

Big Sand Lake Association Board Meeting**Saturday Oct 26, 2024****Location:** Hassing's cabin**Board Members Attending:** Dennis Loots, Chip Applegath, Jane Jensen, Paul Hassing, Steve Farnham, Karen Pavlicek**Board Members Absent:** Don Button

BSLA President, Paul Hassing, called the meeting to order at 10:09 am

1. Approval of 20Jul2024 BSLA Annual Member Meeting Minutes – Chip Applegath

- Approval via board email vote. Vote unanimous by board members that attended the meeting
- Minutes were published on BSLA website & emailed to members via Mailchimp on 9/10/2024

2. July 2024 All Members Mtg & Picnic; feedback – All

- Emily from county was good speaker. Next summer, plan for who's running the grills at picnic

3. 2025 Annual Meeting & Speakers; discussion – All

- Location: Jane Jensen volunteered to hold the picnic at their house. We will need a 2nd grill.
- Speakers: Paul suggested someone from Yellow River association or one of their topic speakers. Other option: 911 Call Center speaker. Karen said ~15 years or so ago: The Sheriff & Country board Chair came and discussed safety issues and common things people don't know are illegal; she said that mtg was well received and attended. Jane suggested having Jason Towne from county Land Services come to discuss zoning items again. Dennis suggesting having County well water sample results presented as an option.
- We decided to explore Yellow River Association as an option but will make final decision on speaker(s) at our April board meeting.
- Chip will plan to give a quick update on the 2025 AIS Survey status at the meeting

4. BSLA Financial Update – Steve

- Dues payments have been excellent, the new Venmo payment option has been frequently used and is bringing in new member payments
- Expenses YTD are slightly less than last year so balance is up slightly for the year
- Motion to approve report: Jane, 2nd Chip. Vote taken all approved.

5. Update on two BSLA Projects: AIS Survey & Boat Cleaning "Station" – Chip

- **Aquatic Invasive Specials Survey of Big Sand Lake in 2025**
 - Agreement for Services from Burnett Co Land Services signed
 - Survey will be done next spring/summer. Report provided in 3Q2025
 - Cost \$1,524 due in 2025 (other ½ of cost is funded by existing DNR grant to county)
- **Boat Cleaning "Station" (Sign & Brush) at DNR Landing**
 - Land Use agreement signed with DNR. Good for 5 years
 - Chip Met with DNR and agreed on sign location at landing
 - Chris from DNR will drill the post holes for us
 - Chip picked up the sign from county
 - Next steps:
 - Build sign frame and attach sign
 - Get sign sticker made (no spray solution at this station)

- Call in for “locate” before holes drilled at landing (spring)
- Dig holes and install sign (spring)
- Chip made a Motion to spend up to \$175 for buy wood, screws, sticker & brush for Boat Cleaning Station. 2nd by Dennis. Discussion none. Vote Taken unanimous.

6. Summary of Aug 17th Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Association (BCLRA) Meeting – Paul

- The meeting was well-attended, ~50 people. Format was less structured than expected
- Topics were mostly updates on specific lakes that have big AIS issues and what is being done.
- A number of local lakes have recently discovered curly pond weed and/or milfoil. Paul said he talked with one guy that spent 60 hours pulling curly pond weed from their lake
- Paul’s biggest take-away was how thankful we should be that BLS doesn’t have major AIS issues
- It was noted the BSLA board is taking the right steps to be prepared to act should key AIS issue surface. (Got BSLA qualified for DNR Grant approval, AIS Survey planned for 2025, Key relationships established with County/Emily & DNR, etc)

7. Burnett County Well Water testing project – any results yet? – Dennis

- No summary report from county yet

8. Friday 11/1/24 Mtg “Protection our Wetlands” WI Wetlands Association & Yellow River Protection Conservancy in Siren - who’s going?

- Don & Chip. Chip will provide feedback if any speakers appropriate for 2025 annual meeting

9. Welcome Basket initiative – Jane & Chip

- 1-2 new cabins were built in the last year. We decided to get a report each spring on new property owners and look at this once a year to take action. This was tabled as a todo for April board meeting.

10. Discussion on: Yearly Stakeholders Mtg: BSLA, DNR, Tribe, County (Emily Moore)

- DNR formerly coordinated a yearly fall mtg. COVID ended this. Dennis will give Paul his list of contact info to consider reaching out to DNR again on this.
- Chip will ask Chris in DNR, who in DNR is assigned to Big Sand Lake

11. Discussion on Wakeboats and environmental impact to the lake

- BSL is the 2nd largest lake in the County, so it attracts some transient wake boats using the lake
- The State is pursuing legislation and regulation of wake boats on WI lakes
- Paul said there is one Township in the area that is about to pass regulations for their township
- BSLA will keep educating our members on this topic

12. Decide on next Board meeting date and Summer Picnic Date.

- Next Board meeting: tentative date: Sat April 26th. Paul’s cabin
- Annual meeting/picnic: tentative date: Sat July 26th (check on air show date)

13. DNR ramp & parking area repair – Jane

- Best case for DNR to get their funding for full repair of ramp and parking area is now 2028
- DNR may make some minor repairs next year

General Consent: Adjournment by Paul 11:15am

Reminder \$25 yearly BSLA dues can be paid by:

- Mail check Payable to: Big Sand Lake Association and mail to:
Big Sand Lake Association
PO Box 145 Siren WI 54872
- Or give check, or cash, to any board member
- Or pay via Venmo: https://account.venmo.com/u/Big_Sand_Lake_WI_Association

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Applegath

BSLA Secretary