

Sand Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2019

Co-President Dave Quady called the meeting to order at 10: 35 AM at the home of Steve and Trinna Sweet. Dave thanked the Motleys for graciously facilitating and hosting this year's meeting.

Dave reminded the members that current, color, topographical maps of Sand Lake are for sale by Margarite Cook.

The minutes of the 2019 spring meeting were approved via a motion made by Steve Johnson seconded by Shirley Hofacker.

Treasurer, Al Lechleitner, reported that the starting balance at the May meeting was \$6182.40. Since that meeting \$958.30 was added and \$5231.95 in debits were issued, leaving a current balance of \$1908.75. Within that latter amount \$1001.24 is within the CW/CB grant account, leaving \$907.51 in our general fund. The larger debits included fees for the 8-year fish crib permit, annual CW/CB annual grant, Biobase study and the 3-year website renewal. Three of those four (about \$1400+) will not recur next year. Al also reported that our current membership as of this meeting is 44. Last year we had 54 members and in 2017 we had 44. Our goal is to reach or exceed 54 members. Our Membership Committee of Jack Peskuski, Mike Spencer and Denny Denk will work to recruit new first-time members or contact any past unpaid members. A motion was made by Joann Walker, seconded by Mike Skamfer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave addressed the tabled motion at last spring's meeting to increase the membership dues to \$25.00 per residence per year. Al reviewed the current treasury funds and shared that if the full amount of the CW/CB funds (\$4000.00) were ever added to the general fund, we'd have nearly \$5000 at our disposal. Funds to cover last year's Biobase lake mapping and analysis was fully covered by the generous donations of the membership. It was the recommendation of the Executive Board to keep the annual membership dues at \$20.00 per year. No motion was made to do otherwise so the annual dues will remain as they are.

Jim Williams reported that the annual audit of the treasury was completed on July 17, 2019 by he and Denny Denk. They both signed off, declaring the treasury accounting records were complete and accurate to the penny from the previous audit of 8/18/2018.

An update on the social media and website were provided by Dave Quady. The website has been redesigned and has several new features including a blog, calendar and coming soon an on-line lake directory. The directory will be accessible via a secure login. The login information will be distributed to Association Members via email. A member update questionnaire was also added and is available on the website. Dave asked that all members fill this questionnaire out as soon as possible. This updated information will be used, with permission, in the lake directory along with communications sent from the Association Board.

A water quality update was provided by Dave Cook. He reported that our lake clarity has improved to 12 feet and curly leaf pondweed is the invasive species most prevalent. He asked lake front owners to check the water weed growth in front of their properties. If you have difficulty identifying it, he is available to assist. Many thanks were given to Cindy Griffin, who has since sold her property and

moved. We extend our gratitude for her time, work and dedication to our association's efforts to address water quality issues and solutions.

Steve Johnson thanked the volunteers who helped with the February fish crib restoration project. The DNR permit we purchased is good for 5 years with a 3-year extension option. The Wildlife Restoration Association of Rusk County covered the \$2000 cost of the rock and equipment used for our four crib rehab efforts. Plans are in place to rehab cribs next winter near the island. Timing of this project is dependent on ice thickness as dump trucks loaded with rock require substantial ice. Steve, also, thanked all who voted for him during the election for a district representative on the Chippewa Valley Electric board of directors. He is currently on the Emergency Governance Committee who identifies residents who would need special services or assistance during power outages. If you know of someone, typically elderly or handicapped, within our district with special needs, contact him so their name is on the list for follow-up.

Dave Quady recognized Dave Stanton and Denny Karlen for their work on the spring and fall roadside cleanup project. The large number of volunteers last spring allowed the job to be done within a couple hours. The next cleanup will likely occur in Sept. and if enough volunteers respond again, extra distances can be covered. Watch the website for dates and time.

Judy Holmquist announced that she and Robin are checking into the sales of Sand Lake t-shirts and sweatshirts. Several product providers are being checked out based on design and price. More information will be posted on our website once a manufacturer is identified. Purchases through PayPal will be set up.

Joanne Walker reported that no Coffee-On-The-Dock events were held this year. She is hoping at least 2 sets of host volunteers for next summer. She has a tote filled with cups, napkins, tableware, coffee, and an urn. Hosts need only to supply plates and a simple treat. She will send out a reminder notice in April asking for host volunteers. Coffee-On-The-Dock provides a great social opportunity to meet new owners and reconnect with others after a long winter.

Co. Pres. Dave Quady asked about the possibility of having someone from our association serve as a representative at Big Bend Town meetings. The purpose would be to report back to our association on any issues that would impact our lake or surrounding area. Currently zoning is an issue of high priority based on a recent survey. Allen Strey stated that any township without zoning regulations, the State steps in at the absence of any local controls. No action was taken but it was noted that lake residents Sandy Rassbach and Marc Wiesner are currently Big Bend officials.

Water safety concerns were addressed as board officials have received my comments and concerns about boating behaviors that were unsafe and in violation of DNR boating laws. Of most concern were skiing, and jet skiing violations just prior to or after sundown, and the speed and proximity of boating closer than 100 feet from the shoreline, any dock, raft or active swimmers. Boaters are encouraged to conduct skiing, tubing and jet skiing near the middle of the lake to minimize wake damage to shoreline areas. Those activities should not be conducted in the areas where it is suggested as a minimum or no-wake areas on the south and northeast areas of Sand Lake. For specific language on the laws, please refer to the "Handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities". There are no apparent rules on the allowable size of watercrafts, only rules for the operators of any watercraft large or small. Al, Mike, and Dave have extra copies available if you would like one.

The terms of our current officers expire at the end of this meeting. Asked if the current officers would re-up for another term, all said yes. Dave, Mike, and Al were re-elected by a unanimous declaration vote. Al has served as Secretary/Treasurer for 13 years; Mike and Dave for 3 terms.

Dave reiterated his thanks to the following: Cindy Griffin for her work on water quality, Dave and Margarite Cook for their work on the newsletter and water quality, Steve Johnson on the fish crib project and Dave Stanton for organizing the road clean-up efforts.

Dave reminded attendees of the next meeting on August 31 at 9 AM at the Big Bend Town Hall. We hope for another large crowd as was at the May meeting.

Dave Morley is the winner of the 2020 free association membership drawing. Congratulations, Dave and Janna.

A motion was made by Steve Sweet and seconded by Jack Peskuski to adjourn our meeting. Motion passed at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Al Lechleitner, Secretary/Treasurer.

8/13/2019