

BIG ARBOR VITAE LAKE ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

FOUR SEASONS RESTAURENT

AUGUST 19, 2017 9AM

Larry called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. Pam, Steve, Don, Mary Lou, Larry, Rudy and Neal were in attendance.

Steve motioned and Don seconded to wave the Reading of the minutes of the last board meeting. Mary Lou gave highlights.

President Report: Darcey, our treasurer, was not in attendance so Larry handed out the budget spreadsheet that Darcey prepared. The checking account balance on July 31, 2017 was \$19,278.84 and our membership dues totaled \$5,150.00, \$375.00 up from 2016. Steve motioned to approve the budget, Rudy seconded.

Beaver Dam Removal: The DNR sent the association a letter approving the removal of the beaver dam. However, we are prohibited from blowing it up. Bill Andrews and his sons continue to monitor the dam.

Management Report: The lake fall evaluation showed that the Curly Leaf Pond Weed is now only 4 acres (was 5 acres). Onterra will monitor every three years at a cost of \$2,500.00.

State of the Lake: Neal commented that the lake is the nicest he has seen it in 10 years. All at the meeting agreed. It was noted that eagles and blue herons are scarce this year. Crappie fishing is not good and Rudy said that there is Rusty Crayfish in the lake. The DNR is doing a creel study on BAV this year. They have hired someone to canvas fishermen at the boat landing and on the lake to measure, weigh and identify fish caught.

Healthy Lakes: This project allows \$25,000.00 per year for cost-share grants. Only available through the lake association. Property owners can apply for \$1,000.00 per year. The application process is assisted by the association and the DNR. Money is to be used to improve lakefront shoreline and the brochure

outlines 5 ways we can achieve that. Interested property owners would make a drawing, take pictures and prepare the land. Information would be given to the association. The DNR would send out an expert to approve the proposal and monitor the lakeshore for 10 years. The owner can hire a contractor to do the work and would be reimbursed \$1,000.00. (See attached brochure). The owner also must work at least 25% of the project at \$12.00 per hour. Glen Spiech has implemented the program for LAVLD. They have funded 3 owners who decided to do rain gardens. They get the plants from Edgerton - \$300.00 for \$100.00 plants.

Larry proposed that we adopt the Health Lakes Project.

1. Send a letter to all owners explaining this project. Must be an association member.
2. Complete the 7 page application (association and DNR to help).
3. Project can be done in yearly increments.
4. Larry Stein will head up the project to get it started.
5. We will need a committee after that to further the project.
6. LAVLD implemented rules – cost to owner \$250.00 as an application fee. \$200.00 to be returned to the property owner once application is approved. Association keeps the \$50.00.
7. Fiscal year is February to February. Owner needs to put up the \$1,000.00 as work is done. Association pays the bills and DNR will repay owner. Tori Kleuss would like to be the first owner to apply. The deadline is 2/1/18.
8. Steve motioned to approve the project. Neal seconded. Motion carried.

Shoreline Initiative:

1. Act 55 – John Ritter – see Lakeland Times article.
2. Dredging of 30 cubic feet of lake bottom has been approved.
3. Resolution NR115 was brought forward and asked the Governor and State Legislature to “Amend NR 115 to again permit counties to exercise a greater degree of local control within each county’s Shore land Zoning Ordinance”.

4. We are members of Shoreline Initiative but we have no financial involvement. Waiting for the State Budget to be approved in the fall. Act 55 falls under NR 115 scope of rules.
5. Neal and Don think this is highly political. Neal would like to wait to hear more.

VP Report: Dave not in attendance. By-law changes have been approved and are now on the website.

Clean Boats Clean Waters: Pam Schieble reported students worked 176 hours at Mielke Bay and 54 hours at North Bay. Students finished August 19. Each student gets a project while at the landings. Pam would like a student to help her next year with paperwork. Patti Cleveland is now on the volunteer list. We have hit our mark with 107.3 volunteer hours. Thanks volunteers!

Citizens Lake Monitoring: See Pam's handout for data. Pam has declined an offer to purchase a Dissolved Oxygenator Meter. John Gray (hydrologist) would put up ½ the cost. Meter checks if there is a deficit of oxygen in the water from decaying of lake bottom. There is no data to suggest this information is relative. Pam is willing to reserve a meter from DNR 3 x's a year. LAVD has no interest in purchasing the meter either.

Annual Meeting and Picnic: Will be the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, **May 27, 2018**. Mary Lou motioned and Steve seconded to approve this date. Motion carried.

Larry and Neal will meet 2 members of the Minocqua/Kawagasaga Lake Association meeting on September 7th.

Our Next board meeting is 9AM May 19, 2018. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Lou Shepski, BAVLA Secretary

