

Big Sandy Association
2000 Annual Association Meeting
July 29, 2000

The 2000 Annual Big Sandy Association meeting was held at the home of Sandy & Susan Prince (Lot #8), at 4pm. The following members were in attendance: Pauline & Joe Walsh, Adele & Jim Forman, Judy & Dick Yost, Bonnie & Warren Mattiello, Deborah Bushway, Donna & Charlie Brown, Joe Jackman, Susan & Sandy Prince, Maria Civita, Claudette & Dick Dailey, Debbie & Al Villanucci, Cat & George Dehner.

Treasurer's report

Warren Mattiello, President, presented the Treasurer's report, indicating that as of 6/30/00 the Association checking account had a balance of \$7298.27.

LEA Grant

Warren explained that during the winter, the Association had received a "grant" of \$2000. from The Lakes Region Association (LEA), for the work that had been done on the Big Sandy Roadway, over the past two years. The LEA has provided a number of such grants, in the area, to organizations that have completed work on roadways, or similar projects, which have resulted in improving water runoff into local lakes – thus, hopefully improving the water quality of those lakes.

Big Sandy Roadway

The Big Sandy Roadway was then discussed, Warren explaining that he had contracted with Frank Snow, to provide cutting-back of brush and trees – for \$1000., to help with drainage and improve visibility, along the roadway. That work to be completed in August.

The Big Sandy Roadway was grated in June and will be grated again in early August.

The completion of the rebuild and paving of the lower section of the main hill, entering Big Sandy, will also be completed this year, after Labor Day. The total amount for that work, covering almost 800', will be \$19,844. Again, Frank Snow will be accepting part of the monies this year and the remainder from next year's Association dues.

At last year's Association meeting, it was unanimously voted to continue the annual Association dues at \$400. (for 2000 & 2001), which will allow us to complete the above work.

Merrill's Logging

Discussion then centered on the intent by Christine & Harley Merrill (who own a Big Sandy lot (#29), to the right of the Webster's driveway – just off Big Sandy Beach), who have indicated an intent to log their property (in and behind Big Sandy). The logging trucks would access their lots via a right-of-way, to the left of the Carrier's cottage (first red house on the right after Carsley Brook).

Warren explained that he had previously informed the Merrill's (August 8, 1999), that the Big Sandy Association strongly objected to any logging trucks going over the Big Sandy Roadway, without the Merrill's first posting a bond – as well as, paying back dues, which they have refused to pay, for many years.

The members of the Association thoroughly discussed that issue, which culminated in a unanimous vote by the members, presented by Dick Dailey and seconded by Joe Walsh, to block, by any means necessary, any such use of the Big Sandy Road, by logging trucks, for the Merrill's – until an appropriate bond be issued, for the possible damage such logging trucks might cause to the Big Sandy Roadway AND a reasonable agreement is made, regarding past dues owed by the Merrill's, to the Big Sandy Association.

It was voted that the President would write to the Merrill's, indicating the Association's position on this matter and to take any appropriate actions that might be necessary to accommodate the above mentioned vote, pertaining to such logging operations by the Merrill's.

Summer Camp Update

Warren gave the meeting an update on the children's camp that was proposed to be built on land, on the cove, behind Big Sandy Beach. Many at the meeting were not aware that project was virtually a "done deal" and that the "town father's" were trying to push it through – because they felt it would provide many new "jobs" for the town.

Warren went on to explain what a devastating effect such a camp – with some 325 campers, fifty staff and some three dozen boats would have had on our end of the lake. Also, what a horrible impact it would have had on the quality of life in the Big Sandy area and the strong NEGATIVE impact it would have had on ALL our property values.

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Webster family and Dick and Claudette Dailey – that project was stopped.

It was made clear that project was NOT just the concern of those two families but rather of ALL who live at Big Sandy – just imagine all those children and staff using the water area at our end of the lake! Most of the time there are never more than a few boats in that area, at any time – just imagine DOZENS at a time – ALL SUMMER long!!!

It was noted that the Webster and Dailey families had put many hours of their time into fighting that project and many thousands of dollars (excluding their travel expenses and time). Thankfully a number of area families have donated to help pay part of those funds but they are still several thousand dollars short of covering those expenses.

You should have received a letter from the Webster family, giving a final report on that project. If you have not already donated to that cause – it would certainly be a most worthwhile and appropriate gesture.

Next time you're looking out onto the lake, or are out on it – spend a moment to think how lucky we are that it's going to stay as beautiful as it is!!!

Voting for Officers

Jim Forman made a motion, seconded by Joe Walsh, to have the same officers, Warren Mattiello for President and the same Directors: Claudette Dailey, Dick Yost and Warren Mattiello, for next year. Warren asked for other recommendations but none were made and the same slate of Big Sandy Association officers, were unanimously voted in for the 2000/2001 year.

Canoe/Kayak Rack

Maria Civita brought up the topic of installing racks at the Big Sandy Beach, for canoes and kayaks. It was agreed that such racks would definitely help to keep the beach tidy but there was not agreement as to who should pay for them.

It was decided that Maria and Al Villanucci meet with Warren Mattiello to evaluate the options, to present same to the Annual meeting next summer.

Speeding on the Big Sandy Roadway

The ANNUAL topic of SPEEDING on the Big Sandy Roadway was brought-up by Judy Yost. The considerable number of young children in Big Sandy was discussed and the obvious concerns of their safety, with regards to the speeding problems on our roadway. Of definite concern are RENTORS and FRIENDS and QUESTS of Big sandy members and the need to make those people aware of the need to NOT speed on our roadway.

Warren also mentioned that another strong impact of speeding, is that it causes many more pot-holes, as well as, "wash-boarding" of certain sections of the roadway.

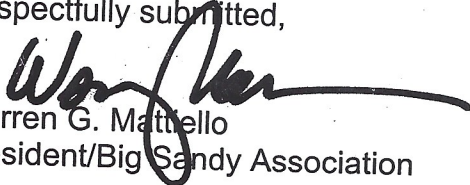
Maria Civita asked if we couldn't have more speeding signs. Warren mentioned that there are presently 4 speeding signs and that he had recently ordered another, which would be put up this summer.

2001 Annual Meeting

Maria Civita offered to host next year's Annual meeting, at their home (Lot #13A).

Wishing everyone a pleasant summer – the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,



Warren G. Mattiello
President/Big Sandy Association