

BASS LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Mission Park

Present: Catherine McGoldrick, Marilyn Carlson, Nancy Geiger, Michael Blassey, Bob King, Marilyn Bloom, Jim Grzeskowiak, Karen Grzeskowiak, John Grassman, Monica Grassman, Bob Peters, Al Trienert, Beth Martin, Lonnie Lanning, Jon Auge, Julie Auge, Susan Hobbes, Paul Ice, Chris Ice, Cathi Van Horne

President Catherine McGoldrick called the meeting to order and introduced the current officers. All attending were welcomed and introduced themselves.

The minutes from August 23, 2014 were reviewed and approved as printed.

Nancy Geiger reviewed the Treasurer's report:

Balance on 8/25/2014	\$ 1770.81
2015 dues collected (30 @ \$20)	600.00
2015 AIS Fund donations	350.00
Expenses	377.54
Balance on 8/29/2015	\$ 2343.27

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Catherine McGoldrick gave the President's Updates:

Inspectors: Our budget has increased because we are no longer paying inspectors. The State Legislature passed funding for inspectors, and Bass Lake received 200 hours of paid inspector time at \$14 per hour. 200 hours is the minimum amount a lake can receive – funding is based on criteria including the size of the lake, public access availability, and whether the lake has aquatic invasive species (AIS). All inspectors have class 2B training – several people on our board took the training so they could educate themselves and others. The BLA officers put in a request for inspector hours (feedback was sought from members via email last spring). We focused on Friday afternoons, Saturdays, and Sunday mornings. There was a rocky start as the county had not hired enough trained inspectors and we had no inspectors at first – now we are getting the hours we requested. To date we have 168 out of 200 hours filled and will have coverage through Labor Day. We receive Inspector Reports from the county showing hours but not the results of the inspections.

Clarity Testing: Catherine is the water clarity reader on Bass Lake. She tests the water every other week using a Secchi dish and reports her results (they are also on the BLA website). The lake is about 24 feet deep, and current clarity is 13 feet. There has been nothing worse than 10 feet this year. In the past when some cabins had old septic systems, readings were only 8-9 feet.

Veliger Testing: Veligers are baby zebra mussels. Starting in mid July lakes clean of zebra mussels were asked to test for veligers. The state is paying for the lab work – they will do the testing but asked for volunteers from lake associations to take samples. BLA purchased a veliger net for \$203.54 and Catherine and Martha Steele received the training. The state indicated where the three samples should be taken (outside “Hidden Lake” and in from the public access). No veligers were found in the BLA samples; testing will be done each year. Bass Lake also does not have water milfoil. Catherine showed the group a copy of an online map of Crow Wing County that shows what lakes have AIS (crowing.us – search AIS lakes).

Well/Water Testing: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will test water samples at their lab in Detroit Lakes. Samples are tested for chlorophyll A, nitrates and phosphorus – these indicate the health of the lake. Bass lake samples look good. They will also test your well water – you can pick up sampling kits at the lab near the Brainerd airport. Kits are free but the sampling process costs \$39. Catherine has done this for the wells on her property and can answer questions you may have.

Lake Association Membership: BLA renewed our membership to the Lakes and Rivers Association (LARA) and joined a statewide lobbying organization for other associations, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (MLR). More information can be found on the BLA website.

Spring Ice Thrust: The attendees discussed the large ice berms and heaves that many beaches had this year. This was a county-wide issue. The rule about outlawing bobcats and other equipment on beaches has been waived for this year to allow residents to repair their beaches.

President and Vice President Election: Marilyn Bloom (current Vice President) has volunteered to become the next president of the Association. However, no one has volunteered to be the Vice President and we received no nominations from the floor. The attendees at the meeting agreed that Nancy Geiger will send an email to all members asking for a volunteer. If no one volunteers, we will propose an amendment to the BLA By Laws to extend officer terms from two years to three years for all three positions (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer). All three current officers said they are willing to remain in their roles another year if no one volunteers for the Vice President role.

Michael Blassey gave an update on the logging and forestry planning for Mission Park. He reminded people that there is a Mission Township Board meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7 pm. He also reminded people about the free no sort recycling behind the Mission Town Hall. See the Mission Township website for more information.

Directory updates were distributed to the attendees; updates will be mailed to members unable to attend the meeting. Thanks to Terri Stanley for updating the directory!

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Geiger, Secretary/Treasurer