

BIG ARBOR VITAE LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 27, 2018 12:30PM AT AV FIRE BARN

Larry called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm. Board members in attendance: Larry Stein, Dave Deininger, Neal Kania, Steve Scheible, Don Wallace, Tori Kluess, Mary Lou Shepski and Rudy Becker.

SECRETARY REPORT: Mary Lou paraphrased the minutes from the 2017 annual meeting. Nancy Wallace moved and Dave Collison seconded to approve the minutes. Motioned carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Larry read the report provided by Darcey Nicklaus. Darcey was unable to attend the meeting. The 2017 revenue was \$9,284.31. The proposed 2018 revenue is \$9,694.31. Membership revenue is proposed at \$5,000.00 again. The April 30, 2018 checkbook balance is \$18,768.84. See the handout for more details. Neal Kania moved and Bill Hess seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

It was suggested by Rudy Becker that the members present should introduce themselves. This will help us get to know one another better.

HEALTHY LAKES REPORT: Larry spoke about this program. There is a \$25,000.00 grant available. The grant must be submitted by February 1, 2019. Cathy Higley will facilitate the paperwork. Each BAVLA member can apply for \$1,000.00. The choices are: 1. Rain garden; 2. Fish sticks; 3. Diversion. See the handout for details.

Beaver Dam: The beavers are clogging up the tributaries again. Bill Andrews and sons will take a look and discourage the beavers. We have a trapper (a school teacher in the area) who is able to trap the beavers year around. He will be called if necessary.

CURLY LEAF POND WEEK: In 2013 we paid Onterra for a Lake Study (see website for Lake Management Plan). CLPW was the only invasive species found. There is a 5 acre area in front of the Four Seasons Restaurant.

Onterra proposed 3 solutions to this problem. 1. Monitoring this area for \$2,500.00 every three years. 2. Alum treatment which could cost over \$100,000.00. 3. Pulling the invasive species by divers going down to pull the roots. At the April board meeting the board decided to hire Aquatic Plant Management from Minocqua. It will cost \$1,800.00 and they will be diving June 4 or June 11 to pull the CLPW by the roots. It should take 4 divers one day to do this.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Dave presented the Don and Nancy Wallace Award to Pam Scheible for her work with Citizen's Lake Monitoring program. Pam also applies for the Clean Boat Clean Waters grant every year. She supervises the students and keeps track of volunteer hours from our members.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE: Tori and Darcey work on this committee. The new budget for 2018 was approved at the annual meeting. A handout was provided. Dave Collison moved and Bill Hess seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.

FUNDRAISING: Steve Scheible heads this committee. He has grey hoodies with our logo to sell this year. Cost is \$35.00.

MEMBERSHIP: Neal Kania is committee chair. Ken Shepski suggested that Neal contact Arbor Vitae Marine. They use BAV often to test boats. He has seen them several times at the North boat landing. They may also want to donate for advertising. We will be buying new hats and needs a sponsor.

Bill Andrews asked if we had a list of association members. We do but this list has not been published. After some discussion it was suggested that we share this list of members (names only) on our website and by a show of hands this suggestion was approved.

HEALTHY LAKES COMMITTEE: Larry advised that we need a person to chair this new committee. He will be available to co-ordinate information. He asked that any interested parties come and see him after the meeting.

CATHY HIGLEY: She talked about the 303E Clean Water Act. Big Arb is on the list because of the excessive amount of phosphorous in the lake. Data gathered can be used to update our Lake Management Plan. Little Arbor Vitae is also on the list. Vilas County will be looking at fish habitat, AIS surveying, gathering data like sechi disc information and studying the shoreline from the shore to 35 feet out. Cathy also spoke more about the Healthy Lakes Project and provided a pamphlet with information. Vilas County will apply for the grant and she has the list of interested lake owners. Volunteer labor is at \$12.00 per hour. All information needs to be finalized by September so that she can have the grant put together for the deadline of February 2019. Cathy's bio can be found in the invitation to the annual meeting/picnic.

CREEL SURVEY: See handout provided by Larry. Spearing totals for 2018: 650 Walleyes and 16 Musky were taken.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Dave Deininger has decided not to seek re-election. Sue Bellehumeur was nominated by the board to take Dave's place. Larry Stein and Mary Lou Shepski were also up for re-election. Larry asked if there were any nominations from the floor to fill Dave's seat. There were none. Dave Deininger motioned and Neal Kania seconded the motion and Larry, Mary Lou and Sue are board members for this term.

Don Wallace announced that he would be stepping down from the board after the annual meeting today. The Board is grateful to Don for all his hard work and accepted his resignation. The Board will appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy for the rest of Don's term.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Nancy Wallace wanted to thank everyone involved with the association. She and Don planted the seed and it is blossoming!

Nancy Wallace moved and Sue Bellehumeur seconded the motion to adjourn. Motioned carried. Meeting ended at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mary Lou Shepski, Secretary Big Arbor Vitae Lake Association