

SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC SPRING MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2023, BIG BEND TOWN HALL

ATTENDEES: Denny Karlen, Randy Devendorf, Judy Holmquist, Mary Lea, Julie and Louie Rogers, David Cook, Margarete Cook, Jim Rassbach, Sandy Rassbach, Joel Luehmann, Pat Luehmann, Mike Spencer, Allen Strei, Jerri O'Connor, Jim Williams, David Morley, Dave Garlie, Al Lechleitner, Marcia Lechleitner, Dave Quady, Ken Wolff, Dennis Sweno, Steve Sweet, Jeff Brown.

President Dave Quady called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 3, 2022 meeting. First motion to approve came from Dave Cook, seconded by Jim Williams. Motion approved.

Financial update was given by Al Lechleitner, Treasurer. The beginning balance after Sept. 3 was \$15,557.07, deposits from 9/3/22 to 5/27/23 totaled \$18,049.81 and debits totaled -\$24,079.00, leaving a current balance of \$9,527.88. In the report handout he explained that the DNR required our Association to refund Healthy Lakes patrons before the DNR would issue an entitled refund to our Assoc. We needed to refund over \$17,000 and our treasury balance was 15,557.07. In order for our Assoc. to meet the requirements for a full DNR refund, Al loaned the Assoc. \$1500 to meet the needed treasury balance needed to issue eligible patrons their entitled cost share. Otherwise, we would have had a negative account balance that would have delayed the refund to the 6 project participants. No questions were asked about the treasury so a motion to approve the treasury report came from a motion from Dave Morley, seconded by Randy Devendorf. Motion carried.

Membership for 2022 was 44; down from 54 in 2021. The pandemic affected meeting attendance so a committee will be working to recruit more members. The Membership Committee consists of Dave Morley, Mike Spencer and Jack Peskuski. Yearly dues remain at \$20 per property.

Margarete Cook gave an update on the Clean Water/Clean Boats grant. We were approved and two students have been hired to start dock inspections on June 10. Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek handles the hiring, training and bookkeeping for us. The hourly pay will be \$15/hr rather than \$12/hr thanks to a Cook Family Fund donation that increased the pay and made the job more attractive. This grant has a 25% match requirement, meaning our Association must provide 20 hours of in-kind volunteer time at the dock. We need volunteers to monitor the dock whenever convenient during the weekdays. Those hours will be credited to our required \$1033.33 amount at \$12/hr for in-kind volunteerism. Training for the job is on our website. Contact Margarete Cook at corncook@gmail if interested and to report hours served. Our role is not to police but to educate the public on the importance of not transporting invasive species or contaminated water to our lake. Dave Cook reported that a current secci test indicated that our water clarity is 16 feet.

A dead deer was found at our public dock. The Rusk County Forest Service removes dead animals, not the DNR or our Association.

Dave Quady attended and presented at a recent Lakes Conference in Stevens Point. While there, he learned of a system called I-Lids that monitors boat landings with solar powered cameras. It can operate

24/7, captures license plates and reminds lake visitors to clean off their boats. Currently the cost is about \$14,000 plus some yearly connection fees. We can't afford it right now but feel it is something to study as a replacement of the CW/CB program since we have had so much trouble finding applicants. A motion made by Mike Spencer, seconded by Margarete Cook to study the system and find possible ways to fund the purchase. Motion approved.

Margarete Cook designed two colorful posters to be displayed at the boat landing, reminding visitors of our love for our loon population and how to respect their territory and presence. Thank you, Margarete.

Dave Quady gave a beaver update. Hans Elsner, a licensed trapper, trapped 8 beavers this winter, both male and female. We declined trapping during the summer due to the potential danger to children and pets. Hans reports that their population will grow and we need to stay on top of their numbers. Julie Rogers motioned to wait until fall to decide if we do further trapping, seconded by Jim Williams. Motion approved.

Our Annual Brunch meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 12. However, we need a volunteer family to host the event. All we need is a driveway, lawn or garage. Our Association provides the drinks, and tableware. Association members provide breakfast bakes, fruit, breads, etc. Association members help in providing tables and set up. Call or text Dave Quady if you would be willing to provide a site.

Spring road clean-up was done by Denny Karlen and Dave Stanton. There will be another clean-up this fall. Dave will post the day and time if you'd like to participate.

Joanne Walker will host the first Coffee-on-the Dock on June 17 at her home at N332 Eau Claire Street from 9:30-11:30. Please plan to attend as this is a great opportunity to meet new residents and reconnect with friends. We would like to schedule another COD this summer. If you or others jointly would be interested in hosting one, contact Joanne. Our Association provides the coffee pot, paper goods, coffee, etc. We keep it simple as the main purpose is to provide a social opportunity.

Dave reported that the tree drop (fish sticks) this winter was highly successful with 45-50 volunteers showing up to complete the job. Thanks to Steve and Leslie Johnson for hosting the luncheon afterwards. We need to decide the type of project we want to do next winter: tree drops, fish cribs, rocks in cribs, etc. Trees were dropped 8-10 feet below the water surface as not to create a danger to boats.

Al Lechleitner invited everyone and friends to attend the 2nd Music on the Lake at their driveway, N196 Eau Claire Lane, next to the boat landing on Saturday, June 10 from 6:30-8:00 PM. The musicians, Barney and Nancy Miesse, are the Lechleitner's neighbors in Florida. They have performed in Nashville, many major rodeos, churches, theaters, etc. Country and patriotic songs are their genre for Saturday. Admission is free. Gratuities accepted. They will perform gospel music on Sunday, June 11 from 11 – 12 AM at the same location. Again, free admission, gratuities appreciated. Bring your own lawn chairs and drinks/snacks to either or both.

There will be a Northwest WI Lakes Conference at the Spooner High School on June 23. Admission is free and the hours are 9:00-3:45. We hope someone from our Association can attend. Please contact Dave Q at dave@sandlakewi.com or 612-805-2712.

Copper Top Storage on Hwy 40 is hosting a "Cabin Cleanup" recycling event on Saturday, June 3. They take anything.

At our August meeting, the election of officers will occur. Dave and Al have volunteered to serve another 2 years, however, other candidates are welcome to apply. We definitely need to elect a Secretary and a Vice President. Julie Rogers volunteered to serve on the Audit Committee with Jim Williams. We thank Denny Denk for his years of service on that committee.

Rusk County is hosting a CLEANSWEEP on June 22 from 2-6 PM at the Rusk County Highway Shop across from the OJ Falge Park in Ladysmith. For information on what they accept, call 715-532-2167 or check their website at ruskcounty.org/recycling.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Spencer, seconded by Randy Devondorf. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Al Lechleitner, Secretary/Treasurer

May 28, 2023