

Bass Lake Association Meeting
Saturday, May 17, 2014
Mission Town Hall

Present: Nancy Geiger, Marilyn Carlson, John Carlson, Bob Steele, Michael Blassey, Catherine McGoldrick, Amelia Roessler, Elizabeth Roessler, Matthew Roessler, Shane Roessler, Martha Steele

President Catherine McGoldrick called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the 8-24-13 Meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurers Report:	Balance on 9/30/13	\$1,102.41
	2014 Dues Collected	\$ 280.00
	2013 AIS Fund Donations	\$ 672.60
	2014 AIS Fund Donations	\$ 240.00
	2013 AIS Admin Fee	\$ 257.60
	2014 AIS Admin Fee	\$ 250.00
	2014 LARA Membership	\$ 25.00
	Balance on 5/17/14	\$1,762.41

Treasurer's Report approved.

Catherine reported on information received on the lake's water quality from A&W Research. The Thirty Lakes Watershed District has been responsible for monitoring water quality and in the past ordered A&W Research to perform TSI (Trophic Status Index) monitoring for lakes within the district every five years for three years in a row. The TSI values are calculated on three measurements: Total Phosphorus, Chlorophyll a and Secchi Disk. Last year was our first year in the three year monitoring process. The report indicated that Bass Lake is steady at the Mesotrophic level. The same as it was reported in 1987. The algae/aquatic plant problems are temporary every season. Thirty Lakes Watershed District is reassessing whether or not to continue this process. Catherine contacted A&W Research and found out that the cost of a water sample evaluation is \$42 each time. Catherine and Michael volunteered to support the cost of the water sampling evaluation if Thirty Lakes Watershed District fails to do so.

Two DVD's were sent from Crow Wing County Land Services that are available for anyone to view. The discs cover Shoreline Management and Permits.

Nominations were opened for Secretary/Treasurer for the 2015-2016 term. Nancy Geiger was nominated and she accepted the nomination.

The program topic was "Pollinator Friendly Plants" presented by Catherine McGoldrick. Why are pollinators so important? Crops, fruits and vegetables all depend on pollination. There has been a decline in the bee population due to decrease in habitat and an increase in diseases and pesticide use. What can we do? Plant pollinator friendly plants! It is important to remember to use a variety of plants in a sunny area with access to a water source.

It was decided to hold Boat Parade at 1:00 PM on Friday, the 4th. The August meeting would be a potluck at noon on August 23rd at Mission Park. A flyer informing all lake residents of the parade and the August potluck would be distributed in mid-June.

Aquatic Invasive Species Volunteer training is being held on May 21st by the DNR at Ideal Corners Community Center. Attendance is important so that more volunteers can cover the lake access when a DNR Inspector is not scheduled.

A proposed amendment to the bylaws is under consideration to make a change to Article IV, Membership Meetings. This change would decrease the membership meetings to once a year to be held the Saturday before Labor Day or at the discretion of the Board. The amendment will be voted on at the August 23rd meeting.

Michael reported on the trails and improvements happening at Mission Park. A survey will be coming to all Mission Township residents and it is important that the survey be completed so that a vision of the park's future can be determined. The Independence Day Parade will be on Saturday, July 5th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Steele, Secretary/Treasurer