

Butternut/Schnur Lake Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on October 30, 2024 at Lena's Northern Pines. Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Vic Peth, Skip Sommerfeldt, John Artin, Scott Stenger, Eric Scharp, Dylan Borne, Rocky Soper, Ken Beauchaine. Absent/Excused: Matt Nichols

Minutes: Reviewed minutes from September 26, 2024 meeting. Motion to approve, 2nd, and passed.

Treasurers Report: For details, see Vic's printout. In summary, as of 10/30/24 the BSLA savings balance was \$3,564.27 and the checking balance was \$4,853.99, for a combined balance of \$8,418.26. This was a net increase of \$1,657.57 from January 1, 2024. The largest expenses in the past few months were for stocking (\$3,500) and the membership letter/quarterly newsletter (\$1,055). Motion to approve, 2nd, and passed.

Membership Report

For 2024, we have 168 Regular members, 34 Associate members and 656 Facebook followers.

Old Business:

>>> 2024 BSLA stocking update: On Thursday Oct. 24, 2024, Helmer's Fish Hatchery provided over 300 walleye fingerlings (6" to 8") to Schnurs Lake and over 1000 black crappie (6" to 12") to Butternut Lake. Survival at stocking was estimated to be 100% and all the stocked fish looked in very good condition. The total cost was \$3500.

>>> BSLA Website: the BSLA does have a domain name but no one has been keeping up the website. Discussion of whether we could do it ourselves or have someone else do it for us (at a cost). John Artin has looked into it and identified a person/business in Winchester, WI that could set up a new website and maintain/host it. John mentioned that once we would get it set up that he could maintain it. We may also have to acquire a new domain name and John had a list of several that would be available. John will continue to research it and let us know what he finds out.

>>> Membership mailing: the letter is ready to go and just need the envelopes stuffed and sent. There is a list of 376 people for the letter to be sent to.

>>> Buoys off Butternut – new buoys: Dylan Borne has removed the existing buoys and GPS'd the locations. Scott reported that both the Towns of Lake and Chippewa may cover the cost of new buoys for next year, as nearly all of the existing ones are basically non-functional (heavily corroded).

New Business:

>>> 2025 BSLA Fisheree: see 2025 fisheree handout. Eric went over the handout and the bottom line is that we needed volunteers to help out! The handout listed a lot of new and different options and quite a bit of discussion on these different options. Some of the main items were

- 1) Friday night advance ticket sales. Try to have all Board members there and have 'raffle ticket bundles' (and they will be identified by number, rather than names on each ticket).
- 2) Have a kids fishing category, with kids under 12 years old being able to register for free. Want to award to the top 3 places, and discussion on what prize/award to offer? Gift cards, money or trophies were the main possibilities.
- 3) Promote 'Catch and Release' on all 4 species in the contest (walleye, northern pike, crappie, and perch). Need to look for sponsors for all of the fish prizes.
- 4) Need to solicit area businesses for raffle prizes and/or fish prize sponsorships.
- 5) Finalize the Fisheree Poster and have distributed to local businesses by Dec. 15 at the latest. Will also look into advertising on the radio and local paper(s).

- 6) There are about 290 fishing tickets left from last year and we'll try to utilize those. Will probably need to purchase some additional tickets.
- 7) There are also about 300 raffle tickets left and will also need to order more of those.
- 8) Also discussion on other items such as entertainment (band), fireworks at ending time, food specials, drink specials, etc. No firm decision on any of those options yet and need to look into further.
- 9) Discussion of items needed for the fisheree – mainly microphone/speakers, raffle ticket drum. Motion made to spend up to \$500 on the purchase of speakers and a raffle ticket drum. Motion seconded, and passed on a voice vote.

Good and Welfare: None

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Bobber's on the Lake.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Skip Sommerfeldt, Fill-in Secretary