

BMLAA Annual Meeting June 22, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Scott & Linda Bentson, DeDe Krieg, Jane Gundmundson, Paul Statem, Mary Lindstrom, Marge Lorentzsen, Marc Shannon

Absent- Linda Anderson

MEETING

- 8:30 coffee, meeting at 9:00, lunch served after.
- Marge L. organized registration table and payment of dues.
- Distributed 2019 Directories
- Newsletters were mailed out before the meeting but were available.
- Scott started the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance and read the BMLAA Mission Statement.
- Approval of minutes from 2018 Annual Meeting, Karl Altenburg made a motion to approve, Bill Herauf seconded.
- BMLAA Financial report to membership by Marge Lorentzsen.
- Bylaw change was introduced, change to bylaws were approved by vote. Non owners will not have voting privileges going forward.
- Departing board members Mary L. Linda A. & Scott Bentson were thanked for their service. Nominating Committee introduced Matt Hanson, Justin Johnson & Scott Bentson as nominees for a 3 year term on the board.
- Election of new board members. Nominees were elected by the BMLAA membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Donna Waliczek thanked everyone for their financial support of the annual Veronens fireworks, they couldn't do it without our help.
- 2019 Directory now available Free to members/\$15 each to non-members
- Special Meeting to report on Lake Study findings through Year 2 on Saturday, July 27 10:00 am
- 2019 Directory now available Free to members/\$15 each to non-members
- BMLAF/BMLAA Funding complete for Year 3 of the lake study which includes core sampling, which will take place July 16.
- There will be a special meeting Sat. July 27, Dr. Rick Koch from BSU, will discuss details of the first 2 years of the lake study, which will also include a description of the burbot study by primary researcher Tyler Robinson.

REPORTS

- Ray Vlasak showed quilts available through the BMLAF, raffle tickets were available. Ray also indicated that the Township supports the BMLAA boat survey to be conducted.

- Linda Bentson reported that there are 120 members on the BMLAA NextDoor app. It's a great way to communicate with lake neighbors.
- Fishing Report – Steve Lindow – Bass are plentiful in the lake, fisherman are encouraged to eat these fish. 2019 stocking consisted of 11,600 walleye fingerlings (20/pound). Last year 12,000 trout fingerlings were introduced in the spring and 4000 bigger fish in the fall. The DNR reported on the eelpout study, 60 transmitters were placed in 20 fish in each of the 3 parts of the lake. 40 receivers have been placed as well. Several receivers were snagged by fisherman, so they were lowered to be 4' off the bottom and cabled to shore. Many of the receivers which are white or yellow can be seen about 15' down.
- Lynn Lindow gave a Forest Township report. Snow totals for 2018 -2019 were about 78.5 ". A secchi disk reading of 46.5 was obtained 2 meets prior, might be the highest reading recorded. The lake is up about 4" from last fall. High water peaked in 2002 at 6' above normal POOL. The lake is still up 3' from normal pool elevation. Overall township roads are in good shape. Ditch mowing and spraying will continue as usual this summer. There was some discussion about a boat survey to be conducted on BML. The Township and BMLAA board will discuss who will conduct this.
- Matt Hanson introduced a new committee for BML, the SEE committee Safety, Education and Etiquette. The purpose of the committee is for all boat operators to have a formal place to communicate and to review complaints of boating activity on the lake.
- CPR training may be provided by the Fargo Fire Dept at Veronens, details to follow.
- A new BMLAF/BMLAA project consisting of long-term replanting of red and white pine forest around the lakeshore was introduced. Trees and cages to protect them could be offered to lake residents. More information will be provided on this topic later this year.
- Comments about fundraising
- DeDe Krieg prepared a poster of BML properties that show Shoreline Best Practices. BMLAA member were encouraged to review this and DNR website on preventing runoff contamination of BML.
- Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- Boating Safety Committee: Education, survey and complaint reporting (Matt Hanson)

ADJOURN

Marc Shannon

Secretary

