

May 18 2013 meeting

Big Swan Lake Association of Todd County

Long Prairie Country Club

Meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by President Denny Harder with about 20 members in attendance.

Minutes of the Aug. 25, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Nancy Hillman, seconded by George Brezinka.

Treasurer Bonnie Alsleben reported the association has a balance of \$32,216.78. Betty Richter made a motion seconded by Jim Macy to approve the treasurer's report; motion carried.

Sue Krippner reported the steps being taken following the closing of the Hub Supper Club, where the association ran its pull tab and bingo activities. The association is hoping the Hub reopens under new ownership that would continue to host the association's charitable gambling operations. In the meantime, she invited members to make suggestions for potential optional sites.

She reported the charitable gambling operation has a balance of about \$21,000, which the association will hold until the end of the year to pay ongoing expenses before disbursing remaining funds to participating organizations. Krippner noted the association renewed its license for the year ending April 2014 to be prepared in the event the Hub reopens or another site is located. As a licensee, the association must continue to hold monthly meetings. Krippner continues to be paid as manager to file necessary paperwork, pay off ongoing storage and other expenses and to develop a follow-up plan of action. She reported that Kathy Brezinka will be retiring as assistant and would have to be replaced should gambling activity resume. Members thanked her for her voluntary service from the start of charitable gambling.

Denny Harder updated members on curlyleaf pondweed control. He reported the invasive weed species would be surveyed the following week by RMB Environmental Services at a cost of \$3,000. It will sample the entire lake beyond 150 feet from shore at a spacing of every 90 meters to determine how widespread curlyleaf is in the lake. That will give the DNR more accurate data to determine how much it will allow the association chemically treat. Harder said DNR officials have agreed to allow treating more than its current permit limit of 60 acres, up to currently unspecified point. Lake Management Inc. is prepared to treat, when weather and water conditions are appropriate, whatever number of acres DNR will allow. The association received another \$5,000 grant from the state to help pay for off-shore treatment.

In new business, Harder asked members to think about nominees for the two-year terms of president and vice-president, which will be up for election at the August meeting. Harder indicated he is planning not to run for president again after 20 years of service on the board

With the closing of the Hub, Nancy Hillman reported on alternative plans for the Save the Lakes Golf Tournament and Dinner on Friday, Aug. 2. The Long Prairie Country Club has agreed to host the meal

and auction dinner. She is still searching for a caterer. She asked for volunteers to help solicit gifts for the auction and other duties.

George Brezinka reported details of this year's bog permit can be found on the web site:
www.bigswanlake.com.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bonnie Alsleben seconded by Sue Krippner.