

MINUTES OF THE SAND LAKE, INC. ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2017
COOK RESIDENCE

Co-President Dave Quady called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM at the Cook residence. He thanked the Cook families for hosting the brunch and meeting site. He then called for approval of the May, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion made by Joann Walker, seconded by Kim Cook for approval. Motion carried.

Al Lechleitner, Secretary/Treasurer, was asked to give an update on our financial status and membership. He reported that at the 2016 Annual Meeting we started with a bank balance of \$2946.20. Since then we had deposits of \$2992.00 and debits of \$4261.48, leaving a current balance of \$1676.72. He created a segregated account to facilitate the 2017 Clean Water/Clean Boat project (CWCB) in which the Wisconsin DNR gave a \$1000.00 cash advance and an anonymous donor contributed \$1000.00. That account of \$2000 was fully expended plus \$2000 from our association account to cover the \$4000 project cost for the training and salaries of our dock monitor interns by Beaver Creek Reserve. A request for a partial repayment of another \$1000 has been made to the DNR and the remaining \$2000 repayment should come in September after all the project requirements have been met including the \$1500 of in-kind contributions. Al reported that we currently have 39 members. In 2015 we had 56 members and in 2016 we had 52 members. We hope more members will join between now and Dec. 31, 2017. What was considered annual dues of \$20 per year can now be considered a donation and tax deductible since we are now incorporated. Make checks payable to Sand Lake Assoc., Inc. and your cancelled check can be considered as your receipt. People can send checks to Al Lechleitner at 5560 Wild Rose Lane, Eau Claire, WI, 54701.

Al extended a special thanks to Dave and Margarete Cook and Cindy Griffin for all their research, leg work and personal assistance with the incorporation process and the handling of the CW/CB project grant. Many volunteer hours were given in paperwork, phone calls and personal contacts.

Dave Cook gave a report on Sand Lake's water clarity. It was as low as 9.5 ft. this spring but rose to 12.5 ft. last week. Water temperature was also up last week. Curly-leaf pondweed is the invasive species we are monitoring; information on this specie is posted on the boat landing bulletin board.

McKayla Susen, one of the boat monitoring interns, reported that an average of 8 and up to 18 boats were inspected on assigned days. Margarete Cook reported that to date 179 boats were inspected and 364 people were spoken to regarding the intent of this CW/CB project.

Steve Johnson reported on the upcoming fish crib construction project. Over 50 cribs have been GPS'd and inspected for evidence of deterioration. He has been working with the WRA (Wildlife Restoration of Rusk Co.) to plan and install 5-6 new cribs this winter at no cost to our association. Our only obligation is to provide 15-20 volunteers to assist in the physical work of preparing the ice for the depositing of the 8" rock and crib framework. He said he would work to get funding every other year for replacement cribs. Another acceptable alternative option for creating fish habitat is in submerging and anchoring trees (called fish sticks) to the bottom of the lake so at least 5 feet of the tree is below the surface. A sign-up for volunteers will be posted on-line later when the winter construction dates are determined.

Two very well attended Coffee-on-the-Dock gatherings were held this summer at the Denk and Walker residences. We need volunteer hosts for 2018. Use the contact us form on our website (www.sandlakewi.com) or info@sandlakewi.com if interested.

Co-president Quady called for volunteers to host next year's Annual Brunch/Meeting. No one responded. If anyone is willing to host, please contact info@sandlakewi.com. Update after the meeting – the Motley's have volunteered to host – thank you!

Announcements:

- Next meeting is Saturday, Sept. 2 at the Big Bend Town Hall, 10:00 – 11:00 AM. The 2018 budget will be among the items discussed.
- Our association thanks the Lebakken for the fantastic fireworks display on July 1.
- Our thanks to Lizzy Walker for her skiing acrobatics when leading the float parade. Float winners were: 1st: Morleys, 2nd Stumos, 3rd Devores, 4th Skamfers and 5th Cooks
- Appreciation was extended to Mike Spencer, Maria Garlie and the Cooks and Morleys for distributing the updated tri-fold brochures.
- Thanks to Denny Karlen, Dave Stanton and crew for the spring Hwy 40 clean-up.
- Welcomed Terri Perry and Roland Jolsvay as one of two new owners of the Norb Hanson property and Steve and Trinna Sweet, owners of the Kaye McGill property. New owners of the John Kurpis property are Shawn and Holli Kloss of Chippewa Falls. The Ron McGill property has a sale pending offer.
- Winner of the free membership for 2018 is Terri Perry.

Motion made by Steve Cook and Dave Cook to adjourn at 11:03. Motion carried.

A very informative narrated slide presentation was held following the meeting about native birds, fish, amphibians, insects and mammals in our area. The presenter, Christian Cold a DNR wildlife educator from Ladysmith emphasized the impact changes in habitat conditions affect the balance and viability of nature. Our thanks to Margarete and Dave Cook for arranging this program.

Respectfully submitted by:
Al Lechleitner, Secretary/Treasurer.