLPA picnic scheduled was scheduled for July 18th. D Button now advised that the date had to be changed. D Button also advised that he had not coordinated the picnic with BSLA as we had done in

2014. Attendees thought the combined picnic was a success so it was agreed that D Loots should contact BSLA and coordinate a date and picnic location.

(SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEETING THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED AND THE SUMMER PICNIC IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 8TH, AT 2:00 AT THE HOME OF JIM ANDERSON. D LOOTS SENT OUT INVITATIONS TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN OUR DATA BASE.)

Prepared by D Loots