

*Big Swan Lake – Lake Association
Spring Meeting – May 21, 2022 – HUB Supper Club, Burtrum, MN*

Board Members Present: Treasurer Jan Lind, Secretary Ryan Ganley, and Jason Schwamb

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Secretary Ganley, on behalf of President Dvorak, who was unable to attend.

Ryan Ganley asked if anyone had any questions from the Fall meeting minutes. Attendees responded they did not. A motion was made by Steve Richter to approve the minutes – second by Chuck Macy. Motion carried.

Review of the Financial Statements: Treasurer Jan Lind reported a balance of approximately \$64,000. The only expense came from the purchase of the Association meeting signs. No income from Pull Tabs were noted. Chuck Macy volunteered to speak with Hub owners to get an update on why we are not receiving any funds. Chuck also brought up the request to have individuals volunteer to help with running the meat raffle. If they are interested, they can contact Chuck or Ernie Valencia, Hub owner. No other questions or comments concerning the financials. A motion was made by Randy Schneider to approve the financials – second by Jim Macy. Motion carried.

Fish Stocking: Lee Daly gave an update on behalf of Al Leinen who was unable to attend. The Walleye Fry stocking has been ordered for October 2022. We are on an every other year cycle with the DNR.

TMDL Update: Lee Daly provided a quick update of the hot spots of unwanted minerals flowing into Big Swan Lake. If you would like more details you can go onto the Big Swan Lake Association website and view the report that was posted on October 2021. We are awaiting the results from the core sampling taken in March and further reports from our consultant, Steve Henry. A full TMDL report will be provided at our Fall meeting. Concerns were also brought up concerning the recent flooding and farm run off on Emerald Trail that was flowing over the road and into the lake. Residents were going to address this issue with the township and also speak with Hollerman Farms. Chuck Macy volunteered to speak with Sean Hollerman.

Curly Leaf Treatment: Chuck Macy spoke on Denny Harder's behalf concerning the Curly Leaf treatment on Big Swan Lake. The same treatment was done on 24 acres as in previous years. We originally requested that 60 acres be treated but only 24 acres was approved by the DNR. We are hoping for future funding to continue for the treatment. Chuck also notified those present at the meeting that Denny will be stepping back from his duties with the Curly Leaf treatment. Denny is willing to train a new volunteer to take over. A request was made for someone to volunteer but nobody stepped up to assume responsibility. Further discussion on

this is needed because if no volunteer is willing to help out we run the risk that the treatment will not be done in the future. A motion was made by Chuck Macy to request a 60 acre treatment next year – second by Ryan Ganley. Motion carried.

Boat Parade: Ryan did not have any information concerning the annual 4th of July boat parade. Dave Nickolay has previously been involved. Ryan will reach out to him to get an update and make sure information is posted on the website.

Golf Tournament: Denny Harder has previously helped to organize this event with Long Lake. Ryan will email both Denny and Marty to see if there will be participation in August. It was stated that the Long Prairie Country Club did have the event noted on their calendar. Ryan will make sure updates are posted to the website.

Open Discussion: Steve Richter noted that a payment is due for our website care, maintenance and security for a period of 2 years equaling \$627.00. Ryan Ganley made a motion to approve the payment – second by Jim B. Motion carried.

Ryan spoke with President Marty Dvorak prior to the meeting. Marty would like to work on ways to increase membership. Marty would like to propose a mailing to all lake owners with a survey about why they are not a part of the association. The letter would also include bullet points informing everyone what the Association does for the lake. A suggestion was made by Tom to create a discount card for all paying members to use at local restaurants and retail stores – similar to the fundraiser cards used by schools. That could provide an incentive for lake owners to become members.

Marty would also like to contact the DNR concerning the Sunfish initiative limit on our lake. Currently we are one of the few local lakes that does not have a reduced Sunfish limit.

Chuck Macy brought up information for those interested in attending a Watershed conference at Camp Ripley.

Joan Ganley, speaking on behalf of Dave Nickolay, shared a concern on recent property tax evaluations. Dave wanted people to know that he is attempting to get a reduction in his value and if anyone else would like to band together they can contact Dave directly. His email address was given out to those interested.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Ganley at 10:00 am. Motion carried.

Submitted by Ryan Ganley, Secretary