

SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC. FALL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2023, AT BIG BEND TOWN HALL

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by the Lake Association President at 9:02.

Review Minutes from Annual Meeting and Brunch - call for approval

Motion was called to approve minutes from the last meeting that was posted on the website. Dave Cook made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Ken Wangen. Motion was approved.

Financial Update - call for approval

Treasurer Al Lechleitner gave a financial report that indicated we had a balance of \$10,603.11. There has been \$260 added from 13 memberships and \$83.22 was debited for picnic supplies resulting in a current balance of \$10,799.89. Dave Quady asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Dave Cook made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Randy Devendorf. A vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

One of the Audit Committee members has rotated from Denny Denk to Julie Rogers.

Member Update

Al Lechleitner reported that our current membership stands at 49. Dues are still \$20, and Al is still accepting membership dues for anyone wanting to join.

No updates from the membership committee due to no one being present. Dave Quady will follow up with the Membership Committee to get a status update.

2023 Clean Water Clean Boats/Boat Landing Monitoring Review

The two summer workers, Josh and Lucas, made a PowerPoint that we were unable to share due to the internet being down. It reported 109 boats entering and 43 leaving in 27 days of inspection. Some of the data didn't add up, but showed that most people answered the questions and 4 said no. There were 2 boats from Canada, one from Sand Lake with the majority from surrounding lakes. Pictures in the PowerPoint included boats, fish, wildlife and the lake surroundings. The PowerPoint will be posted to our website.

We have learned that there are three invasive species in our lake now. The Rusty Crawfish, which is large, aggressive, and "pinch happy" cutting plants near the bottom. The Chinese Mystery Snails are very aggressive, compete against native shells, clog pipes, and cause disease to wildlife. The Curly Leaf Pondweed- which we were already aware of.

The CBCW 2023 Boat Landing Monitoring is now finished, except for a couple of additional hours which likely will be filled by Margarete when she enters information into the website.

Al Lechleitner reported that while he was working the boat landing, he inspected the Sheriff's boat. The Sheriff gave out 2 citations while on the water. One for a toddler not wearing a life jacket the second one for a PWC excessive speed near shore and the driver not having completed Boater Safety.

ILIDS Grant Update

Dave and Danielle are working on the grant application for ILIDS which is due by September 15th.

Lakes and Rivers Grant Update

Both families participating in this project used TSB and are now completed. The Kalinski's reported on their project which included a 9 ft deep pit filled with rocks and newly planted sod and flowers to help in the prevention of erosion and run off. They offered that anyone interested in the Grant is welcome to come and see their work and ask them questions. An idea suggested was to monitor more of the finished work by TSB and to give final approval before the project is done. Chris Kalinski had to do touch up work after the project.

The Board is working on getting grant reimbursement funds for both families from the DNR. The other recipients, the Weiss's, were not present.

The Board needs to know soon of any interest in this grant for next summer. It pays back around 50% of the costs for the project.

Coffee-on-the-Dock Update

Julie Rogers has volunteered to host Coffee-on-the-Dock next summer. We are still looking for one more family to host.

Beaver Control Update

Hans, the licensed beaver control expert, will be hired again this winter to drill holes and remove beavers.

Member Directory Update

Margarete and Dave will be meeting this Tuesday. Dave has done some research on how best to do this. It is recommended to do a church-like member directory with names and pictures of cabins/homes. We will wait for an offline request for approval or wait until the spring meeting.

Winter Fish Habitat Update Winter Plans

Steve Johnson - going to an upcoming meeting at WRA to inform them of our plans this winter. Dave Cook and Dave Garlie looked at bottom of lake and took pictures of the tree drops from last winter. Steve asked Dave Quady to put together a video of this footage and then share it with the WRA. Steve suggested building rock piles for fish habitat. Dave Garlie added that they should be no deeper than 15 feet because there appears to be no life deeper than that.

There are some WRA reserved funds for some projects this winter and we have a permit from the DNR.

Not hopeful that the DNR will stock our lake with fish.

Zoning:

Jim Rassbach and Steve Johnson are part of the Town of Big Bend Zoning Committee. There is a survey on Big Bend being zoned. There are two zoned areas: shore land and Big Bend comprehensive. The shore land is controlled by Rusk County, everything else is controlled by the Town of Big Bend. It will be presented on September 6 to incorporate Title 13 into the ordinance. A new fee schedule for charges of permits will be presented also and available September 6, assuming it is approved. The committee will continue to do ordinance, planning commission and zoning. There are seven members from the township.

Steve Johnson reported the plan to have the zoning department paid for by the people who are doing the building at a charge of .16/square feet to help keep expenses off tax rolls.

Upcoming events:

Road Clean-Up - Second Weekend in October (10/14/23), time TBD

Spring Road Clean-Up - First Weekend in May (4/5, 2024)

Spring Meeting - (5/25/24)

4th of July Boat Parade

Annual Meeting and Brunch (8/10/24) - Barb and Al Strey

Fall Meeting (8/31/24)

A motion was made by Clint Johnson, seconded by Dave Cook to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved and the meeting ended at 9:43.

Submitted by,

Maria Garlie
Secretary