

MINUTES OF SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING  
HELD VIRTUALLY MAY 29, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Dave Quady at 9:05. Dave asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the combined Annual/Fall meeting of August 22, 2020. Dave Cook made a motion to approve, seconded by Joann Walker. Motion carried.

Al Lechleitner gave the Treasurer's report. He reported that on August 22, 2020 our bank balance was \$8562.38. Since then, the deposits totaled \$2,484.77 and the debits totaled \$90.00. Our current balance is \$10,957.15. Of that amount \$5000.00 is in the CW/CB account from which we have not been billed yet by Beaver Creek Reserve for the dock inspection program for this year. That charge is nearly \$4000.00 for the season. Al noted that \$1,646.52 of the deposits were from donations made to our Association by individual members or by charitable affiliates of a member's employer. We thank them all for their generous contributions. He noted that many members have paid their association dues in advance, some through 2024, which explains the higher-than-normal treasury balance. The annual audit of the financial records was done on Sept. 6, 2020 by Denny Denk and Jim Williams. All records were in order and no discrepancies found. A signed statement is on file.

Al also reported that our 2020 membership rolls are at a historical high with 57 paid members. We hope to achieve that same number or higher for 2021. Members can pay their 2021 dues on Paypal (\$21.00 as Pay Pal charges \$1 for processing), drop off their \$20.00 dues at Al's cabin on weekends or mail a check to him either at 5560 Wild Rose Lane, Eau Claire, 54701 or N196 Eau Claire Lane, New Auburn, 54757.

Joann Walker addressed the desire to resume the Coffee-On-The-Dock (COD) socials this summer, preferably sometime in June or July. Our association provides a bin that includes a coffee maker, cups, napkins, etc. The host provides the coffee and a simple treat. Often the event has been co-hosted by multiple families. We hope to have at least one COD this summer since so many new people are on the lake and everyone is anxious to reconnect after a year of near isolation. Julie Rogers has offered to host one so watch for a date and time. Usually, the hours are from 9 or 10 AM to 11:00. If interested in hosting, please contact Joann Walker at [joannwalker@gmail.com](mailto:joannwalker@gmail.com).

Margarete Cook reported on the CW/CB project for this year. As of this writing Beaver Creek has not found an employee. Part of the project requirement for our association is to provide in-kind service hours. Any member, that has completed the training, can serve as an inspector of watercraft at times of their choosing unless a paid inspector is on duty. If interested, there is a training session on-line, on the Associations YouTube channel, that will acquaint you with the procedures and reporting requirements. Margarete has a kit of supplies for anyone willing to volunteer time. If interested, please contact her at [corncook@citizens-tel.net](mailto:corncook@citizens-tel.net).

Mike Walker announced that our Annual Brunch/Meeting is set for Saturday, August 14 at the Cook Compound! Our Association provides egg bakes, refreshments, and tableware. Members are asked to provide their choice of breads, fruits, or any other brunch specialty of their choice. More info will come later. Election of officers for 2021-2023 will be on the agenda. Margarete Cook will check on a guest speaker, possibly about loons.

Dave and Mike shared information about the fish crib project. They thanked the Rusk County WRA for their generous donation of supplies and equipment and all the neighbors who helped that day in Feb.

There were a few problems with the sinking of a couple cribs; some landed awkwardly when the ice retreated. One such crib is near Kolinski's by the boat landing; it is only 4 ft from the surface. Should not create a safety issue but an effort to pull it out into deeper water will be made.

Dave Cook reported on the issue with beavers creating a dam in the channel between Sand Lake and Goose Lake. Beavers made two attempts to secure their structure but now seem to have moved on. Dave is following up with the DNR on a suggestion to dredging out the stream to make it a bit deeper.

Judy Holquist has indicated that no T-shirt sales will occur this year but plans for next spring/summer.

Mike extended special thanks to the following:

- A. Dave Stanton, the Motley families, and others who conducted the Hwy 40 roadside cleanup this spring. Great PR effort.
- B. The Education Committee, directed by Margarete Cook, posted newsletter articles on Sand Lake history, winter wildlife, and shoreline plantings. Be watching for upcoming article on boat safety. The Committee will be reaching out to Rick Skamfer who has researched the Native American history on Sand Lake for a future article. Also, the committee will be hand delivering a tri-fold flyer on joining our association, and one on water safety. Our thanks to Mike Spencer (south end of the lake), Margarete and Dave Cook (north end of the lake) and Dave Quady (middle) who volunteered to distribute door to door.

Upcoming events: Sunday, July 4, is our annual Boat Parade. Sign up on-line only. Parade starts at noon at the north end by the Cooks. Prizes awarded to the top 4 entries. We have one judge volunteer but need 2 more. Go to our website to sign up. Our theme revolves around patriotism and Sand Lake life. A traveling trophy is awarded to the parade winner.

Our next meeting is August 14 which is the Annual/Brunch noted above and the final 2021 meeting is Sat. Sept 4 at 9:00, hopefully at the Big Bend Town Hall. Mark your calendars, please.

Motion to adjourn made by Tim McCarthy, seconded by Margarete Cook. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Al Lechleitner, Secretary/Treasurer

5/29/2021