

## Sand Lake Annual Lake Association Meeting

August 9, 2025

Call to order was made at 9:40, 1<sup>st</sup> - Paul Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mike Spencer.

**Financial Update & Membership** – The association has received \$428.52 in donations above annual dues. The current balance is \$9326.87. We currently have 40 paid members.

**By-Laws Update & Vote** – The board revised the by-laws to reflect our current situation and needs. A motion was made to approve version 4 of the By-laws. 1<sup>st</sup>-Mike Spencer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Cook, approved, motion passed.

**Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) Committee** – Margarete Cook reported on this. We received the grant again this year. Beaver Creek is no longer able to help with the payment of our workers, so the Association has become an employer. Dave Quady did a lot of research on payroll companies. We are using ADP which will only charge us for the 4 months that we need it and does direct deposit.

We have two boat inspectors this year: Anna who will work 175 hours and AJ who will work 50 hours.

We are also in need of someone with knowledge in helping with our non-profit and taxes. If you are willing to volunteer a few hours of your time, please contact a member of the Board.

**Fish Habitat Committee** – Mike Motley is our new Committee Chair for the Fish Habitat and reported that the WRA is still involved and want to do something. Our permit is still good for 2 years. A motion was made to pursue a winter project. 1<sup>st</sup>-Dave Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Steve McCarthy, approved, motion passed.

**Tools to help the association** – The association has some reoccurring expenses now. Due to becoming an employer for CBCW we have been using ADP for payroll. Mailchimp is a service that is used for mass emailing's. We are also looking into and considering the use of QuickBooks for record keeping.

**Board Job Descriptions** – the descriptions of each member's job title were reviewed, and changes were made to reflect our current situation and needs. These can be found on the Sand Lake Association website.

**Vice President & Treasurer** – As part of the By-Law changes, the Board adjusted the terms from 2 years to 3 years. This appears to be the standard for Lake Associations in Wisconsin.

We also changed the terms of reelection so that all positions were not being renewed in the same year. This year the Vice President and Treasurer are up for reelection and next year will be the President and Secretary.

A motion was made to nominate Joanie Meyer for Treasurer. Motion was carried. Dave Stanton opposed.

A motion was carried to nominate Scott Smith for Vice President. Motion was carried.

**Loon Habitat** – There are two sets of loons on the lake. One on the south side and the other on the north. It has been reported that the loons on the south side have babies, but the north side do not. With the grass island getting smaller, there is not enough protection for them. Fireside lake has successfully built a platform that has helped their baby loons survive. A proposal was made to build a platform for the loons. A point was raised that what is happening is a normal part of nature. A vote was taken on building a platform and the majority voted “no”, let nature be nature.

**I-Lids** – Mike Motley reported on the I-lids that it will create a ticket for violators. It appears that it may not be running all the time and is battery and solar powered. There is some shade cover effecting it and having the inspectors at the boat landing have been helpful. There are a few trees that need to be removed that are blocking the I-lids solar panel. These trees are on the boat landing/county property and the Kalinski’s property. The Kalinski’s has given permission for the removal of the trees on their property. We are looking for a volunteer to remove the tree(s) on the boat landing property.

**Upcoming Events** – our next meeting is August 30 at 9:00 a.m. at the Big Bend Town Hall.

#### **Other Topics –**

JoAnn Walker reported that next year’s coffee on the dock will be hosted by Conny & Denny Denk in June and Paul & Wynne Cook in July.

The Annual Meeting next year will be hosted by the Mihm’s and Smith’s.

Judy Holmquist shared a Boating Safety Brochure that includes information on no wake zones for helping to protect the loons. A motion was proposed to create a committee for No Wake Zones. 1<sup>st</sup>-Dave Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Barb Strey, approved, motion passed. Judy Holmquist volunteered to be the Committee Chair and Margarete Cook and Julie Rogers volunteered to help.

Dave Stanton reported:

1. Carly Haugen, who lives in Mary North’s old place, had lost a ski.

2. There will also be the fall clean-up for the ditches along Old D and Hwy 40. The snowmobile club has a sign posted and is still receiving credit for a portion of the section that the Lake Association is cleaning. It was shared to speak with Mary Caulkins for permission to remove the sign.
3. He has an AED in his shed that he keeps unlocked. There are currently 5 AEDs on the lake: Stanton's, Spencer's, Cook/Rogers, Mihm's and Rassbach's. The batteries and pads need to be replaced every 3-5 years at a cost of \$300-500. He is asking for the Association to pay for at least a portion of this cost. Al reported that there is currently about \$400 in donations for the AEDs. The Board is accepting donations specifically for this reimbursement. The goal of the Association is to reimburse 50% of the cost for replacement battery and pads when needed.  
Rassbach's are first responders, but in the event of an emergency, please call 911 first. There is also a Heliport located on the corner of Hwy 40 and D.

THANK YOU'S:

Mary Quady & JoAnn Walker for making the Egg Bakes

Motley's for hosting this year's Annual Meeting

Danielle Wilde for her two years served at Vice President

Al Lechleitner for his 18 years of dedication to the Board in multiple roles during his tenure.

Thank you to everyone who helps make our lake better.

**Free Membership Drawing** – Dave Stanton won the free membership for next year.

**Adjourn** – a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, 1<sup>st</sup>-Mike Spencer, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Dave Cook, approved, meeting adjourned at 10:43.