**BASS LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Present: Michael Blassey, John Carlson, Marilyn Carlson, Jon Auge, Nancy Geiger, Bob Steele, Martha Steele, Pam Berhow, Steve Berhow, Jim Grzeskowiak, Karen Grzeskowiak, Paul Ice, Sue Meyer, Dave Meyer, Jon Grassmann, Monica Grassmann, Cathi VanHorne.

John Carlson, President, called the meeting to order. All members present introduced themselves. John gave the following updates:

* No invasive species have been found in Bass Lake to date.
* There was only one loon chick this year – it has not been seen for several weeks.
* Fishing pressure on the lake has been moderate.
* High water has led to erosion, as has wake from boats.
* There has been a change in management at PineCrest Resort.
* Teri Stanley’s cabin/land has been sold to her son, Phillip Stanley.
* There are two new houses on the lake (Charlton on the West side; Klungseth on the East).
* The shoreline restoration completed by the Pierce’s appears to be holding up.
* There have been issues with skiers coming too close to docks and swimmers. Martha Steele talked to the DNR and was told that the appropriate channel for complaints is the county sheriff’s office. We may want to pursue exploring a no wake zone.
* There are beaver issues on the southwest corner of the lake and along the East shore.

The minutes from the August 11, 2018 annual meeting were approved.

Directory Process: Jon Auge said the member directory is being moved to the website where it can be accessed by members with a password that will change each year. When members renew, they will receive the year’s password. Jon handed out copies of the new directory and told people to contact him with changes, which will be made immediately on the website. An email outlining the new process will be sent out to members along with the password for this year.

Spring Social Event and July 4th Parade: Jon Auge said the spring event went well and was well-attended. People enjoyed meeting their neighbors. The July 4th Parade and pontoon/boat hook-up was rained out. We plan to continue both events next year. People present suggested that the second weekend in June worked well for the spring event.

Loon Center: Michael Blassey outlined the planned National Loon Center project in Crosslake. The National Loon Foundation is working to raise the 12 million dollars. The center will be a 15,000 square foot facility on the Army Corps of Engineers land near the dam in Crosslake. They are working on lease agreements now. It is estimated that there will be about 80,000 visitors each year. Also, Crosslake got designated as a Bird City by the Audubon Society – it is the 4th Bird City in the state.

Mission Park: Michael Blassey reminded people that township residents (including part-time) can rent the park without charge. Contact Anna Anderson, town clerk. The Friends of the Park is writing a DNR grant to get funding for facility improvement, including improving the pickleball courts. The group thanked Michael for mowing the trails in the park.

Water Clarity, Veliger and Lake Level Monitoring: Martha Steele said that the clarity level in May was 21.5 feet, and for July it was 12 feet. The May reading was the lowest level in recorded history, showing the lake is very clear. Historic levels are on the Bass Lake Association website. Water levels were 5.36 in October, 5.4 in April, and 5.4 in July showing that the lake level is very high this year and is not going down over the summer as it usually does. Veliger testing done in two places on July 11 shows no sign of veligers (zebra mussels). Michael Blassey reminded people to check their docks for zebra mussels in the fall.

Member Signs: Martha Steele outlined plans for Bass Lake Association member signs similar to the ones that members of the Horseshoe Lake Association have purchased/posted. Martha passed out sample signs and members made suggestions about size, layout, ink, colors, and vendor. Martha will incorporate suggestions and information about the signs and costs will be sent out to members.

Website and Facebook Page: Martha Steele said the she has created a Facebook page that is connected to her page (Bass Lake Association Mission) – Nancy sent the link to members a few weeks ago. There has not been much interaction on the page. Martha asked for ideas/input to increase interaction. Martha will be doing more member profiles on the website .

Mission Park Parade: Marilyn Carlson said we should look into having an Association float in next year’s parade. We could use a truck, boat, and trailer. Let Marilyn know if you would like to participate.

Treasurer’s Report: Nancy Geiger reviewed the report, which was included in the meeting packet:

Balance on 8/11/2018 $4,498.63

Deposits Expenses

2018 dues collected after the annual meeting $ 70.00

2019 dues collected (29 @ $20) $580.00

2019 AIS Fund donation $ 20.00

Rolls for 2018 Annual Meeting $ 57.71

2018 Annual Meeting handout copies $ 45.16

2018 directory mailing – USPS $ 28.82

Gift Card recognition – Teri Stanley $ 50.00

Lakes and Rivers Asso. 2019 Renewal $ 30.00

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June 8th Social event – Mission Tavern $167.71

Totals $670.00 $479.40

Balance on 8/10/2019 $4,689.23

Vice President Position: John Carlson asked for volunteers for the Vice President position – Jon Auge will become the new President and open up the Vice President position. John said that Bob Steele has volunteered, and the members unanimously approved Bob for the position.

Open Discussion:

* Cathi VanHorne said that her cabin/storage pod were broken into just after last Thanksgiving. The thieves took power tools. The police caught people robbing places on Horseshoe Lake. Michael Blassey said it is helpful to report robberies to the Crosslake police – they get information out more quickly.
* Marilyn Carlson thanked the Board for their contributions.
* Jon Auge thanked John Carlson for his service as President of the Association.

John closed the meeting – next meeting in summer, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Geiger, Secretary/Treasurer