

BAD MEDICINE LAKE AREA ASSOCIATION

October 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Paul Lundquist, Monette Lundquist, Andy Skatvold, Steve Lindow, Jim Eisele

- Minutes of the August 24, 2013 meeting were approved
- The Treasurer's report was approved. We have a fund balance of \$6,408.33 of which \$2,485.24 is designated for invasive species prevention.
- **Old Business**
 - **AIS Monitoring**—This summer 563 boats were inspected. 15% were entering from known infested waters, and 10% had violations. Steve will try to arrange for Steve Sinclair to be our inspector/educator again in 2014.
 - **Water Quality**—Earlier this week, the Secchi disc reading was 33 feet. Water sampling and analysis is now complete for the year with no negative trends in chlorophyll or phosphorus. Jim will do a comparison with one or two other area lakes.
 - **Newsletter**—The fall newsletter is at the printer and should be mailed soon.
 - **COLA**
 - COLA requested a Lessard-Sams grant of \$25.2 million for invasive species prevention. However, a grant of \$3.6 million was approved. This will provide about 170 decontamination stations around the state.
 - Of the 158 septic systems on Bad Medicine Lake, 148 are certified, 5 are in the process of being certified, and 5 have been turned over to the county attorney for action.
 - **Foundation**—Purchase of the south portion of "Gigstead Bay" is proceeding.
 - **BMLAA Website**—It was noted that the website isn't up to date. Jim will get it updated before the end of the year.
- **New Business**
 - **Lakeshore Protection**—A joint committee with the Bad Medicine Lake Foundation will be formed to develop a plan to help protect the lake shoreline. Committee members will be Jim Luttrell, Chuck Church, Andy Skatvold, Steve Lindow, and Jim Eisele. Jim will set up the first meeting.
 - **Directory**—Andy volunteered Kjersten Skatvold to help with the directory.
 - **Star Lake**—Jim requested the information packet from the Star Lake Association. There is some concern that the organization may be defunct.

- **Ordinary High Water**—Discussion was held regarding the desirability of raising the official “OHW” elevation. Steve and Jim will determine how this could be accomplished through the county and they will prepare a fact sheet of the positive and negative implications of such a change.
- **Septic Systems**—We will consider at the next meeting putting together a list of things that should and should not go into our septic systems. The list would be used to educate our members.
- **Adjourned**

The next meeting will be March 22, 2014 at 4:00 PM at the Township Hall.