

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OF SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
AUGUST 14, 2021, COOK FAMILY RESIDENCES

Co-President Dave Quady called the meeting to order at 10:10 with 55 residents in attendance. He called for the approval of the minutes of the May 29 meeting. Motions made and approved.

He recognized the Clean Up Committee headed by Dave Stanton and the volunteers who assisted in the work of keeping Highway 40 clear of debris from Hwy D south to the Rusk County line. He also recognized the Education Committee headed by Margarete Cook for their work in preparing and posting newsletters about lake issues and projects of our association as well as publishing updated brochures on boat safety and association lake values. He thanked Steve McCarthy for the use of a sound system and gave special recognition to Jude Peskuski and Steve Sweet for their heroic efforts to help potentially save the life of Dan Delasandro who nearly drowned at his dock this summer. He read a heartfelt message from Mrs. Delasandro, thanking Steve and Jude for their prompt response. Helping others in times of need makes Sand Lake a great place. Steve and Jude were given a standing applause.

Dave commented on the newly printed brochures on boat safety and asked homeowners to be sure their guests who use watercraft know the laws regarding distancing themselves from shorelines, other watercraft, skiers, swimmers, and the legal hours of operation. Loon protection continues to be a priority as a rare "asylum" of loons were spotted twice on the lake this summer.

Dave reported his effort to revise the float parade registration forms to reflect more clearly the categories by which judges choose winning entries. He recognized the outstanding work of this year's entrants.

Al Lechleitner, secretary/treasurer, reviewed the treasurer's report that stated our current bank balance is \$10,398.66. This report also included the May report since handouts were not available due to the virtual meeting at that time. He made special note that over \$2000 of our income was from donations over and above the annual dues of \$20. Many large donations were from employer who directed money at the employee's request toward non-profit groups, of which our association qualified. Our current membership is 46. Last year we achieved a historical high membership of 58. We hope to achieve or exceed that level of membership this year. in

Dave Cook gave a report on the beaver challenge this year in the stream between Sand and Goose Lakes. The dams that are being built/rebuilt are being dismantled by several members to try to discourage the beavers. We will be discussing and potentially voting on how to proceed with managing the beavers.

Co-President Quady reminded members that at our Sept. meeting a discussion will occur on the future placement of fish cribs or other potential projects with assistance from the WRA this winter.

Coffee-on-the Dock is still an option for this year. We would also like to enlist volunteers for one or two gatherings next summer. Contact us using our email at email@sandlakewi.com if you would like to host or cohost. The Association provides all serving supplies and coffee. COD provides a great opportunity for connecting with existing and new neighborhood owners.

Steve Johnson gave an update on the success of this winter's fish crib project. Fortunately, the work was done 5 days in advance of the ice melt and the cribs falling through. Bob DeVoe from Fireside Lake who is a member of the Big Bend Town Board and the WRA, who organizes fish crib installations,

reported that cribs are discouraged near docks. Input is needed on where the next set of cribs will be placed or what other projects, we may want to do in cooperation with the WRA. He mentioned that the fish rearing ponds by Island Lake are being rejuvenated after 10 years and now will be stocked with native walleyes. He reported that WRA fund raisers total \$100,000 and make crib and fish habitat projects possible with the help of local volunteers and at no cost to projects in Rusk County. Bob reported that the Town of Big Bend contributes most of the county's tax base, greater than the City of Ladysmith. He invited members to attend future town board meetings as they work to develop long range development and service plans for our township.

Dave announced the meeting dates for next year: May 28, August 13 and Sept. 3. Please mark your calendars, as always you can check the Associations website (www.sandlakewi.com) for the calendar and events coming up. Hosts for next year's annual meeting is being determined, the location will be updated on our website as soon as the location is determined.

Election of officers for the next 2 years went quickly when Dave said he, Mike and Al would be willing to serve again. No other nominations were offered. Margarete Cook moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the 3 existing officers. Motion approved. Kim Cook suggested that if any current officer wanted to resign after this upcoming term, that a plan be developed to provide transitional training to anyone who would like to serve in any of those offices. Dave mentioned that, with his representation on a UWRF task force, he will be providing further information on board and Association make-up, roles, and responsibilities. These learnings may benefit our Association and how the make up of the board and our bylaws.

Margarete Cook provided the extra lake bottom maps, they were all taken at the meeting. The maps have been posted on our website for anyone to download and print if they'd like.

Drawing winners: Free 1 year membership—Dave and Janna Morley

T-Shirt winners: Denny and Connie Denk, Steve and Linda McCarthy, Kris Kolinski, Brent and Summer Brockman, Larry and Robin Wangen, Bart and Kate McCarthy, Julie and Louie Rogers, and Jodi Doucette.

Guest speaker, Andrew Gullickson, from TSB presented options available to improve buffer areas along lake frontage that improve habitat and water quality and would be subsidized per project by the DNR's Healthy Lake Program (percentage of funding and amount will vary by project). Options include a rain garden or native plantings. More than 1 project per residence is possible. Reach out to Andrew at 715-577-5875 or the TSB office at 715-967-2628 for information or design assistance. The grant deadline for our association to submit proposals is Sept. 2, you must meet with TSB/Andrew ASAP to enable the grant to be submitted by the deadline (we will need time to complete the application) please let the Association know (email@sandlakewi.com or 612-805-2712) know if you are working with Andrew to submit a plan as our Association must submit all plans at once for the next calendar year. See <https://healthylakeswi.com> for details.

Dave called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mike Spencer and seconded by Randy Devendorf. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted on 8/15/2021 by:

Al Lechleitner

Secretary/Treasurer, Sand Lake Association, Inc.