

SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC. Fall MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 31, 2024 AT BIG BEND TOWN HALL

**Board Members present at the Meeting:**

Dave Quady, President

Al Lechleitner, Treasurer

Maria Garlie, Secretary

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Lake Association President at 9:01.

**Annual Meeting Minutes Review/Approval**

Dave Quady then called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Marcia Lechleitner made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Margaret Cook. Motion was approved.

**Financial Update and Approval**

The Treasurer gave a financial report. There are two loan of \$5,000 each for the I-lids. This loan will be paid in full within 90 days when the board receives the refund for it from the WI DNR. There is a current balance of \$2093.96 as of 8/27/24. Clint Johnson made a motion to approve it and it was seconded by Joel Luehmann.

**AED Funding Requests**

Margarete and Dave Cook have offered their garage for storage over the winter for the AED's, since the cold temperatures are hard on them. Specific boxes for the units can cost up to \$1200 according to Greg Mihm. These average life expectancy for the batteries are 8 years and the pads/batteries cost about \$160. The board discussed possible ways to disperse these funds. Dave Quady asked for a motion to approve members asking for funds on an as needed basis for reimbursement of costs for pads and batteries for their AED's. Currently there is \$210.00 donated for the AED needing updating. Mike Motley made a motion to approve it and Steve McCarthy seconded it. The motion was carried.

**Membership Update**

Mike Spencer reported that our current membership stands at 41. He would like to divide the lake into three areas to recruit for membership and he needs two more volunteers. Dave Cook and family will cover Probst Road and Barb Weiss will cover Eau Claire St. Mike Spencer will cover the south end of the lake.

**Apparel Order Update**

Hats, shirts, visors and cups will be available to order and shipped directly to your house. More information will be coming soon.

**Association Brochure Update**

Danielle is working on this and will be finalizing it soon. It will be put on the website and put into all the Air BNBs and the campgrounds on or near the lake.

### **I-LIDS Update**

The I-Lids has been installed and is fully functioning. It will send any violations to the DNR and violators will be fined. The ash tree located near it will need to be removed and permission will be obtained to trim an overhanging tree on the neighboring property to access more sunlight on the solar panel. The I-Lids main unit will be stored during the winter by Jim Rassbach.

### **CBCW Update**

Our CBCW employee, Sam Stumo completed the required hours over the summer. Just a reminder that part of the I-LIDS agreement is that we must have a volunteer for 3 more years for the CBCW. Terry Perry reported that there were about 40 boats for the summer starting in June.

### **Comprehensive Lake Plan and Fish Habitat this Winter: rock drop, tree drop, fish cribs discussion and vote**

A study grant for a comprehensive plan from the DNR where they cover 75% was proposed to learn why there seems to be a reduction in fish population. Dave asked for a motion to approve this study plan. Steve Cook made a motion to approve applying for this grant and it was seconded by Mike Motley. Andra Palmer volunteered to help with this, but not lead it. Steve Johnson asked that a decision on tree, rock and crib drops be tabled until the WRA discussion to be held in September between 5 other lake associations.

### **Buoys on the Lake - DNR Rules**

Permits are required by the DNR for the placement of all buoys in front of residential properties. The Board is asking that you make sure you have a buoy that it is legal. The DNR link to information on obtaining a permit is [LE0317.pdf \(widen.net\)](#). If you have concerns of a boat(s) coming within 200 ft of your property you can call and report this to the Rusk County sheriff.

### **Road Clean-Up October 12**

Dave Stanton and Denny Karlen will be organizing the fall road clean-up. It will be posted on the website and an email will be sent out with additional details. This will happen rain or shine.

### **Beaver Management Update**

We will continue to hire our beaver management person, Karl Elsner, to take care of the overabundance of beavers. His work of trapping will be dependent on ice depth.

### **What's Happening at the Association:**

Fish Habitat Event

Spring Meeting

Spring Road Clean-Up

4th of July Watercraft Parade

## Annual Meeting and Brunch-Motley Families Hosting

### Fall Meeting

#### **Other**

Linda McCarthy shared her concern that there are no baby loons. This could be due to the heavy rain, the bog sinking or predators. It was suggested that in an attempt to help them reproduce, nesting platforms could be built. Dave Cook volunteers to make platforms. Linda McCarthy volunteered to do some research on platforms to help in reproduction. Bob DeVoe shared that the WRA makes platforms as well.

Next summer Coffee on the Dock will be hosted at Joann Walker and Louie and Julie Rogers residences.

Denny Denk proposed a discussion for increasing the membership dues. This will be added to the spring agenda.

#### **Adjourn**

Dave Quady called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Steve McCarthy. The motion was approved and the meeting ended at 10:13 am.

Submitted by,

Maria Garlie

Secretary