**BASS LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, August 13th, 2022

Present: Bob Steele, Matha Steele, Nancy Geiger, Pam Berhow, Steve Berhow, Dave Meyer, Sue Meyer, Jim Grzeskowiak, Karen Grzeskowiak,, Harlan Frauendienst, Jan Frauendienst, John Grassmann, Monica Grassman, Michael Blassey, Catherine McGoldrick, Paul Ice, Chris Ice, Phil Stanley, Jess Stanley, Paul Linder, Candi Fuller, Nick Fuller, John Carlson, Marilyn Carlson, Sandy Soby

Bob Steele, President, called the meeting to order. He asked for approval of the minutes from the 2021 Association Annual Meeting. The minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker: Sheila Boldt, Pine Haven Native Vegetation Restoration from Merrifield. Sheila talked about shoreline, pollinators and erosion control. Some of the plants she mentioned are grasses, pollinators, and willow for shoreline restorations. Sheila’s website for more information. www.facebook.com/pinehavenrestorations

Guest Speaker: Candi Fuller, National Resource Conservation, Urban Agriculture. Candi discussed erosion control on lakes and rivers. She demonstrated the run off of water with different soil and vegetation. Candi and Nick Fuller are members of the Bass Lake Association.

Loon Center Update: Michael Blassey reported an update on the plans for the National Loon Center that will be built in Cross Lake at the Federal Campground. The center has hired two more staff and there are three interns. There will be a floating classroom on Cross Lake. The Corp of Engineers has set up a dock system. They will break ground next spring.

Water Monitoring: Catherine McGoldrick reported on water quality measurements that are taken between May and September. The water clarity is 14 ft and most shallow is 11 ft. No invasive species were found. Catherine also mentioned checking for zebra mussels on your docks. Measurements and test results are posted on the Association website.

Member Signs: Bob mentioned if anyone is interested there are some member signs available for $23.00. Contact Martha Steele for information on signs.

Plans for 2023: Bob talked about the plans for a Spring Social, 4th of July parade and Mission parade. The Spring Social and 4th of July boat parade were decided on and the Mission parade is still in discussion. Bass Lake Association received a first place trophy in the Mission parade this summer. Our Spring Social was at B Merri’s this spring and was well attended. The annual meeting will be in August.

Boat Wake Impact Research: Nancy Geiger reported results from the University of Minnesota St Anthony Falls Research Lab which measures the impact of wake and prop thrust on lake environment and wildlife. The research indicates that it takes 500 feet for the wave action of wake boats to diminish to the level of waves from planning/non-wake boats, but no legislation or firm guidelines have been established about footage these boats should be from docks, shoreline. Further research studies will need to be completed before recommendations are acted on by the legislature (current legislation that is in both the House and the Senate lists 200 feet). Bass Lakes has links to this information.

Mission Park Updates: Bob mentioned the new playground equipment, pickle courts and resurfaced basketball court. There will be a new roof on the pavilion and parking lot barriers. Knife River issued a grant to expand the trail system further south and east.

Bob presented a gift card to Marilyn and John Carlson for all their hard work and contributions to the Association. Marilyn and John will be moving to Rochester in September. They will be missed.

Treasurer’s Report: Pam Berhow reviewed the Association finances:

Bass Lake Association Financial Report – 8/14/2021

Balance on 8/14/2022 $4,823.12

Deposits Expenses

20201 dues collected after the 2020 Annual Meeting $ 60.00

2022 dues collected (21 @ $20 + $50 donation) $ 470.00

Member signs sold $ 71.00

2021 Annual Meeting refreshments $ 107.18

Lakes and Rivers Association (county) 2022 renewal $ 25.00

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Association (state) 2022 renewal $ 100.00

University of Minnesota St Anthony Falls Lab $ 200.00

National Loon Center Donation $ 200.00

Spring Social Event $ 242.22

Totals $ 601.00 $ 874.40

Balance on 8/13/2022 $4,549.72

If anyone is still interested in paying membership fees for 2022 you can send a check to Pam Berhow.

Board Positions: Bob announced the Website Coordinator position is open if anyone is interested. Martha Steele has volunteered to maintain the position and was voted in.

Open Discussion and Concerns: John passed the litter pick up on County Road 109 to Sandy Soboy and Pam Berhow.

Jim Grzekowiak mentioned he would like to see the Spring Social back at Mission Tavern next year to keep it local.

Marilyn Carlson thanked the Association for everything they do.

Bob closed the meeting – next meeting will be in summer, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Berhow, Secretary/Treasurer