

BIG ARBOR VITAE LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

SUNDAY MAY 26TH 2019 10 AM AT THE AV TOWN HALL

Steve Scheible our Vice President called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Larry Stein, our president was unable to attend the meeting. Board members in attendance were Steve Scheible, Mary Lou Shepski, Bill Andrews, Neal Kania, Rudy Becker and Sue Bellehumeur.

SECRETARY REPORT Mary Lou read the minutes from the 2018 annual meeting. Dave Deininger moved and Bill Andrews seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT Steve read Darcey Nicklaus' treasurer's report. See handout attached. We have a healthy budget. Our checkbook balance as of April 30, 2019 was \$20,707.68. Neal motioned and Bill Hess seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT Steve thanked Darcey for her service as treasurer and board member. She has decided not to seek re-election as treasurer or be on the board and was not at the meeting. Rudy Becker and Bill Andrews are up for re-election to the board of directors. Deb McFadden has volunteered to run for the board member spot left vacant by Darcey. Steve asked if there were any nominations for election to the board from the floor. There were none. Bill Hess motioned and Dave Deininger seconded that Rudy Becker and Bill Andrews be re-elected for 3 year terms to the board and that Deb McFadden be elected for a 3 year term to replace Darcey. The motion carried. Tori Kluess was nominated and elected Treasurer at our board meeting today.

Hand outs were available at the meeting from **Aquatic Plant Management LLC regarding Big Arbor Vitae Removal Report 2018**. It was reported that on June 22, 2018 divers spent a combined 24 hours harvesting curly-leaf pond weed from Big Arbor Vitae Lake using maps provided by Onterra LLC. The weather conditions were perfect. The company removed all visible CLP from the 2018 CLP control areas. It is recommended that we continue to monitor and manage the growth of CLP . The board decided to call the dive team back in 2 or 3 years.

Cathy Higley, Conservation Specialist Vilas County Land and Water Scope, was the guest speaker. She spoke about the 2018 Lake Assessment Report prepared by the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation dated May 21, 2018. Cathy spent many hours on Big Arb collecting data for this report. She reported that the water quality was better than expected. The detailed report can be found on our website. Much of the information in this report can be used as part of a lake management plan. We have 14.1 docks per mile and 1,600 feet of rip rap.

HEALTHY LAKES PROJECT is available through Vilas County Land and Water. Neal Kania is taking advantage of this program . He will be doing *infiltration*. A trench will be cut in the ramp leading to the lake. Then the trench will be filled with rock and mesh. This will stop the flow of debris from his driveway into the lake. Several other members of the association are taking advantage of this program. Resource material was available at the meeting. To contact Cathy Higley call 715-479-3738 or email

cahigl@vilascountywi.gov. **STEVE SCHEIBLE NOTED THAT WE STILL NEED A COMMITTEE HEAD FOR THIS PROJECT.**

Patty Meiser asked about the consequences of “wave action”. Cathy said there is a “Native Plant Guide” to help determine what to plant to mitigate erosion.

BEAVER DAM PROJECT Bill Andrews stated that this is an ongoing issue. The beavers keep rebuilding. However, Steve Scheible stated the work Bill and his sons have done has made a difference in the clarity of the lake. Bill said he would keep working on the beaver dams.

WEBSITE Tim Pheil continues to monitor and update our website and pay the yearly fee. He also fixed the website after it crashed! Thanks Tim.

CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER Pam Scheible has been in charge of this project for the association. However, she needs a volunteer to help with the record keeping of the calendar to keep track of our volunteers and their hours worked.

The board voted to get five \$10.00 Walmart gift cards to donate to the Trash Collection efforts of our college student volunteers from UW-Oshkosh. The volunteers will be picking up garbage at the boat landings while work for CBCW. Pam will get the gift certificates.

DON AND NANCY WALLACE AWARD This is the 5th year for the award. For 2019 the award goes to Ken Shepski for his many hours spent at the boat landings for the CBCW program.

FUNDRAISING Per Steve, the clothing is being sold at the meeting and all were encouraged to check out the new hoodies.

CREEL STUDY Bill Andrews talked about the creel study. The next survey will be 2020. It is done every 3 years. GLIFWC (Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission), Ex-wardens and the DNR make up the committee to determine spearing and angling numbers. Bill said he feels that this study is being monitored and is done right.

MEMBERSHIP Neal stated that our shoreline is 70% owned by the state and most individual land owners are seasonal.

Bill Hess motioned and Neal Kania seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. We adjourned at 12:30 pm. The annual picnic started at Fireman’s Park after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Lou Shepski, BAVLA Secretary

