

Bass Lake Association Meeting
Saturday, May 19, 2012

Present: Marilyn Carlson, John Carlson, Catherine McGoldrick, Susan Hobbs, Martha Steele, Doug Yeager, Marilyn Bloom, Paul Linder, Terri Stanley, Bill Stanley, Beth Martin, Lonnie Lanning

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Carlson. Introductions were made. A special welcome was given to Doug Yeager who recently bought Craig Johnson's house on the west side of the lake.

Marilyn reported that she had attended the Lake Association Open House on May 11th put on by Crow Wing County in association with the Crow Wing Lakes and River Alliance, Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District, 30 Lakes Watershed District and the Department of Natural Resources Shoreline Habitat Program. She received information to distribute and highlighted the following points:

- Watch for zebra mussels.

- If you use a boat service, make sure that it is reputable.

- If you buy a used boat lift, it must stay out of the water for 21 days.

- Natural shoreline is important to the health of the lake.

- Grants are available—storm water reduction, updated septic systems.

- DVD from county land services for more info is available.

Marilyn pointed out that the DNR Fishing Regulations list all invested waters—starts on page 16 and ends on page 25!

Catherine McGoldrick opened the discussion on the many groups that the association should consider to be involved with. MN Waters is no longer an option as they folded as a group. Catherine and Michael Blassey researched the 30 Lakes Watershed District and as we are already paying for this group with our taxes, it appears to be a viable group to be involved with. Grants and speakers are available and there is emphasis on shoreline restoration to reduce runoff into the lake. Michael Blassey volunteered to attend the monthly meetings. The Crow Wing Co Lakes and Rivers Alliance promotes leadership and education that result in healthy ecosystems for present and future generations. Susan Hobbs volunteered to be the BLA representative with this group. The cost of membership in LARA for the size of our association is \$25.00. A motion was made and seconded to join both groups. The motion was approved.

Catherine McGoldrick was instrumental in procuring the speaker and introduced JoAnn Weaver, University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener. As part of giving back to the

community, Master Gardeners provide continuing education. As landfills are filling up, composting becomes more important. In an effort funded by MPCA waste reduction grant, compost bins are available through the Crow Wing County Master Gardeners for \$25.00. JoAnn talked about location of composting bins and the requirements needed to produce the “black gold”—browns (shredded newspaper, cardboard, straw), greens (fruit, vegetables, coffee grounds, tea bags), air and water. The ratio should be 3 browns to every green—no dairy products, fat or meat. The best time to use your compost is before you plant, but should not be used in seed starter trays. Questions can be answered by calling the Master Gardener’s Helpline: 218-824-1068.

The minutes of the 8-27-11 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer’s report:	Balance on 9/30/11	\$899.91.
	Dues collected	\$305.00.
	Expenses (postage)	\$27.70.
	Balance on 5/19/12	\$1,082.21.

Water quality report (Catherine McGoldrick):

Secchi disc readings:

After ice went out	14 feet
May 16 th	18 feet

The 18 foot reading was the best ever recorded. Catherine informed the group that there is a lot of information on shoreline restoration and should be taken advantage of.

A loon nesting platform was discussed and dismissed. Currently, it looks like the lake has two pairs of loons. The general opinion was that loon nesting platforms were not necessary.

John Carlson reported on the DNR invasive species stickers. They are no longer required, but the stickers are encouraged to promote awareness of the invasive species. Increased fines will be incurred for violations in July 2015. It was again emphasized that boat services need to take a class on prevention.

The second meeting of the year will be held on August 18th instead of August 25th due to a conflict with the Mission Park reservation. It will be a potluck starting at 5:00. There will be a short meeting.

Catherine McGoldrick and Michael Blassey have volunteered to touch base with all lake owners around the lake prior to the August meeting.

Terri Stanley reported that she is still working on Bass Lake t-shirts/sweatshirts for members and will get out more information on this project.

There were no nominations for the secretary/treasurer position that will be open for 2013.

Much discussion ensued regarding a way to disburse information to all the members as well as non-members on the lake. It was decided that a website would be more beneficial than a newsletter. Paul Linder and Terri Stanley will help coordinate the development of a website.

It was decided that the 4th of July boat parade should be a spontaneous get together.

There was much discussion on a sign at the boat landing sponsored by the BLA. The DNR had indicated that the money would be better spent on combatting invasive species if necessary. Terri Stanley volunteered to look into a sign that was developed by BLA members that would not be costly but would portray the message that the BLA members truly care about their lake. A sign at the access must have DNR approval. It was moved and seconded to pursue a sign and the approval process. Motion passed.

Marilyn requested ideas for future speakers. She suggested that we use the talent of our members as speakers as well as soliciting speakers from outside organizations.

There was further discussion on the control of garbage at the lake access. Many ideas were put forth, but no conclusion was made.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Steele, Secretary/Treasurer