

Big Swan Lake Improvement Association of Todd County

Minutes of the May 17, 2014 spring membership meeting

The meeting at The Hub was called to order at 9 a.m. by President Denny Harder with 24 members present. Minutes of the August 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Larry Alsleben and a second by Sue Krippner. The treasurer's report by Bonnie Alsleben showed a total budget balance as of the meeting of \$42,116.11, including a money market balance of \$39,023.52 on Aug. 24, 2013. The report was approved on a motion by Sue Krippner and a second by George Brezinka.

Harder reported the DNR this year approved a permit to treat 53 acres of the lake most infested with Curlyleaf pondweed. He said last year's DNR treatment deadline was too early, requiring application before the non-native weed had a chance to fully emerge. He negotiated a later deadline for 2014, and would ask for more of an extension if treatment was still too early due to another late spring. He also reported the lake had again received a \$5,500 state grant for Curlyleaf treatment.

Sue Krippner reported on the plan for terminating the association's charitable gambling license after losing the pull tab business at The Hub. The ending profit carryover was \$11,899.37 with outstanding expenses of \$2,954 still to be paid. She proposed the remaining \$8,954 be disbursed to the participating organizations in the following manner: Long Lake – 30%, City of Grey Eagle for its fire department – 30%, Todd County Lake Improvement District – 35%, and Swanville Dollars for Scholars – 5%. Members approved a motion by Don Larson and a second by Betty Richter to make final distribution of funds as proposed. Members approved terminating the license on a motion by Denny Harder and a second by George Brezinka.

Tim Stieber, new division director of Todd County Planning and Zoning and Soil and Water departments, reported on the sewer inspection program scheduled to take place around Big Swan Lake this summer. Drain fields will be inspected by licensed staff. Residents are responsible for hiring a licensed pumper/maintainer to pump and inspect their septic tanks. Property owners will be reimbursed \$125 after septic tank integrity reports are received from pumpers by Oct. 31, 2014.

A report from the floating bog removal committee indicated no solution has yet been determined. A resident of the north end of the lake said a huge bog was creating problems for residents there. Harder pointed out the LID has \$6,000 available for bog removal that could be used to help pay for commercial help.

Nancy Hillman requested volunteers to help with the annual Save the Lakes Golf Tournament at the Long Prairie Country Club on Friday, Aug. 1.

George Brezinka reported on county-driven farm feedlot improvement projects taking place in the watershed on the west side of the lake that will receive LID funding to supplement federal and state cost sharing. The LID has approved \$5,000 for one of the projects and may seek approval for further cost sharing at the LID meeting in August.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Sue Krippner and Nancy Hillman.