

**Minutes of the May 19, 2018 meeting  
of the Big Swan Lake Association of Todd County**

President Dave Nickolay called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. with 21 members present. The minutes of the August 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Ed Hennek and a second by Don Larson. The treasurer's report showing a checking account balance of \$5,088 and a money market balance of \$50,366.05 was also approved on a motion by Betty Richter and a second by Denny Harder.

Harder reported on Curlyleaf Pondweed spraying this spring, noting the DNR allowed coverage of only 51 acres, the same as last year, short of the requested 80 acres. He reminded the group that the manufacturer will reimburse the association \$3,400 per year for five years to cover the cost of product that failed to work last season. The association also expects 50% reimbursement of this year's cost from Todd County aquatic invasive species control funding.

Al Leinen reported that the DNR will let the association stock 400 pounds of walleye fingerlings this fall, instead of the 800 pounds it originally requested. The DNR will still stock another 400 pounds of fingerlings. The lake's stocking will take place in late October when water is the coldest before ice over. The cost to the association will be \$6,000 instead of the \$10,000 members authorized. Leinen noted the overabundance of northern pike in the lake and it's lack of good-sized perch to feed walleye.

Mark Redding reported the vehicle counter the association installed at the public land tallied 2,060 boats between May 17, when it was installed, and the end of September. Nickolay says the county reports it inspected 381 vehicles at the landing last summer, indicating the AIS inspection program is reaching only a small percentage of boats entering the lake. Chuck Macy reported the DNR will allow the lake and its contractor to install the new concrete ramp pads at the landing to provide wider and longer lake access after Memorial Day when it will have an inspector available.

In other business, Nickolay said RMB Laboratories began testing at five lake inlets this spring and will continue sampling monthly during the summer. This testing supplements Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) testing by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) that began last summer and continues this year. MPCA will work with Todd County Soil and Water to hold a public meeting later this summer to report its preliminary results. It will make a final report in 2019 after public input. Lee Daly reported water clarity has been particularly bad this spring, with clarity down to six feet, which is more typical late in the season.

Nancy Hillman said the association is again expected to help run the golf tournament held in conjunction with Long Lake on the first Friday of August. Chuck Macy reported he visited with Hub Supper Club ownership to discuss Big Swan Lake involvement in pull tabs, bingo and meat raffles. The Hub is interested in weekly bingo, which in the past has proven to be difficult to get enough volunteers. He said running a meat raffle might be easier to do. He will report back.

Nickolay reported this year's Fourth of July board parade will be held on Sunday, July 1 at 10:30 a.m. when more people are likely to be around.

In the board election, Dave Nickolay and Mark Redding were re-elected to two-year terms and Denny Harder was elected to replace Steve Richter. In the following reorganization meeting, Harder was elected president of the board, Nickolay vice president and Redding secretary, replacing Richter. Jan Lind continues as treasurer and Al Leinen as at-large member.