

BASS LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Mission Park, Mission Township

Present: Michael Blassey, Marilyn Carlson, Catherine McGoldrick, Nancy Geiger, Jon Auge, John Carlson, Steve Berhow, Pam Berhow, Jim Grzeskowiak, Karen Grzeskowiak, John Grassmann, Monica Grassmann, Sue Meyer, Nick Fuller, Candi Fuller, Wendy Peterson, Paul Ice, Chris Ice, Paul Linder, Cynde Linder, Dori Duesterhoeft

John Carlson, President, called the meeting to order. All members present introduced themselves.

The minutes from the August 26, 2017 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved.

John introduced updates on several topics:

Public Access Inspectors: Jon Auge reviewed the new Crow Wing County policy that allocates inspector funding to the lakes with the highest count of boats in and out of a lake. Funding for Bass Lake inspectors has been cut completely as of this summer, and with no inspectors on our lake we will not have a “count” of boats to submit to request that funding is reinstated next year. Other lakes have had inspector funding cut, and some others have had funding increased based on this new policy. The county is having difficulty hiring inspectors, in addition to having overall funding cuts.

We looked into several options. First, hiring our own inspectors. The cost of this is very high - \$18.50 per hour - and it would total more than \$4000 for the summer if we could find someone willing to be trained. This would drain our reserves in one summer and we would have to increase dues to about \$150. Second option would be having volunteers from the lake staff the access. They wouldn't be able to enforce and could only educate. We tried this approach a few years ago and we saw lots of issues like the difficulty of finding people willing to volunteer. Third option was to do nothing and hope for the best – this is the option we went with. We will continue to approach the county to get our funding back (we met with them earlier this spring), and we will look at options on an ongoing basis. The question was raised about closing the access, but that is a complicated and difficult process. We will look into getting a sign similar to the one at Bay Lake that “talks” to people with reminders about dumping water, etc. – the sign is solar powered. We may be able to access a \$250 education grant from the county to cover part of the cost. We'll form a committee to look into the sign option.

Bylaw Revision: The revised Bylaws that were sent to all members were reviewed and approved. Major changes are changing the Association fiscal year to the calendar year, and adding a Board position for a Web Administrator (currently held by Martha Steele).

Lake Testing: Catherine McGoldrick reviewed recent lake water testing results. Ice went out on April 29th. Water clarity has been good this year, ranging from 18 ½ feet to 12 ½ feet (deepest part of lake is 24 feet and was set on May 31). We submitted two samples of lake water gathered at the public access and near the “hidden lake” (considered an “outlet”) to test for zebra mussel veligers – results are not

back yet. The samples were also tested for nitrates and chlorophyll A, which were negative. All measurements and results are posted on the website. Also posted on the website are the results of the 2016 Fish Survey.

Member Signs: Catherine said that the Board has been looking into possibly getting signs for Bass Lake Association members to post on their mailboxes or fire signs indicating that the resident is a member of the Association. Horseshoe Lake currently has this process. Interested members would purchase them. Attendees expressed interest in getting more information. The Board will look into types of signs and costs and will send out more information.

Mission Park Update: Michael Blassey reminded people that they can reserve the park pavilion through Anna Anderson, Mission Clerk, free of charge. Also, the Transfer Station for the landfill will be open on Saturdays starting at 10 through November 1. Recycling bins are available at Mission Town Hall 24/7. The Mission Township meeting is open and is held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Treasurer’s Report: Nancy Geiger reviewed the report.

Balance on 9/1/2017		\$3,946.28
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
2018 dues collected (30 @ \$20)	\$ 600.00	
2018 AIS fund donations	\$ 300.00	
Lakes and Rivers Association Renewal (county)		\$ 25.00
Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Asso. Renewal (state)		\$ 100.00
Bass Lake Association checks		\$ 21.65
MN AIS Research Center – U of MN Foundation		\$ 200.00
Totals	\$ 900.00	\$ 346.65
Balance on 8/11/2018		\$4498.63

Secretary/Treasurer Nomination: Nancy Geiger agreed to serve another term as Secretary/Treasurer.

Social Events: A survey was sent out with the membership renewal assessing interest in several social event options. The two options with the highest votes were a potluck at Mission Park and dinner at a local restaurant. The Board will send out an email with more information.

Open Discussion: John reminded people about boating safety/regulations and handed out Minnesota 2018 boating guides. John Grassmann said that our area is a watch area for chronic wasting disease and we should not feed deer – people feeding deer can be reported to the DNR. We discussed the problem with Canadian geese on the lake and possible solutions.

Revised Directory and Lake Map: members at the meeting picked up directory revisions and lake maps that Terri Stanley developed. Nancy Geiger will mail copies to members who did not attend the meeting.

John closed the meeting – next meeting in summer, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Geiger, Secretary/Treasurer