

SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

BIG BEND TOWN HALL

Attendees: Jack and Jude Peskuski, Mike Spencer, Mike Skamfer, Diane and Ken Wangen, Jim and Donna Williams, Dave Stanton, Denny Karlen, Allen and Barb Strey, Jim Rassbach, Steve Johnson, Al Lechleitner, Dave Quady, Mike Walker

Co-President Dave Quady called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. He called for a motion of approval of the August 12 meeting minutes as posted on-line. Mike Spencer made that motion, seconded by Mike Skamfer. Motion approved.

He announced that Jim and Linda Jackson of Wilson, Wi. purchased the Ron McGill property. **The Motley families have offered to host the 2018 Annual Brunch and Meeting on August 11, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Please mark your calendar.**

Al Lechleitner, Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the financial report handout that stated that \$1676.72 was in our account on August 12. Since then \$1430 was deposited and debits in the amount of \$76.68 were withdrawn, leaving a current balance of \$3030.04. \$1000 of the deposits was the second \$1000 reimbursement from the DNR of our cost to participate in the Clean Water/Clean Boats project. A final request for the remaining \$2000 will be submitted soon which when received will fully repay our total \$4000 investment in the project. A call for approval of the current treasurer's report was made by Mike Skamfer, seconded by Ken Wangen. Motion carried.

Al announced that 52 members were enrolled in 2016. Currently we have 42 members so an appeal was made to contact your neighbors in the event they are not yet members. Since we are now a tax exempt association, the \$20 membership fee or any amount given can now be considered a tax deductible donation. Your cancelled check is your receipt. We hope to exceed last year's membership enrollment. Checks should be made out to Sand Lake Association, Inc. and mailed to Al Lechleitner, 5560 Wild Rose Lane, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Al announced that Shawn and Holli Kloss purchased the John Kurpis property and Steve and Trinna Sweet purchased the Kay McGill property. We welcome them.

President Quady announced the dates of the 2018 meetings: May 26, August 11, and Sept. 1. **Please note that the May and September meetings will start an hour earlier at 9:00 AM at the Big Bend Town Hall. The August 11 Annual Brunch/Meeting at the Motley's on Sand Lake Road will remain at 10:00 AM.**

An update of the CW/CB grant results show that nearly 200 boats were inspected and over 350 people were made aware of our association's commitment to improve water quality and the DNR's rules on monitoring boats for invasive species. Our \$1500 of in-kind requirements were easily achieved. Motions to reapply for the same grant for next year was made by Jack Peskuski and Mike Spencer, respectively. Motion approved. Discussion of informational topics for next year's Annual Meeting included water run-off, fertilizer use and shoreline buffers.

The refurbished bulletin board at the boat landing was completed by Greg Rogge and Jack Peskuski. It looks very nice and our thanks to them for their time and labor in completing that project.

Steve Johnson gave an update on our winter project to replace or rehabilitate fish cribs. Over 50 cribs have been GPS located and 5 or 6 will be targeted for replacement with the support and funding from the Wildlife Restoration Project of Rusk County. This effort is planned for February when the ice is thickest to accommodate heavy trucks. Our only possible cost may be in obtaining a permit to pursue the project which would occur at the north end of the lake near the grass island. **Please watch the website for the exact dates as we will need up to 20 volunteers to complete the project or you can contact Steve Johnson anytime of your willingness to assist.** He also reported that a new sign was placed at Eau Claire Ave. and Eau Claire St. that indicates Eau Claire Street is a dead end street. Steve Johnson, who owns the property at the end of Eau Claire Street, has posted the space between the end of Eau Claire Street and Probst Rd as limited to pedestrian and bike traffic. We ask neighbors and lake guests to respect that signage as a courtesy to their privacy and property as that space is not a thoroughfare for motorized vehicles.

Dave Stanton and Denny Karlen will conduct the Hwy 40 road clean up again this fall once the grass dies so they can better see the trash. If interested in assisting in this project, please contact Dave.

Two well attended Coffee-On-The Dock events were held this summer. We hope to find volunteers to host two more next summer. It's a great way for new and current residents to connect with each other. Contact Joann or Mike Walker if you'd like to host.

Mike Walker has been working with the Rusk County Hwy Dept. about moving the Public Boat Landing sign located north of Old D to south of Old D. People unfamiliar with the area are turning onto Old D in search of the boat landing.

A member expressed concern about a nearly sunken fishing boat, motor and floating gas tank near the south end of the lake. Dave Quady offered to try to contact the property owner first before contacting the Chippewa County sheriff as water contamination is almost likely if not properly removed soon.

Jude Peskuski suggested that our association offer AED and CPR classes to interested members. She suggested the possibility that a portion of the registration fee could be a fund raiser for the First Responders. Jim Rassbach offered to check into this matter.

A 2018 budget will be presented at the 2018 May meeting. However, since the Lakes Conference in Stevens Point is held in April, a motion was made to pay around \$300 for someone to attend. Jude Peskuski and Jim Williams endorsed the motion respectively. Motion carried.

Announcements:

1 Jim Rassbach thanked our membership for their continued support of the July 4 pancake breakfast. Over \$5000 was generated for the First Responders.

2. Jim, also, mentioned that a helicopter landing pad is in the works to be located near the gas tanks at Hwy 40 and D. This will have great benefit for emergency airlift service in our area to larger hospitals.

3. Patching work on Hwy 40, due to culvert installations should be done by the end October. Plans are in place to resurface all of Hwy 40 from Bruce to the Chippewa County line next summer.

4. Mike Spencer's son-in-law will be working on creating a pictorial online listing of all shoreline properties. Mike Walker will complete the photography work. The end product will allow individuals to update their own directory information online as well as print a hard copy for their personal use.

Motion made by Ken Wangen and seconded by Steve Johnson to adjourn. Motion approved and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Al Lechleitner
Secretary/Treasurer