

**Minutes of the May 20, 2017 meeting
of the Big Swan Lake Association of Todd County**

The meeting was called to order at the Hub Supper Club by President Dave Nickolay at 9:00 AM.

Dave thanked Pat Masloski for web site and asked all to send info to Pat if they want something added or posted on website. Nancy Hillman recognized for all her work on fund raising activities.

On a motion by Mark Brauch and a second by Al Leinen, members approved the secretary's minutes as presented. Treasurer Jan Lind reported a checking account balance of \$5,769.85 and a money market balance of \$35,341.15 as of April 15th. Fund raising activities seem to be providing a steady income. Dave asked that all members spread the word about next Bingo event in August. Suggestion made to send out notice by email, advertise, and use website. With that, email list was circulated for updates. Members approved the report on a motion by Mark Brauch and a second by Chuck Macy

Mark Brauch reported briefly on water level project and received permission to continue with research. Intent is to determine if current culvert positions and sill are at appropriate levels with assumption that culverts should be relocated to 7 ½ inches above sill. Project details, analysis, and proposals to be discussed in fall.

Denny Harder reported on curlyleaf spraying program with DNR. Maps of the 51 acres treated were made available. Cost of treatment is \$17,000 with \$13,000 in grants expected. Additional areas of curly leaf reported to be seen. RMS is company used previously to survey for curly leaf. Motion made by Denny Harder and seconded by Tim Solem to contract with RMS to survey the lake again. Denny Harder will coordinate with RMS and schedule as appropriate. Estimated cost is \$4000. Motion approved.

Chuck Macy reported on Aquatic Invasive Species program. Todd County website has full report available. It is important to have representation at the various meetings to be updated on changing events stay on top of potential grants etc.

Dave provided update on newsletter sent out to all members and contained the Goals and Objectives. Board reviews the goals and objectives each meeting and will continue to use as agenda. Communications is topic in goals and objectives. Will continue to distribute newsletter to all members. Cost is \$200-\$250 per publication. Plan is to publish twice per year depending on availability of information and articles. Members agreed to send publication to all members of LID.

Traffic count strip purchased by Dave Nickolay with approval from Board, was installed at public access. Device purchased by association with partial reimbursement from county AIS program. County program is catching AIS violations. Goal of traffic count strip is to determine accurate traffic levels to support county monitoring times. Current on site monitoring is only certain times per month. Traffic counter installed and will be monitored by Mark Redding.

Public landing in general was discussed. Looking at ways to fill in hole at end of ramp due to power loading of boats. Landing to have asphalt painted with AIS message as a reminder to check boats and trailers before leaving.

Al Leinen looking at alternative ways to anchor channel markers and shallow water buoys. All agreed to relocate buoys as needed. Al will also be looking into a walleye stocking program for fingerlings. Chuck Macy agreed to work in conjunction with Al. Chuck is in process of researching walleye beds.

Fund raising activities discussed. Nancy Hillman doing a great job as indicated by positive cash flow. Will need more help with golf tournament. If interested, contact Nancy.

Five bylaw changes read and discussed with intent to have membership vote on proposals. Proposals were included with agenda sent out to members. A voting form was provided for all 5 proposals. Steve Richter provided memo to Dave stating the Board did review bylaw change proposals and approved. Article II, Section 1 Membership Eligibility – Passed, Article III, Section 1 Meetings of Members – Failed, Article III, Section 1 Members Election Of Board Members – Passed, Article III, Section 1 Members election Of Officers – Passed, Article V, Section 3 Board Member Meetings – Passed. Two section modified after vote to change “annual” to read “spring annual” meeting. Two votes taken on the rewording to change in two locations. First vote motion made by Al Leinen and seconded by Bonnie Alsleben. Second article motion made by Pat Masloski with a second by Mark Brauch. Both passed.

Fourth of July boat parade, received so well in 2016, will be held again this year. Winner of the "best decorated" entry will receive \$50.

George Brezinka handed out and discussed a detailed Todd County Watershed Report. This report is the most current available to date. George reported buffers to be in place by end of 2017. Suggestion made by George is to participate in buffer program on west side of lake by providing funding for seeding. George and Lee Daly to work on options. Motion made by Mark Brauch with second by Ed Hennek to have all applicants to BSLA for buffer funding, be instructed to see LID. Motion carried.

Dave Nickolay reported water quality testing at the lake's three creek inlets and lake bottom core sampling analysis is on hold until after receiving TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) study that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) began on the lake in 2016. Members indicated they would consider discussing funding further testing after the MPCA makes its preliminary report.

The two-year terms of President and Vice President are for election this year. Due to changes in bylaws, vote would move to the current Association meeting. Motion made by Mark Brauch and seconded by Bonnie Alsleben to extend terms of current Board by 9 months so all members have opportunity to see minutes and vote at spring meeting elections. Motion carried.

Request made to have membership level activities researched. Is the Association making progress with increasing membership with current activity levels?

Members approved closing the meeting on a motion by Jean Harder and a second by Bonnie Alsleben.