

SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2023, AT TIM AND LYN MC CARTHY'S HOME

President Dave Quady called the meeting to order at 9:30 following the brunch attended by 46 lake residents/guests. He called for a motion to approve the last meeting minutes posted on our website. Denny Denk made a motion to approve, seconded by Dave Cook. Motion approved.

Treasurer Al Lechleitner gave a financial report that indicated we had a balance of \$9,527.88 at the May 2023 meeting. Since then, \$1165.23 was added and \$90.00 was debited for a current balance of \$10,603.11. Dave asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Mike Spencer made a motion, seconded by Danielle Wilde. A vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Al Lechleitner also reported that our current membership stands at 45. This number is about 9 members lower than our all-time high of 54. Our Membership Committed of Mike Spencer, Jack Peskuski and Dave Morley are charged to recruit additional members before year's end.

Dave introduced and welcomed the new attendees: Danielle Wilde who is one of the owners of the island and Jim Fier who purchased Gregg Rogge's home.

Margarete Cook reported that one fourth of the CWCB grant requires in-kind volunteerism time which represents \$1033.33. We need 25 more hours of volunteer time to meet the requirement to be fully reimbursed for our financial contribution. If anyone is able to serve as a dock inspector, please call Margarete for instructions and to be given credit for your time. She reported that she and Dave spent about 10 hours of their time in search of inspector candidates. Thanks to the Cook Family Foundation for their \$416 of donation that raised the hourly pay rate to \$15/hr. Our thanks also to Jake Bourget who volunteered time and our current paid inspectors, Luke and Josh, for the fantastic job they are job-sharing at our boat landing.

Dave gave an update on the ILIDS electronic boat monitoring system that would replace the in-person inspectors. This 24/7 system is solar powered and takes pictures of dock guests and has a microphone, speaker and camera that takes pictures of license plates. Data is shared with the DNR and violations are enforceable. We would get monthly data from the system (via a website). The system costs about \$20,200 but a DNR grant would cover approximately \$15,000, leaving about \$5041 as our obligation over a 4-year period. Our Association would be responsible for approximately \$55/mo for 6 months of cell phone service per year, reimbursable at 75%. There would be no need for in-person monitoring. The DNR pays for the hardware and the sales rep would check out our site for adequate solar and cellular exposure. Questions were asked if the local WRA would donate funds towards this project if pursued. Margarete Cook made a motion, seconded by Barb Weiss to have Dave pursue this project grant for 2024. Motion carried.

Dave and Steve Johnson gave an update on the Fish Habitat project. Last winter a tree drop of 16 trees was completed. We need to notify the WRA about what type of project we would need their physical and financial assistance with next winter. Steve is looking for a volunteer diver to take pictures of the underwater rock drop and tree drops of past years. Steve is a member of the Town of Big Bend Zoning Committee. He made an appeal for zoning members since the county has turned over zoning decisions to the townships. Pay is \$20/hr. Contact Steve if interested.

Road Clean-up dates were discussed. In the absence of Denny Karlen and Dave Stanton, Allen Strey proposed that the first weekend in May and second weekend in October be established as the dates for the litter pick up that starts at the north intersection of Hwy D and 40 and goes south to the Rusk County line. Discussion also was held on having signage updated giving our Association credit for road clean up since the Snowmobile Club no longer has the manpower to do the clean-up.

Coffee-On-The-Dock was hosted twice this summer, first by Joanne Walker and Mary Quady and again by Julie and Louis Rogers. Both events were very well attended, thanks to the hosts and attendees. Joanne Walker, Chairperson, would like to recruit hosts for 2 more such gatherings next summer. Our Association provides the coffee, coffee urns and paper products. We urge hosts to keep the fare simple as the goal is social connections with our neighbors. If interested in hosting, contact Joanne or send an email to email@sandlakewi.com.

Dave gave an update on the location of AED heart resuscitators. The following homes have units on-site: Dave Stanton, Greg Mihm and Mike Spencer. However, everyone is urged to CALL 911 first before seeking the availability of home AED's which likely are not available in the winter since they are battery operated. Our local EMT's, Jim and Sandy Rassbach, have retired after many years of service. We thank them for giving us peace of mind knowing their proximity and skills in the event of an emergency.

Dave called attention to the proposed changes in the By-Laws that would separate the roles of Secretary and Treasurer into separate board roles instead of the combined role currently in place. He asked for a motion to approve the By-Law change. Shirley Hofacker made a motion to separate the duties as drafted, seconded by Dave Cook. Motion approved unanimously.

All Board of Director positions will expire after the next meeting so all 4 positions are up for election. Dave Quady volunteered to serve another term as President. With no other volunteers, Denny Denk and Lyn McCarthy motioned the approval of Dave as our re-elected President. Motion approved. Due to the untimely loss of Mike Walker as Co-President, the Vice President position was vacant. Danielle Wilde volunteered to serve as Vice President. Motions by Tim McCarthy and Dave Cook, respectfully, were approved and Danielle Wilde is our new Vice President. Maria Garlie volunteered to serve as in the position of Secretary. Motions by Danielle Wilde and Clint Johnson were unanimously approved. Maria will serve as our new Secretary for the next 2 years. Al Lechleitner volunteered to serve a 10th term as Treasurer. Motions by Shirley Hofacker and Dave Cook, closed the nominations, and their motion was approved unanimously. Al Lechleitner will serve another term as Treasurer.

Discussion was held about the development of an online Sand Lake Association Directory. The last one was a physical booklet listing the property owner and basic directory information. Since that edition dated back to 2007 when Mike Skamfer was President many properties have changed ownership, some many times, and the pictures of the homes and frontage are outdated. Margarete Cook volunteered to work on creating an updated online edition. Thank you, Margarete.

Dave gave a listing of upcoming events and meetings: Mark your calendars!!

- Fall meeting, Sept. 2, 2023, 9:00 AM at the Big Bend Town Hall
- Spring meeting, May 25, 9:00 at the Big Bend Town Hall
- July 4 Float Parade, 12 noon
- Annual Meeting/Brunch, August 10, 9:00 AM, Allen and Barb Strei's home
- Fall Meeting, August 31, 2024, 9:00 AM

An association member alerted our membership of a elderly gentleman who has entered homes at will, made unfounded assertions to strangers that some properties were for sale and makes price offerings to homeowners if he were to buy their property. It's felt that this person is not a threat to anyone's safety but advice is given to lock your house when not at home.

Dave and Janna Morley are the winners of the free 2024 membership drawing! Congratulations!

A motion was made by Randy Devendorf, seconded by Danielle Wilde to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved and the meeting ended at 10:52.

Respectfully submitted by:

Al Lechleitner, Secretary/Treasurer

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