

BSLA BOD Meeting
November 17, 2022
Bobbers

Call to Order by President Stenger 6.00 pm

Roll Call Matt Nichols, Joe Wolf, Dan Pattenaude, Skip Sommerfeldt, Vic Peth, Dennis Stemen, Scott Stenger, Eric Scharp

Absent: Loretta Miller

Approve 10-6-22 minutes: Motion by Wolf second by Stemen motion carried.

Approve 10-6-22 treasurer report Motion by Stemen second by Peth motion carried.

Correction requested and approved, October 18th deposit should be 5 membership instead of 6

Old Business

Membership update given by Vic Peth. Nearly 69% of membership donations are from Butternut Lake members and nearly 30% from Schnur Lake. Discussed reaching out to potential or past members.

Emergency High Water Update – the resolution to post a Danger High Water sign at the landing during High Water situations was approved by the Town of Lake and the Town of Chippewa.

- The town boards approved the resolution on 10/26/2022 and 11/10/2022 and the Town of Chippewa and Town of Lake, respectively
- This sign would only be posted when High Water Situation, for example a 100 year rain event, arises resulting in dangerous situation.
- The BSLA board is responsible for advising to the Town of Lake and Town of Chippewa that signs are necessary and will be posted.
- The BSLA board with posting the sign at the public landings when necessary
- The/a sign would be given to the applicable resorts to post when required as well.

Stocking Update – stocking went very well. Stocking quantity, species, and fish sizes are listed in the upcoming December newsletter. We are happy with the vendor and will ask them to reserve the same amount and species again for next year. We may request a change to the fish count in spring of 2023 as we learn more.

Board Insurance Update – the insurance was renewed in October 2022 for the coming year.

Bylaws Update – Copies of the draft/updated bylaws were handed out for review by the board members. Key topics of discussion and bylaw improvement areas:

- We would like the update bylaws ready for approval at the annual Membership Meeting in September 2023
- Clarify the membership year

- Clarify the due by date for membership fees
- Establish clear method for the creation of committees to address key areas of needs to ultimately driving 'areas of responsibility'.
- Scott will connect with Dan prior to his December departure to walk through recommended changes.

December Newsletter Update – final updates to the current draft were discussed and will be incorporated in the Newsletter by Scott Stenger by early next week and will send to the board. The goal is to send the Newsletter the first week of December.

Stenger brought up issue re rocks in crick between the lakes. Site was visited and reviewed and no further action is required.

New Business

Renewal for Wisconsin Lakes Association Membership is coming due (our membership expires 12/19/2022)

- \$2.50/member fee and will be \$335 to update for 135 members
- Note that membership in this association is a pre-requisite for board insurance eligibility
- Also, the Lakes Association has a number of resources available to help manage/run associations like our own
- Motion to spend \$335 Pattenaude, second by Peth

2023 Fisheree Raffle Prizes – soliciting local establishments and/or establishing a budget for prizes (we spent \$725 last year) was discussed. Motion by Sommerfeldt second by Scharp to spend \$1000 on raffle prizes, motion carried. We will also solicit local establishments for raffle prizes.

2023 Fisheree Poster – discussion on. Stenger to follow-up with Chris to update the poster to highlight Bobbers and BSLA with a focus on Bobbers. The poster will then be sent to the board for final review, then get printed and posted for the week of 11/18/2022 (deer season).

Kids Don't Float Program (life jackets at the landing) – discussion on if and/or how to proceed on building a life jacket crib for the landing. Instructions were provided by the Wisconsin DNR and reviewed by the board. Each station costs approximately \$1120 which includes about \$450 in life jackets which we could likely donate. Wolf recommended we review this topic in an upcoming meeting or by a committee.

2024 Fisheree discussion regarding the BSLA relationship with Northern Pines and other establishments and the 2024 Fisheree. This topic needs to be on the table for the 2024 Fisheree as we look to get back into a potential alternating site schedule.

BSLA Committees discussion – Scott would like to start creating committees in upcoming board meetings

Invasive Species Information Sign at the Landing – the sign and lumber is purchased. Motion to spend up to another \$250 for materials for the invasive species sign by Peth second Stemen.

Cribs Discussion – discussion on evaluating the need and plan for building more cribs Spring 2023. Skip mentioned we may be looking at building six cribs but it may be difficult to get a permit in time. Tree

drops can be conducted without permits. Stenger recommended we defer this to an upcoming committee.

Communication/Social Media

- BSLA Facebook Discussion – Nichols, Peth, and Sommerfeldt have been given edit rights to Facebook. This page is good, but may not provide enough detail/information.
- BSLA Website – Stenger feels the website is too basic and could use updating, but this may cost money. Stenger to reach out to the team that creates the Newsletter to understand the cost of updating the website.
- BSLA Signage/Advertising Discussion – Wolf recommended signage in the area to help get the name out on the Association. We will have our name on the Adopt A Highway sign, but it may not be enough. This topic will be reviewed in the next meeting.

BSLA Ice Out Contest – discussion on having a contest re Ice Out. The entrants would not pay any fee and may be eligible for a small prize. We could learn from other sites on how they conduct the contest.

Next meeting set for Thursday December 8th at 6:30PM at Northern Pines (location to be confirmed)

Motion to adjourn by Patenaude second by Stemen carried. 7.24 pm

Submitted by Matt Nichols