

# **BPLA Membership meeting**

**Saturday, May 27, 2017**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance – Jim  
*Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.*
  2. Welcome, introduce board — Jim  
*The board was introduced*
  3. Presentation of Labor Day meeting, September 3, 2016 meeting minutes– Jeff  
*The minutes were presented*
  4. Ask for motion to approve meeting minutes– Jim  
*Motion by Bob P., 2nd by Dean, Motion passed*
  5. Treasurer's report – Roger  
*The report was presented*
  6. Ask for motion to approve Treasurer's report– Jim  
*Motion by Gary, 2nd by Greg T., Motion passed*  
*Raffle drawing – Drawings were held at 10:14*
  7. Committee reports
    - a. Membership report – John  
*204 sign-ups so far this year vs. 190 last year*  
*Phone numbers have been included in new membership directory if elected by member*
      - i. Ice-out drawing  
*Ice-out was April 2, 13 members chose that day, a drawing was held to determine the winner as Don and Pat Makela*
    - b. Fireworks – Jim  
*Fireworks will be at 10 pm, Saturday July 1. Special thanks to Don and Pat Makela!*
    - c. Boat Parade – Lisa Drake / Rick Meier  
*The boat parade will be at 4:30 pm on July 1. Line up at Lisa's (Big Pine) and the boat landing (Pine)*
    - d. Roadside clean-up – Roger  
*Only 3 people showed up! Need more volunteers! Fall clean-up will be Saturday, September 23, 9 am at the south boat landing.*
      - i. Project days – meet at the south boat landing at 9 am.
- Raffle drawing – Drawings were held at 10:26*
- e. Water quality projects – Dave  
*One beaver was removed near the dam in March.*

*A total of 300 pounds of walleyes were stocked in both lakes by the DNR and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Walleyes grow slower than normal in our lakes. Strawberry Creek is the best walleye spawning habitat in our lakes.*

*Dave attended a workshop regarding Zebra mussels. If you see them on your boats or docks it is probably too late to do much. Best thing to do is check and drain your boat after taking it out of the lake. Allowing your boat to dry completely before launching in a*

*new lake is best. Our lakes are at a slightly lower risk due to lower water clarity.*

*Strawberry Creek suffered considerable damage in the big storms last year. Aitkin Co. says it is not their responsibility. The DNR is looking at the possibility of outside help in stream restoration for better spawning habitat.*

*The perch habitat project is still on hold.*

f. Buffer Zone projects – Dave

i. Aitkin County

*There are 5 or 6 new buffer projects this year*

ii. Pine County

*Pine Co. has some grant money and has a couple projects lined up this year.*

g. Picnic –Ron

*This year's picnic will be at Ken and Artie Johnson's house again. The Association provides some food and pop, please bring a dish to share.*

*Raffle drawing – Drawings were held at 11:00*

8. Speaker:

*The speaker cancelled.*

9. Old Business – Jim

*There was no old business*

10. New Business – Jim

a. *There will be a golf tournament for all interested parties on June 10, at 8 am. at the Sandstone Area Golf Course.*

b. *Open Forum: Loon nesting: Members were advised to try and stay away from loon nesting areas. One area in front of Bryan and Lynn's place was lost due to unknown reasons. There was a brief discussion about the Association helping with building loon nesting platforms. A motion was made and seconded to investigate spending up to \$500 for building the platforms. Motion passed.*

c. *The question was raised about lowering the dam elevation in the fall and restoring it in the spring. It was noted that the state has been removing dams in many places around the state. It was mentioned that removing the dam would probably result in not being able to navigate the channel between lakes at a lower water elevation. The DNR does not allow others to modify dam elevations.*

*Raffle drawing – Drawings were held at 11:17*

11. Adjournment – Jim

a. Motion to adjourn

*A motion was made by Gary R., 2nd by John, motion passed at 11:22.*

*There were approximately 123 people in attendance at the meeting.*