

SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES  
BIG BEND TOWN HALL  
MAY 26, 2018

ATTENDEES: Allen Strey, Denny Denk, James and Donna Williams, Mike and Karen Skamfer, Kim Cook, Cindy Griffin, Dave Garlie, Vickie Calder, Cindy Percival, Dave Stanton, Jim Rassbach, Mike Spencer, Jack Peskuski, Dennis Sweno, Maria Stumo, Steve McCarthy, Mile Walker, Dave Quady and Al Lechleitner

Dave Quady, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 9:02. Dave reviewed the agenda items and asked for approval of the Sept. 2017 meeting minutes. Mike Spencer made a motion for approval, seconded by Mike Skamfer. Motion carried.

Due to the low membership response of 2017, (44 vs 54 in 2016) Dave recommended the creation of a membership committee. Mike Spencer and Jack Peskuski volunteered to head up the recruitment of more members. Their emphasis will be inform potential members of the many efforts the association is taking to "To keep Sand Lake and the surrounding areas clean, invasive species free and safe for all residents and visitors."

Al Lechleitner, Treasurer, reviewed the financial standing which included a balance of \$3030.04 in September, subsequent deposits of \$3310.00 and debits of \$4274.97 for a current balance of \$2065.07. Mike Skamfer made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Dave Stanton. Motion carried.

Cindy Griffin of the Lake Quality Committee gave an update on CW/CB project which started this weekend for the second year. Garrett Miller, UW-Eau Claire graduate, will monitor boat entry and egress every weekend for the entire summer; putting in 208 hours. Cindy thanked the Lechleitners for the in-kind use of their privy which saved the Association from renting a similar facility. She also proposed a water quality study of lake floor vegetation and water samplings which will give our association and members a baseline reading of healthy and unhealthy growth. UW-EC would provide the equipment for the study, we would be paying for the time and lab work needed; Garrett Miller is trained to do such sampling; beyond his dock monitoring duties. The cost of this study would not exceed \$1500. Dave and Margarete proposed a Go-Fund-Me campaign to acquire donations for the study. Mike Spencer made a motion that any membership donations beyond the annual \$20 be designated toward this study. Jim Williams seconded the motion; motion approved. Anyone interested in supporting this study can contribute through the Go-Fund-Me site or make a check payable to Al Lechleitner, 5560 Wild Rose Lane, Eau Claire, WI 54701, noting "water study" on the memo line. Dave mentioned that this not an official Association activity however it aligns with the Association's Mission.

Mike Walker reported that the Boat Landing sign near Old D has an arrow added to direct people toward Eau Claire Ave (the actual boat landing). Many who are unfamiliar with Sand Lake have gone down Old D looking for the boat landing since the current sign is located near that intersection.

Dave Quady reported for Steve Johnson that the 5 fish crib restoration project is on for next winter. The DNR changed some of the application requirements which caused the project to be delayed until this upcoming winter. He also mentioned that the DNR will be on the lake regularly this summer to note the type of fish being caught, when caught, fish size, etc. This is not enforcement activity. The data will give the DNR an idea of what type of fish may need restocking.

Dave Stanton reported that 5 people volunteered for the Highway 40 ditch clean-up which took about 35 minutes to do more than 2 miles of roadway. Dave Miller of the Snowmobile Club will see that our Association is given credit on the road sign for road clean-up along with the snowmobile club.

Jim Rassbach of the Rusk County First Responders reminded everyone of the annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 30, 8 AM to noon or until the food supply is exhausted. Everyone is urged to go early as food is often depleted by 11:30. He also gave an update of the construction of a 100' x 100' helicopter landing pad to be constructed near the intersection of Hwy 40 and D. This location will provide emergency Mayo flight service to Eau Claire or Rochester. Private party donations are welcome to help cover costs of snow plowing and mowing. Donors will be recognized on a plaque. If interested in contributing, make check payable to "Town of Big Bend" at N195 Hwy 40, New Auburn, WI 54757. Note "helipad" on the memo line. Jim also noted the urgent need for more EMT's. Due to funding issues the County's ambulance is 3 years old when typical replacement was annually. Ambulance service to Sand Lake from Ladysmith has about a 35 minute response time. Marshfield Hospital has purchased the Rusk County Memorial Hospital in Ladysmith and is searching for a new construction site to be completed within 5 years.

Dave noted that the Association Newsletter was sent via email twice this past year, it is also posted on the website ([www.sandlakewi.com](http://www.sandlakewi.com)). The Newsletter is put together by Margarete and Dave Cook and edited by the Lake Quality Committee and the Board. The intent is to have this Newsletter published approximately twice yearly. Be watching for the next issues as the newsletters will report current lake issues, study data and other Association lake news.

Dave asked for volunteers to host Coffee On The Dock this summer. Dennis and Connie Denk volunteered to host one TBA date so there is a need for one more volunteer host. Contact Dave Quady or Joann Walker or submit the request form on the website if interested.

Announcements: The 4<sup>th</sup> of July float parade will be held at noon on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Start planning your entry now. More registration information will be sent and posted closer to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Cash prizes are given for the top 4 entries

Al Lechleitner mentioned the passing of Walt DeVore, a long time Sand Lake resident. Family members in attendance mentioned that Norma is in an assisted living facility. The family will keep the cabin in the family. We will miss both of them at Sand Lake.

The Brunch and Annual Meeting will be on August 11 at 10:00 AM and hosted by the Motley family on Sand Lake Road. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass: fruit, pastries, breads, etc. The association will provide egg bakes, drinks, and tableware. The final meeting of the year will be on September 1 at 9 AM at the Big Bend Town Hall. Please mark your calendar for both.

A motion for adjournment was made by Mike Skamfer, seconded by Jack Peskuski. Motion carried and adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Al Lechleitner, Secretary  
5/29/18