

BSLA Annual Meeting
August 17, 2024
Bobber's

Call to Order by President Stenger 1:00 pm

Roll Call: Matt Nichols, Scott Stenger, Joe Wolf, Rocky Soper, Skip Sommerfeldt, Eric Scharp, Vic Peth, Dylan Borne

Absent: Dan Pattenaude

Approve annual meeting 9-2-2023 minutes Motion to approve the minutes by Amy Olson, second by Theresa motion carried. Voice vote, motion carries.

Treasurer Report

8/17/2024 report presented by Vic. Summary below.

YTD Numbers:

- Income Fiscal YTD= \$8,529.91
- Expenses YTD = \$2,012
 - 27% of all income is from Schnur lake membership in 2023 with roughly 24% of the stocking expenditures going to Schnur Lake in 2023
- Net Cash Change = \$6,518
- Balances
 - NCCU Savings = \$11,271
 - NCCU Checking = \$2,009

Forecast

- 2025 Membership Dues anticipated to be about \$4200
- 2024 Expected Remaining Expenses = 6,289
 - Note that we plan to spend roughly \$3500 on fish stocking in October
 - \$2500 for 2025 Fisheree expenses

Approve 8/17/2024 treasurer report, motion to approve by Wanda K second by Doug M motion carried. Voice vote, motion carries.

Membership Report

Membership Report	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Chg</u>
• Regular/Associate members	172	196	+24	+14%
• Facebook followers	375	617	+242	+65%

The above increased during the annual meeting with some other new members since the above was published. Estimated 2024 membership as of today is about 206.

Old Business

Hoffman's Rocks Boat Landing Upgrade Status – We were “on the top of the list” of the fiscal 2025 DNR budget for a landing update. However, that has since changed and the Hoffman's Rocks Landing may slip to 2026. The board will continue to monitor and provide further updates. Note that some temporary improvements were done last fall to make the landing more serviceable. Rocky provided a brief overview of the steps taken. We could likely do this again if/when another temporary solution is needed.

Water Testing Results Butternut and Schnur Lakes – the water test results for both lakes are within acceptable limits. There have been some blue green algal blooms on both lakes this year which is not unusual, but needs to be heeded when it occurs for the safety of individuals and pets. Water testing results:

- Water testing twice per year, once just after ice out and once in August
- Both lakes are tested (thank you Vic and Dan!)
- Like stated earlier, both lakes are within parameters. The results are posted at the end of the year on the DNR website.

Kids Don't Float Kiosk – this was installed earlier this year. It looks as though the jackets are being used and returned.

AIS Update – Yellow Iris update by Dennis Stemen. Yellow iris a flower that blooms in late spring/early summer, but is quite poisonous (like poison ivy). Blue iris is indigenous and was purchased last year and used to replace yellow iris on both Schnur and Butternut lake as a test (3 test sites). The initial results are positive in that the blue iris is doing OK, but not great. In parallel, the yellow iris is struggling at the test sites. It will take time for the blue iris to mature enough to thrive and we will continue to monitor and report the results. Waterfront owners are encouraged to reach out to learn more about the process of replacing the yellow iris with the blue iris.

BSLA Adopt a Highway Update – Dan Patenaude has spearheaded our Adopt a Highway initiative (thank you Dan!). Successful year in picking up the litter on the HWY 13 and other side roads. Members are always welcome to join and help!

BSLA Welcome Sign(s) – The goal of the sign(s) is to increase the visibility and membership for the BSLA. Joe Wolf provided an update on adding one or two signs around the lake (south end and north end roadways). Note that the Town of Lake has approved the sign placement on the south end.

24"x72" and 48"x96" options = ~\$1600 per sign. (see both sign mock ups below, note that local photos would be used and some type of pointer to our internet presence similar to 'Like us on FB'). We were in discussion with Lena and Bobbi about a combined fundraising event to cover the costs.



Discussion followed with all members regarding the desire/efficacy of having a sign or two as opposed to investing in other forms of advertising. Furthermore, we discussed the financials of moving forward with this spend and we would be likely be OK, but it has risk. The full analysis was included in the financial report.

Vote by raise of hands by the members on pursuing the sign further. Further pursuing the BSLA signs was voted down.

New Business

Walleyes for Tomorrow/Tree Drop Discussion – there was a very well done presentation by Walleyes for Tomorrow in the last board meeting (see previous minutes for a summary). Eric Scharp noted that

they are great resource for us to learn/lean on for information and resources. Two key takeaways from their presentation: we have strong natural walleye reproduction on Butternut Lake, however the larger fish cannot survive due to the lack of food for the more mature fish. They recommended, admittedly off the cuff and on the spot based on the reports they had read, that tree drops in the deeper parts of the lake to generate habitat for prey, particularly perch, for the larger walleye. Skip noted that shoreline tree drops may be as effective.

Wakesurfing Regulation Status – short presentation on the Wisconsin Conversation Congress survey results around wakesurfing regulations. The members asked we have a more comprehensive survey of our own members and more clarity on the specific ask on this topic.

2025 BSLA Fisheree – January 18th, 2025

2025 BSLA Stocking Initiative – short update on the plans for next year's plans. The members expressed an interest in stocking for prey for walleye. Note that the DNR will not allow us to stock walleye in Butternut lake.

BSLA App/Website – Discussion around improving our current website and whether the members are interested in improving the website and/or creating an app. Cost of this improvement could be an issue and we need to be considered through the process. The advantage of the website would be (1) access for those who do not have Facebook and (2) it is a direct connection for those interested in the organization with our own content. John S indicated he can help with this. Motion by John S to move forward with this investigation, seconded by Dylan. Voice vote. Motion carried.

2024 Board Elections

Four seats open at this time. Four positions:

1. Seat One
 - a. John S nominated Mike Miller, second by Rocky Soper
 - b. John Artin nominated himself, seconded by Theresa
 - c. Ballot vote results: 14 votes Mike, 20 votes John
 - d. John Artin voted in
2. Seat Two
 - a. Matt Nichols nominated by Dylan, second by John
 - b. Ken Beauchaine nominated by Theresa, second by Mark
 - c. Ballot vote results: 20 votes Ken, 14 votes Matt
3. Seat Three
 - a. Eric nominated Skip, second by Dennis
 - b. Mike M nominated by Lela, second by Alyssa
 - c. Ballot vote results: 21 votes Skip, 14 votes Mike
4. Seat Four
 - a. Joe nominated by Vic, second by Eric
 - b. Matt nominated by Dylan, second by Rocky
 - c. Mike nominated by Doug M, second by Sue
 - d. Ballot vote results: 21 votes Matt, 12 votes for Joe, 1 vote for Mike

Good and Welfare

- Volunteers from the membership offered help to support our needs
- Flambeau River YMCA. They had presented a number of months ago. Today, construction has begun on their new facility and the swim program has a solid start (at the outdoor and high school pools). The local YMCA is asking for a donation to the new YMCA from BSLA.

Motion to adjourn by Wanda second by Dylan carried. 3:09PM
Respectfully Submitted by Matt Nichols