

**Minutes of the May 19, 2019 meeting  
of the Big Swan Lake Association of Todd County**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Denny Harder

Denny presented the overall agenda prior to discussion, introduced guest Deja Anton from Todd County, and asked if there were any other items to be discussed.

Financial statement copies provide by Jan Lind for all and reviewed. Good financial resources are available. Motion by Sue and seconded by Ed to accept financial statement – Passed

Al Leinen presented overview of fish stocking program from 2018. 400 pounds stocked in October of 2018. Proposal made by Sue to stock up to 800 pounds with ½ cost of program to be paid up front for 2019. Amount to stock based on recommendations from supplier and DNR. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie – Passed

Sue made motion to create and post a sign on public land prior to access that suggests all walleyes 15” or less be returned. Motion approved.

Deja Anton with Todd County Soil and Water was on hand to present information on land stewardship. The information is public information released at previous Todd County meetings. Primary point of information at this meeting was to cover questions regarding the former Dowell property. 60% of land in entire watershed is considered disturbed which means it has a higher chance to increase phosphorous in the lake. Good point about watershed - Todd County restricts winter application of fertilizers, Where surface application is allowed, details setbacks, and establishes other setbacks

Related to the Deja’s presentation, Lee Daly and Al will contact owner of “ditch” along west side of the property to discuss some form of lease or agreement on grass buffer. Lee and Al will meet with owner, research various options and present at fall meeting.

Web site is up and running. Steve request funding for maintenance, so on his behalf, Denny proposed authorization of \$500 yearly for website maintenance which was seconded by Sue— motion carried

RMB information reported by Dave Nickolay. Swan has 5 inlets and 1 outlet. Water comes in from Lady and Long Lakes and creeks. All info is available on the website. Overall Swan lake has low solids, low phosphorus, low nitrogen, and a significant reduction in EColi. All results fall within expected ranges for a lake of our eco status. E Coli does enter the lake between Long and Swan. Schwanke Creek and creek at 287 and Dogwood also show as contributors of EColi, however EColi has a whole is down. Suggestion is to resamples these 3 areas in 2021.

Boat parade is scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM –rain will move date to July 7<sup>th</sup>. Parade starts at public access on South end of lake. Winner of best decorated vehicle receives \$50.

Golf tournament is sponsored by BSLA this year and is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Focus this year is more fun and prizes.

Denny provided info on 2019 curly leaf application which was applied on Wednesday, May 15. Lake Management treated 24.2 acres in 2019. Funding is again requested for application to 80 acres of curly leaf control, which was seconded by Sue. Motion carried.

Public access monitoring information presented by Mark with handouts available for all. 2018 showed 1839 vehicles with at least 3 axels used the landing from April 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2018. AIS inspection by Todd County staff in 2018 was 352 hours and inspected 687 boats. This is roughly 35% of the vehicles using the access. No information is available from Todd County as to findings of the inspections or which days the inspections were conducted.

Goose Control – Long and short of this subject - property owners are on their own to remove geese from their property. Geese like mowed grass over natural vegetation.

Floating bogs can be removed by owners under permit provided by the LID. It is best to remove the bogs if possible. Recommendation is not to push bogs back into the lake.

Need 3 new board members to replace Denny, Jan, and Al. Both Jan and Al volunteered to stay on the board. Ryan Ganley volunteered for 3<sup>rd</sup> position. Motion to accept all 3 members approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

Board follow up after meeting:

- Treasurer – Jan Lind
- Secretary – Ryan Ganley
- Member – Al Leinen
- Vice President – Dave Nicolay
- President – Mark Redding

2020 Spring meeting - Elect board members for positions held by Mark and Dave

2019 dates:

- Fall meeting August 24<sup>th</sup> with tentative Board Meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>

2020 dates:

- Spring Meeting May 16<sup>th</sup> with tentative Board Meeting on April 18th
- Fall meeting August 29<sup>th</sup> with tentative Board Meeting on July 25th