

Unapproved-Big Swan Lake Improvement Association of Todd County

Aug. 25, 2012 meeting minutes

President Denny Harder called the meeting to order around 10 a.m. following the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as distributed. Also approved was the Treasurer's Report submitted by Bonnie Alsleben showing an Aug. 24 balance of \$32,216.78.

Sue Krippner gave an update on Charitable Gambling. The balance as of Aug. 25, 2012 is \$29,260, of which approximately \$12,000 can be carried forward to 2013. The charitable gambling profits at year-end, minus the carryover, will be distributed by Dec. 31, 2012. There was discussion about adding additional recipients. Sue Krippner suggested adding Dollars for Scholars and made the following motion for distribution of the profits: 20% each for Long Lake Improvement Association, City of Grey Eagle and Swanville Dollars for Scholars, and the balance will remain with our association. Motion seconded by Lee Daly. Motion carried. Mark Brauch made a motion to contribute our association's allocation to the Big Swan Lake Improvement District. Motion seconded by Chuck Krippner. Motion carried.

Nancy Hillman reported the annual Save the Lakes Golf Tournament drew 70 golfers, down slightly from the previous year, but the silent auction brought in \$500 more than 2011. Bruce Rohde, who hosts the fund-raising event and dinner for Big Swan and Long Lakes, presented a check of \$1,700 to the association. He recommended starting golf later at 1 p.m. to accommodate people traveling from the Twin Cities and elsewhere.

Robin Robotcek and Mark Brauch reported on a meeting they and Denny Harder had in July with Eric Altena, DNR area fisheries manager based at Little Falls. Brauch, reporting on the walleye segment of their discussion, said they presented proposals, including adding habitat by leaving rocks on lake ice over winter and instituting a walleye slot limit. The DNR's position is that stocking is adequate for this lake and a slot would not be beneficial and that walleye structure in Big Swan would not help spawning because the water warms too fast in the spring killing eggs. Robotcek reported the northern pike slot limit probably has contributed to increased volume and size of that fish over the past few years. The DNR is seeking input on whether to keep the slot limit and whether to increase the bag limit from 3 to 6, or even 9, to help reduce the population of smaller pike. Members completed a survey concerning these issues, with results presented to the DNR prior to its open house on Sept. 18 at which it sought further input.

Harder provided an updated the land restoration activity on lots along Dogwood Loop on the west side of the lake, and Don Larson provided information on complying with water safety rules and regulations.

In board elections, members re-elected Bonnie Alsleben as treasurer, Steve Richter as secretary and Robin Robotcek as at-large director.