

SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING
MAY 28, 2022
BIG BEND TOWN HALL

Attendees: Mike Motley, Jim Williams, Jim and Sandy Rassbach, Maurie Jensen, Gregg Weiss, Ken and Diane Wangen, Pat Luehmann, Kristina Kolinski, Dave and Margarete Cook, David Stanton, Denny Denk, Denny Karlen, Mike Spencer, Dennis Sweno, Randy Devendorf, Teri Perry, Laurie Ham, Allen and Tim Strey, Steve Johnson, Al and Marcia Lechleitner, Dave Quady and Mike Walker.

Co-President Dave Quady called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and reviewed the agenda items. He expressed condolences to the Motley family on the passing of Gene Motley who has been a stalwart supporter and long time (52 years) resident of Sand Lake. Private services are today and the Association sent the family a card of sympathy.

Dave Q asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the fall meeting. Motion made by Jim Williams and seconded by Randy Devendorf to approve. Unanimously approved.

Al Lechleitner gave a treasurer's report indicating the current balance is \$15, 319,49. Deposits of \$4,620.50 were made since the fall meeting and no debits were issued. Al explained that within that balance is \$4000 being held for future CW/CB funds and \$4,262.50 is pass through funds from the DNR to reimburse the 6 applicants who signed up for the Healthy Lakes shoreline protection projects. He indicated that a significant amount of donations were received over the past 2 years through personal donations, memorials and business reward funds. He will report the total amount at the August meeting. Dave called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mike Spencer made a motion, seconded by Mike Motley. Motion approved unanimously. Al reported that there were 4 paid members prior to the meeting. By the end of the meeting there were 27 members which includes paid members and those qualifying for free memberships. Since Al is now a permanent Sand Lake resident, \$20 annual dues and/or donations can be dropped off at his cabin or mailed to him at N196 Eau Claire Lane, New Auburn, WI, 54757 or via our website www.sandlakewi.com.

Beavers have continued to build dams in the channel between Sand and Goose Lakes. Removal efforts were needed 3x's so far this spring. Some members have reported tree damage on their properties as beavers are searching for construction material. Several options for discouraging future construction were discussed when Denny Denk asked who is in favor of beaver removal. A motion by Mike Motley, seconded by Dave Cook to have Dave Quady contact Hans Elsner, a licensed trapper, as to how many to trap and when. Motion was unanimously approved. It was recommended that signage be posted to alert anyone nearby whenever the trapping is in progress for the protection of pets and children.

Dave Stanton and the Motley's completed the semi-annual highway clean-up recently. He welcomes more volunteers as the amount of litter is worse in the spring. Thanks were extended to Dave and the Motley's for following through on our Association's environmental commitment.

Our Clean Boats Clean Water application for 2022 was not submitted in time for this years grant. An application will be submitted for 2023. Margarete Cook who has lead the charge for this project since inception has indicated her desire to step away from leading this committee and is seeking someone else to complete the paperwork and make the contacts with Beaver Creek Reserve which is the entity that manages the hiring, scheduling, supervision and fund management. She is willing to train her

replacement and continue to support the Clean Boats and Clean Water efforts, however not as the lead, so if anyone is interested, please contact Margarete.

Dave Q gave a report on the Healthy Lakes grant project of creating shoreline plantings or water gardens to ensure that lakeshore run-off is filtered through beds of native, deep-rooted flowers, grasses and other native plants. As aforementioned, 6 residents have subscribed to personal property projects. Grant money is available each year to anyone else interested in making sure water contaminants don't seep into the lake. Contact Andrew at TSB Sales and Service on Hwy 40. Certified personnel are available there to give you ideas on how to minimize contaminated water run-off and other grant eligible DNR supported projects with funding dependent on the project type.

Steve Johnson reported on the annual fish crib project and permitting process. He expressed frustration with the timeline process and the duration of the permit we currently hold. With the help of the Rusk County Restoration Association, we have built fish cribs for two years. Some of the cribs did not drop where planned. It appears tree drops into the lake are another option to creating fish habitat. He asked people who might have trees if they would donate for this project. All species would be considered. Contact Steve if you have trees that you'd like to relinquish.

Dave Q presented the idea of expanding the Board representation beyond the 3 current officers. We feel there is a need to create more committees to handle the expanding activities or opportunities of our association. He will be sending out a questionnaire to all residents to learn of the talents and passions of our membership and how we can possibly use those noted talents/expertise for current and future committee tasks. We would like to increase ownership of our association's work by engaging more people with specialized skills or interests.

Dave Q reported that Judy Holmquist is open to making Sand Lake apparel available for purchase this summer. The same design of two years ago would be used and efforts will be made to improve the order form. More information on products that will be available, pricing and how to order will be shared this summer.

Al and Marcia Lechleitner's next door Florida neighbors, Barney and Nancy Miesse are semi-professional musicians who have performed gigs in Nashville, the Cheyenne Rodeo and do many performances at wineries, farmer's markets, small theaters, churches and other venues around the country. They plan to visit the Lechleitners at Sand Lake from June 10-13 and have agreed to conduct a FREE musical performance for our association and neighbors on Saturday, June 11, at 7:00 PM at the Kolinski residence next to the boat landing. Their repertoire is country, patriotic and gospel music. Barney is a guitarist and Nancy plays a mean autoharp. Attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chairs, refreshments/snacks and parking is available at the boat landing, along Eau Claire Ave and on the street side of Kolinski's garage. Since no Coffee on the Dock is yet scheduled, come early, and reconnect with your neighbors and bring friends and family who may be visiting you that weekend. A tip jar will be available for a free-will offering to thank the Miesses and off-set their travel costs since they are coming out of their way to do this as they spend their summers in a cabin in the mountains of Wyoming. HOPE TO SEE A GREAT TURNOUT!! Mark your calendar. The event information is on our website and Facebook page.

Mike Walker shared information about a new Federal law that requires any boat or pontoon less than 26' in length have an emergency engine cut-off switch. It must be used when the vessel reaches plane speed. You will want to look up the specifics that apply to your water vessels. If your boat has no cut-off

switch your boat is exempt from the law. Here is more information [Engine/Propulsion Cut-Off Devices \(uscgboating.org\)](https://www.uscgboating.org/Engine/Propulsion-Cut-Off-Devices).

Dave called for a motion to adjourn. Kenny Wangen made the motion, seconded by Jim Williams. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully submitted by:

Al Lechleitner, Secretary/Treasurer May 28, 2022