

Big Swan Lake Improvement Association

Aug. 24, 2013 fall meeting minutes

Long Prairie Country Club

President Denny Harder called the meeting to order following the Big Swan Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting.

Minutes of the May 18 spring meeting were approved on a motion by Sue Krippner and a second by Jean Harder. Also approved on a motion by Betty Richter and a second by Sue Krippner was Bonnie Alsleben's treasurer's report showing a balance of \$39,023.

Nancy Hillman reported on another successful Save the Lakes golf tournament and dinner, with Long Lake and Big Swan Lake associations each receiving \$2,150. She said the committee members did a great job attracting 32 hole sponsors and contributions to the silent auction, which was the biggest fund raiser.

Concerning the next agenda item, Harder reminded members that he had already reported on the Curlyleaf pondweed control program at the LID meeting, which is the major funder for weed treatment.

Next, Harder proposed a program to remove potentially damaging floating bogs from open water or from lake owners' property. He suggested forming a new committee to figure out how to deal with floating bogs beyond the current option of staking them in an isolated spot. The LID bog committee provides stakes to those who wish to remove them from their own shoreline and locate them along undeveloped shoreline. Harder made a motion to approve up to \$6,000 to hire an independent contractor or find another way to deal with floating bogs. He appointed Robin Robotcek to head the committee, which also includes Ed Hennek, Tim Solem, Jim Macy and Don Larson. George Brezinka reminded the group that the LID budget provides funding for bog removal, which could pay for the proposed \$6,000 maximum expenditure.

Harder made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Alsleben, to distribute 2013 charitable gambling profits, minus year-end profit carryover, by Dec. 31 in the following manner: 30% to the city of Grey Eagle for its fire department, 30% to Long Lake Improvement Association, 35% to Big Swan Lake Improvement District and 5% to Swanville Dollars for Scholars.

In other action, members elected three charitable gambling employees contingent on the association receiving final approval to take over the Hub Supper Club pull-tab business from the new owner. Elected were Sue Krippner as gambling manager and Betty Richter and Nancy Hillman as assistants.

In other business, members re-elected Denny Harder as president and elected Larry Alsleben vice president to replace Don Larson, who served the maximum two consecutive terms.