

BPLA Membership meeting
Saturday, September 2, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance – Jim
Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am.
2. Welcome, introduce board — Jim
The board was introduced
3. Approval of Memorial Day meeting minutes– Jeff
The minutes were presented
4. Ask for motion to approve meeting minutes– Jim
Motion by Gary., 2nd by Greg, Motion passed
5. Treasurer's report – Jim (for Roger)
The report was presented
6. Ask for motion to approve Treasurer's report– Jim
Motion by Rich, 2nd by John, Motion passed
7. Committee reports
 - a. Membership report – John
204 sign-ups so far this year vs. 190 last year
 - b. Fireworks – Jim
Fireworks will be at 10 pm on Saturday, June 30. Special thanks to Don and Pat Makela
 - c. Boat Parade – Lisa Drake / Rick Meier
*Had a good turnout for the parade this year.
The 2018 boat parade will be at 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 30. Line up at 4:30 at Lisa's (Big Pine) and the boat landing (Pine)*
 - d. Roadside clean up –
Fall clean-up will be Saturday, September 23, 9 am at the south boat landing.
 - e. Project Day
*One more project day, September 16, 9 am at the south boat landing
21 volunteers were there for building the loon nesting platforms! A motion was made, seconded and approved for the extra cost over \$500 which was needed to build four platforms, two for each lake.
A new sign was posted at the south landing: NO POWER LOADING to prevent washout of the landing area.*
 - f. Water quality and fisheries projects – Dave
*The DNR was out earlier this year netting fish for their IBI, Index of Biological Integrity. Dave met with the fisheries people and Leslie George about their results. He spoke with the PCA also, all done to determine the health of the lakes.
As for the beavers, the problem has been taken care of for now.
Strawberry Creek: spawning areas are west of the bridge and the DNR is waiting for lower water levels to assess the quality of the gravel stream bottom. Walleyes need a clean gravel bottom for a spawning bed.*
 - g. Buffer Zone projects – Dave
 - i. Aitkin County
Four people are getting shoreline buffers this year, three parties are on the list for next year.

ii. Pine County

The county has not contacted any of the interested parties.

h. Cell Tower Update

Greg mentioned the tower is 349 feet tall to avoid dual lights and that as of now Verizon is the only carrier and no other carriers have expressed an interest in being on the tower.

i. Picnic –Ron

We had about 50 people at the picnic last year and 60 there this year. Big thanks to Ken and Artie for hosting. A date will be determined later for the picnic in 2018.

8. Election of Board Members – Jim

North Lake: Greg Sorenson resigned as a board member due to conflicts in his schedule leaving two vacancies. Dave S. and John M. were nominated and a motion was made, seconded and approved to bring them on the board.

South Lake: One vacancy existed and Rick M. was nominated and a motion was made, seconded and approved to bring him on the board.

9. Open Forum – Jim

a. *A question was raised: Are “they” taking the dams out? Big Pine dam was built in 1937. Dave has heard nothing about our dam being removed. The Willow River dam is expected to be rebuilt next year.*

b. *Zebra Mussels: Plates have been placed at eight sites around the lakes and checked for any evidence. None reported so far.*

Raffle drawing: A ticket was given to each attendee and numbers were drawn for the prizes.

10. Adjournment – John

a. *Meeting was adjourned at 11:19.*