

COMBINED ANNUAL AND LABOR DAY SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
HELD VIRTUALLY ON AUGUST 22, 2020

Co-President Dave Quady called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and reviewed the agenda. Minutes from the May virtual meeting were posted on the website. He asked for a motion to accept as posted. Motion made by Steve Johnson, seconded by Margarete Cook. Motion approved.

Al Lechleitner gave a financial report from May 23, 2020 forward to today. On May 23 the bank balance was \$7428.54. Since that date \$1233.84 was deposited (mostly memberships and donations) and \$100 was debited (mostly float parade prizes) from the account leaving a current bank balance of \$8562.38. Of that amount \$5000 is in the CW/CB Grant account since that program was suspended this year due to Covid 19 and the need to delay its implementation. Al reported that our current membership was only 27 residences; last year we had 50. Anyone still wishing to join can drop off their \$20 memberships at Al's cabin since they are living at the lake this summer or mail it to Al at N196 Eau Claire Lane, New Auburn, WI, 54757. Dave Cook motioned to accept the treasury report, seconded by Mike Spencer. The motion was approved as presented.

President Quady reported that the Cooks and Judy Holmquist assembled a Lake Safety brochure that was distributed to all lake residences earlier this summer. The brochure has lake illustrations of recommended no wake areas, DNR watercraft operation rules and association mission efforts to protect our lake water quality and public safety. If anyone was missed, contact Margarete or Judy for extras. Dave Cook reported that the lake water levels this summer were higher, water clarity was 16-17 ft. and that the CW/CB watercraft inspection program at the public dock was suspended for this year but pre-approved for next year by the DNR.

Steve Johnson gave an update on the fish crib project and thanked all who helped with the tree/brush sinking effort last month. More work will be needed to check our lake bottom surfaces so future rock drops are on silt or hardened surfaces. Dave Quady asked for pictures of the tree drop activity for posting on our website and for the WRA, the project sponsoring agency. The rock drop in February and the tree drops in July were totally funded by the WRA and at zero cost to our association.

Dave Stanton and Denny Karlen, again, plan to conduct a Hwy 40 ditch clean-up in Oct. If interested in assisting, contact Dave Stanton. The project takes about 1 hour of time to cover the Hwy 40 roadway from Hwy D south to the Bait Shop at the Chippewa County line sign.

Coffee-On-The-Dock was suspended this year due to Covid-19 guidelines but with hopes to resume this social activity next year. A bin of event supplies is provided to hosts which includes the coffee makers, coffee, cups, napkins and plates. If you would like to host singly or in partnership with someone else, contact Joann Walker or use the "Host Coffee-On-The-Dock" form on the website for potential event dates.

Dave Quady announced that next year's meetings hopefully will be resumed on the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends at 9 A.M at the Big Bend Town Hall. The Annual August brunch/meeting on August 14, 2021 will be held at the Cook family pavilion. Please mark your calendars. Check our website for updates on our meetings and events.

Margarete Cook presented a proposal to request official NO WAKE signage at the south and north ends of Sand Lake in an effort to protect loon nesting areas and keep boaters from hitting shallow rock surfaces and submerged fish crib trees. She stressed the importance to have residential buy-in of the property owners in those areas, seek ordinance approval from the town boards of Big Bend and Sampson, the county boards and the DNR. Committee member, Judy Holmquist, noted that getting needed buoys and signage is a long process but that Mark Schmidt on Island Lake has extra 50-60 # buoys and signs that he may provide at a reduced price if permits are granted. Mike Spencer and the Stumos voiced concerns about the skiing restrictions such postings would impose on residents at the south end. Mike Spencer noted that they are not seeing any erosion effects; they have vegetation on the shoreline. He noted that it is a solution to a problem they do not have. Margarete suggested meeting with Mike Spencer and others on the south end of the lake. No opposition was voiced by north end residents. Regarding our mission to protect loons, Julie Rogers noted that she believes the loon was killed the week of July 4th, possibly by a jet ski as there were no evidence of predation. Adam Mohr echoed concerns about any official NO WAKE signs, proposing more education efforts. Julie Rogers feels education is difficult since many lake users are not association members or are public lake visitors who may not have knowledge of unsafe areas needing protection for loons or from watercraft damage. Mike Spencer saw that the loons moved into the central lake area much sooner this year, making them, too, more vulnerable to watercraft traffic. Dave Quady voiced that the goal is to make the lake safe for loons and people and that it is the Association's duty to bring forth member ideas for discussion. The next step is to talk with the owners impacted as our association has no enforcement powers. Margarete repeated the need to further educate, bring forth ideas and further talk with the committee. Adam Mohr volunteered to serve on the committee, representing the bay area. Margarete summarized that, tentatively, the committee may proceed with addressing the north end as a NO WAKE area. It was noted, by Mike Spenser, that they did not believe that all of the south-end homeowners got the educational safety brochure that was to be distributed to all homeowners on the lake earlier this summer. He had seen it on-line. The Association will provide more brochures to the south end owners.

Mike Spencer asked about elections of officers at next year's annual meeting, Dave Quady indicated that no election of officers would occur at next year's meeting as the officers were just elected last year (see below for correction). Lastly, Al Lechleitner reported that the apparel sale through Artisans of Glen Flora was successful with 80 transactions for 198 shirt orders totaling a retail cost of \$1,793 with \$2,382.11 collected for a resulting profit of \$589.11. Judy Holmquist thanked those who ordered and indicated no further orders would be taken this next year but would attempt to make the ordering process more user-friendly if interest prevails for a future sales event.

Motion made by Mike Spencer, seconded by Margarete Cook to adjourn at 10:55 A.M. Motion approved and the virtual meeting ended.

Submitted by:

Al Lechleitner, Secretary/Treasurer

8/31/20

After the meeting co-president Dave Quady realized he misspoke about the elections at the Annual Meeting in 2021. That statement was incorrect. The officers of the Association are elected at the Annual meeting every two years, per the bylaws. The current board was elected at last year's Annual meeting. At the 2021 Annual meeting elections for President and Secretary/Treasurer will be conducted.