

Aug. 27, 2011 fall meeting minutes of

Big Swan Lake Improvement Association of Todd County.

President Mark Brauch called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. following the Lake Improvement District meeting at the Hub Supper Club.

Minutes of the Association's May 21 spring meeting were approved on a motion by Jean Harder and a second by Sue Krippner; motion carried. Treasurer Bonnie Alsleben reported a balance of \$XX,XXX.xx as of Aug. 27. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Kath Brezinka and a second by Betty Richter. The treasurer said the Association's auditor had asked for permission to have ongoing access to the Association's account information at the Central Minnesota Credit Union. A motion by Betty Richter and a second by George Brezinka carried to continue limiting auditor account access to a once-a-year basis.

A motion by Sue Krippner and a second by George Brezinka carried to distribute 2011 charitable gambling profits, minus the year-end profit carryover, by Dec. 31, 2011 in the following manner: City of Grey Eagle – 30%, Long Lake Improvement Association – 30%, Big Swan Lake Improvement District - 40%. The motion carried.

Members heard reports from the Constitution/Bylaws, Exotic Weeds and Water Quality, Fisheries, Bog and Web Site committees. To allow timely succession of officers, Mark Brauch and Pat Masloski recommended changing the Constitution and Bylaws to provide that the terms of president and vice president be up for election in odd years and that the secretary, treasurer and non-officer positions be elected in even years. Under the new business portion of the agenda, members approved the change to the constitution and bylaws effective at the meeting.

To replace Mark Brauch who was retiring as president, Steve Richter nominated Denny Harder for the position. Chuck Krippner made a motion to close nominations and members voted to elect Harder for a two-year term. Harder asked for volunteers to serve the remainder of his term as at-large director. Robin Robotcek volunteered to serve the remaining one-year term. She was elected on a motion by Harder and a second by Sue Krippner. Don Larson continues as vice president.

In other new business, Sue Krippner reported on her son's experience as a DNR intern monitoring at lake accesses for zebra mussels and other exotic species. Application deadline is March 15 for taking part in the program. Chuck Krippner was named to lead a committee to look further into access inspections. Mark Brauch and Pat Masloski volunteered to serve on the committee, too. A motion by George Brezinka seconded by Jean Harder carried to appropriate \$X,XXX to pay for access inspection this coming year, if the lake is accepted into the monitoring program.

Mark Brauch reported he had heard Long Lake may install a dry hydrant that the fire department can hook up to for improved lake fire protection and lower residential fire insurance rates. He will investigate and report at the spring meeting. He asked for volunteers to check with their insurance companies to determine what affect a dry hydrant would have on individual rates.

Members carried a motion by George Brezinka and a second by Ed _____ to end the meeting.