

## BASS LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Present: Jon Auge, Julie Auge, Catherine McGoldrick, Michael Blassey, Nancy Geiger, A. Sarah Hreha, Chuck Anderson, Joan Anderson, Pam Berhow, Steve Berhow, John Grassmann, Monica Grassmann, Rick Pierce, Julie Pierce, Bob Steele, Martha Steele, John Carlson, Marilyn Carlson, Dave Meyer, Sue Meyer, Chris Ice, Paul Ice, Paul Linder, Andrew Martens, Jill Steinhauser, Mark Steinhauser, Candi Fuller, Nick Fuller, Cathi VanHorne

Jon Auge, President, called the meeting to order. He introduced Eric Makowski-Budrow, Mission Township Fire Chief, and asked Eric to make a few comments:

- Mission Township Fire Department now has an overnight duty crew. Staff members sleep on-site to provide better overnight coverage.
- There are vacancies on the Fire Department – people can express interest by filling out information on the Mission Township website
- Fire call volume had dipped, but is now back up . Eric is expecting grassfires in the fall.
- We are expecting more Covid 19 cases in Crow Wing County. Testing is provided at the clinic in Crosby, but be sure to call before you go to be tested.
- The Fire Department offers free classes that will start up again this fall. Examples are CPR and fire extinguisher usage.
- People can sign up on Eventbridge to get emergency messages on their phones. Crow Wing County does not have tornado sirens, but can text people in and emergency.

The minutes from the Annual Meeting on August 10, 2019 were approved.

Directory Process: Jon said the directory has been updated and is on the Bass Lake Association website. The password is bla2019. If you have changes to the directory, send them to Jon.

Water Monitoring and Well Testing: Catherine McGoldrick outlined the process to get your well water tested. For \$55 you can check for bacteria, arsenic, and nitrates. People were able to pick up kits and Catherine will email more information regarding collection. Catherine and Martha Steele collect samples annually from the lake to check for veligers (zebra mussels) – results for this year are not back yet but will be posted on the website. She reminded people to look for zebra mussels on docks and shorestations. Catherine also does water clarity readings using a secchi dish. Clarity was 13 feet in April, 18 feet in June, and 12 feet in July. The lake level has come down about 7 inches over the summer. Information on lake clarity and level is posted on the website. Jon thanked Catherine and Martha for their work on monitoring the lake.

Member Signs: Martha Steele brought some of the new Bass Lake Association member signs for people to purchase. The purpose of the signs is to identify lake association members and to promote the association. The signs can be purchased at cost - \$23. Jon thanked Martha for her work on getting the signs printed and distributed.

Website and FaceBook Page: Jon reminded people of some of the information available on these resources. People should feel free to add information/photos on the Facebook page. Martha Steele maintains both sites.

Plans for 2021: The July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade was very successful, with 28-29 boats participating. We had to cancel the June social event at Mission Tavern, and the boat hook-up after the parade due to Covid 19. We hope to return to having these events in 2021. Shoot Jon an email if you have ideas for other social events.

Beavers and Geese: Jon got 3 emails from association members about problems caused by beavers and geese. Last year the DNR came to the lake based on a complaint that someone was feeding geese and deer and that person was told to stop. That alleviated some problems with geese. People discussed ways to deal with beavers, geese, and other wildlife including trapping and reporting to the DNR. There was consensus among the membership in support of an effort to control/reduce the beaver population. Jon said the Board will discuss the next steps in beaver control.

Boat Wake Impact Research: Bob Steele outlined research that is being conducted by the University of Minnesota St. Anthony Falls Research Lab. They are doing science-based research on the impact of wake/wave action both above and below the water in lakes and rivers with the goal of publicizing their findings and possibly recommending legislation. Currently any area within 150 feet of docks/shore is designated a no wake zone. The research team is looking for funding from individuals and lake associations. Jon asked if anyone would object if the lake association contributed to the research study, and there were no concerns. The Board will discuss contributing, and Martha will add information on the website about current restrictions on boat wakes.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Geiger reviewed the report, which was included in the meeting handouts:

Balance on 8/19/2019		\$4,689.23
	Deposits	Expenses
2019 dues collected after the annual meeting	\$ 20.00	
2020 dues collected (29 @\$20)	\$580.00	
Board Recognition Luncheon – 10/14/19		\$ 72.06
2019 Annual Meeting handout copies		\$ 86.83
2019 Annual Meeting refreshments		\$ 73.90
Lakes and Rivers Asso. (county) 2020 renewal		\$ 25.00
Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Asso. (state) 2020 renewal		\$100.00
Member Signs* (35 signs @ \$23.00)		\$805.00

Member Signs purchases*	\$347.00	
Landing Sign – Decontamination**		\$ 80.00
Totals	\$947.00	\$1242.79
Balance on 8/8/2020		\$4393.44

- 14 signs sold to members @ \$23; 1 sign sold @ \$25 total reimbursement \$347.00. 20 signs remain to be sold (\$460.00)

\*\* We are applying to Crow Wing County for an \$80 Education Grant that will cover this cost.

Web Administrator Position: Jon asked for nominations to fill this position, currently held by Martha Steele. There were no nominations and Martha agreed to serve another term.

Open Discussion:

- Paul Linder asked if there was interest in building a loon nesting platform on the lake. Catherine said that platforms are used on lakes that do not have habitat for nesting. Bass Lake has habitat so we don't need a platform. She said that we would need permission to build a platform, but it would probably be denied because we have adequate habitat. She will look into it for us.
- Dave Meyer asked if the Board would look into additional No Parking signs at the landing and as you go up the hill to the parking lot. Jon said the Board would pursue the possibility of additional signage.
- People voiced concern that jet skis are coming closer than 150 feet to docks, the shore, swimmers, and other boats. Minnesota Law states that personal watercraft must go slow/no wake (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of the shore, docks, swimmers, swimming rafts, and any moored or anchored watercraft or non-motorized watercraft. They should not be on the lake before 9:30 a.m. or more than one hour before sunset. The group was reminded that they should call conservation officers if they see anyone violating this law.

Jon closed the meeting – next meeting in summer, 2021.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy M. Geiger, Secretary/Treasurer