

## **Bad Medicine Lake Area Association Board Meeting September 28, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Mary Lindstrom, Paul Lundquist, Monette Lundquist, Steve Lindow, Scott Bentson

**Board Members Absent:** Howie Anderson, Linda Anderson, Mary Follett, Barry Bennett

**Call to Order:** 8:30 AM by Mary Lindstrom

**Minutes from Prior Meeting:** Read by Paul L. Motion to accept by John L., second by Steve L., minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted by Monette Lundquist.

- 2016 Income is \$4,893, Expenses are \$4,157. Saved significantly on Directory printing expenses.
- Balance on hand totals \$8,851, of which \$3,665 is designated for Invasive Species and \$5,186 is undesignated.

### **Other Agenda Items**

#### **Robert Rules of Orders:**

- Discussed need for better structure to the meeting and agreed to at least informally follow Roberts Rules of Order.
- Scott and Steve will look for a summary form of these rules and send it out to Board Members.

#### **Annual Meeting Date:**

- Following discussion, agreed on June 24, 2017.
- Motion by Paul L. to accept this date, Second by Scott B.
- Motion approved.

#### **AIS: Report by Steve Lindow**

- Lake Sallie & Lake Detroit are now infested with Zebra Mussels.
- Starry Stonewort, an invasive weed is a new and growing concern. This weed is very aggressive and grows in mats so thick it chokes out other vegetation and can even stop boats from going through. It has been identified in Lake Winnibigosh, Lake Koronis and Turtle Lake. It only takes a small bit introduced to a lake for it to take hold. **Steve recommends that any boat that has been in waters infested with Starry Stonewort, be decontaminated.**
- AIS Convention is coming up on Oct. 5 – 6 in St. Cloud. Steve L. will not be attending, but COLA and the Lake Assn. encourage everyone interested to attend.
- Steve L. is awaiting the report from the county as to how much of the \$1,500 funding that we provided was actually used. Labor Day was the last day of inspection coverage at the boat launch for 2016.
- A concern was raised about rental of private homes for vacation use and all the boats that may come in as a result. The consensus is that these boats are going through the access, but we need to encourage that they do use the access so they are inspected and have the opportunity to be educated on AIS.
- Steve L. will put information in the newsletter concerning both contaminated lakes and where decontamination units are located.

**COLA:**

- The League of Women Voters will hold a candidate forum on October 13 at 7:30 PM at Ecumen in Detroit Lakes. COLA and the Lake Assn. encourage attendance to ask candidates about water quality and AIS funding issues. The Lake Assn. supports candidates who support improved water quality and continued funding for AIS.

**Newsletter:**

- Deadline for articles is 9/28.
- Articles:
  - AIS and Water Quality – Steve L.
  - Fishing – Paul L.
  - BMLAA Foundation – Ray V. Include purpose of Foundation and status of Casey's Island purchase.
  - Township Update – Lynn L.
  - President's Report – Mary L.
  - League of Women Voters forum – John L.
  - "Docks & Structures" & "Beach Sand Blanket" regulations – Monette L.
  - Treasurer's Report – Monette L.

**Website:**

- Jim Eisele has agreed to continue maintaining the website, but only on the condition we get him current info to post. Scott B. pointed out we need to put current info on there to keep people visiting it.
- Steve L. will call Jim to find out if it is okay for anyone to send him info on wildlife activities around the lake. This is something of interest to most residents and could be easily sent to Jim.

**Shoreline Protection:**

- Publish the "Docks & Structures" & "Beach Sand Blanket" regulations in the newsletter.
- Scott B. to talk to some residents who may be willing to visit newcomers to share our philosophy concerning shoreline protection and leave appropriate literature with them. We have a unique lake environment which requires special care.
- Concern was raised by John L. about the large wakes created by Wake Board boats and the impact on shorelines, other boaters, fishermen and floating docks. Agreed to publish an article in the spring newsletter on the "etiquette" on the lake concerning boating and shoreline protection.

**Permit for Buoys for Ski Course**

- After much discussion, it was decided that we would table this topic until the next meeting in hopes of having more, if not all board members present. Below are issues/thoughts/concerns raised.
  - Paul L. did a survey of owners of properties surrounding where the Ski Course is placed two years ago and found an even split of those favoring it and those opposed to it.
  - At that time Paul L. thought it would be fair to recommend the permit every other year. That way it would be out one year and not the next. He thought that would be a fair way for everyone.
  - Paul or someone from the Board will conduct a survey of the neighbors again in 2017.
  - Thus far the Board has said it will review the issue every year.

- Mary L. indicated that she had made it clear to Kurt W. that the course could only be half length, but he made it full length.
- Note for the future – The letter of recommendation must include
  - Length of the ski course
  - Time that it can be in place
  - Include a copy of regulations regarding ski courses

**Annual Meeting Speaker/Topic Suggestions:**

- Planning and Zoning
- Foundation Purpose
- John to follow up with Dan Wilson of the Long Lost Lake Assn. to see who and what they did this year.

**How to Spend/Invest our Funds in Support of the Lake**

- General agreement that we should spend excess funds
  - Ideas include:
    - Purchase and install an information board at the lake access
    - Sponsor a “party” to get members together somewhere on the lake
    - Purchase and distribute materials regarding shoreline protection and restoration
    - Purchase AIS education signs to be posted on Hwy113 as you approach the lake access
    - Some other type of educational mailing.
    - Donate to help fund a research project on the lake
    - ??? Ask members for suggestions

**Bemidji State Research Project:**

- Steve L. has worked with Bemidji State to develop a research project to study the lake and establish a base line on various objectives (listed below). This would give us the ability to analyze changes that occur in the future and give us a head start on creating an action plan should it ever be necessary to address unfavorable changes to the lake habitat. In addition, it will provide historical information through core sampling of what changes the lake has experienced through the last hundreds of years. Again this can be useful as we experience changes in the future.
- Two alternative studies have been proposed to be conducted by Bemidji State.
  - 2 year study at a cost of approximately \$120,000
  - 3 year study at a cost of approximately \$167,000
- Funding Sources
  - Bemidji State would contribute lab, equipment, and personnel totaling approximately \$37,000 and \$47,000 towards the projects respectively.
  - The Lake Foundation has been approached regarding the remainder.
  - We can contribute, but obviously not nearly enough to cover the cost.
- Areas/Objectives of Study
  - Develop a monitoring and analysis plan for the following objectives
  - Water chemistry with physical measurements
  - Algal survey
  - Zooplankton Survey
  - Aquatic vascular plant survey

- Shoreline soil samples for Total Phosphorous (TP)
  - GIS sampling of the above parameters
- Paul S. motion: "Have Steve L. follow through on pursuing funding for the research project."  
Second by Scott B. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn by John L. at 11:15 AM. Second by Steve L. Motion approved