

Big Swan Lake – Lake Association  
Spring Meeting – May 22, 2021 – HUB Supper Club, Burtrum, MN

Board Members Present: Secretary Ryan Ganley, Treasurer Jan Lind

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 am by Secretary Ganley.

Ryan Ganley asked if everyone present got a chance to look at the minutes from the Fall 2020 Lake Association meeting. Attendees responded they did and no one had any questions. A motion was made by Chuck Macy to approve the minutes – second by Joan Ganley. Motion carried.

Review of the Financial Statements: Treasurer Jan Lind stated that some income came in from pull tabs and the balance of the bank accounts stands at approximately \$63,000. Jan stated that membership dues are down from years past – there were 44 members in 2020 and 71 members in 2019. A question was asked about expenses and Jan stated our only expenses were insurance, DNR fees and the fingerling stocking. Chuck Macy, President of the LID, stated that the LID reimburses the Association for the stocking so they assume the expense. No further questions were asked.

Fish Stocking Update: Lee Daly presented for Al Leinen. The fish stocking of fingerlings has been cancelled for this fall by the DNR. The DNR will be adding a large amount of fry this fall and wants to track the success of the program. If we add fingerlings it will interfere with their tracking process. The DNR is hopeful that we will be able to stock fingerlings again in the Fall of 2022. The amount of money allocated for stocking in 2021 will be held over for the stocking program in 2022.

Phosphorus Reduction Update: Lee Daly presented some possible plan ideas to reduce the levels of phosphorus in Big Swan Lake. A committee has been created to look into the ideas and Lee has been working with outside organizations to help with the planning. A handout was given and the committee will share their ideas and recommendations at the Fall meeting.

Curly Leaf Treatment Update: Ryan Ganley presented for Denny Harder. Treatment was done on May 5, 2021 on 24.2 acres of the lake – mainly concentrated in the narrows and some to the south portion of the lake. Further information on future treatment plans will follow at the Fall meeting.

Shoreline Weed Control Update: Ryan Ganley presented information on individual shoreline weed control. Members present received sign up forms and company information for the organization that would perform the treatment. Members were encouraged to spread the information to neighbors on the lake to help reach the goal of 20 homes, the minimum required for the treatment to be completed. Ryan also noted that sign up information was also available on the Lake Association website.

Boat Parade: In the absence of Dave Nickolay no information was available for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade. Members were encouraged to watch for further details to be posted on the Lake Association website.

Golf Tournament: Ryan Ganley noted that the annual Golf Tournament would be held on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Long Prairie Country Club. This event supports both Big Swan Lake and Long Lake. This year's event has been cut back and will not include a silent auction. More details coming soon. Members were encouraged to watch for further details to be posted on the Lake Association website.

Election of board members: Ryan Ganley asked for interest in recruiting new board members, reminding everyone that the President and Vice President stepped down and the Secretary position is up for re-election. Marty Dvorak and Jason Schwamb both expressed interest after asking questions about time requirements needed to be on the board. There was concern from members about the lack of knowledge about the Lake Association and ideas for increasing membership were shared. Consideration of lowering the membership fees was discussed as well as inviting lake residents to attend meetings with no dues required so they can see what the association is all about and decide if they would like to join. Increased mailings to lake residents were discussed as well as updating the Lake Association website with board member emails for easier contact. Also discussed the possibility of increasing the signage placed around the lake to announce any upcoming meetings. It was determined that increasing interest of membership will be an ongoing topic to continue at future meetings.

In accordance with the Lake Association Bylaws the following motions were made:

A motion was made by Ryan Ganley to elect Marty Dvorak as a board member – second by Jason Rahn. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ryan Ganley to elect Jason Schwamb as a board member – second by Chuck Macy. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joan Ganley to re-elect Ryan Ganley as Secretary of the board – second by Jason Schwamb. Motion carried.

It was decided that the new members were elected as At Large members replacing Mark Redding and Dave Nickolay. Titles were to be decided prior to the Fall meeting.

Open Discussion: No further topics were brought up.

Motion to adjourn was presented at 10:02 am. Motion passed.

Submitted by Ryan Ganley, Secretary