

BPLA Membership meeting

Saturday, May 26, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance – Jim
Meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.
2. Welcome, introduce board – John Mueller at wedding; Note handouts and raffle tickets change; Review agenda – Jim
The board: John Mueller/Jim Stevenson (co-Chairs); Roger Olson – Treasurer; Jeff Lindgren – Secretary; Dave Schinkoeth – Water quality; Ron Redding – Projects | Picnic; Rick Meier - Newsletter & July 4th parade; Rich Helms – member

Acknowledge first time attendees – Jim
This was done.

3. Approval of 2017 Labor Day meeting, September 2, 2017 meeting minutes – Jeff
*It was noted that Association board and meeting minutes are posted to the Association website <http://www.minnesotawaters.org/bigpinelakes>.
The minutes from the Labor Day meeting were presented.*
 4. Motion to approve meeting minutes– Jim
Motion by Gary., 2nd by Tom, Motion passed
 5. Treasurer's report –Roger
There were two reports presented: the 2017 Dec 31 final and the 2018 current financial status
 6. Motion to approve Treasurer report– Jim
Motion by Dean O., 2nd by Dean H., Motion passed
- Raffle drawing – *A drawing was held*

7. Committee reports
 - a. Membership report – Jeff to cover for John
*As for the membership update: there were 209 members in 2017, including about 6 new members, 190 registered so far this year, not including the folks that registered today. Based on previous years registration the 2018 total members should be similar to 2017. 13 members paid their dues and two new members were signed up before the meeting.
For those of you that sent your forms in after March 31, you may not have received your 2018 stickers yet as we were a bit slow in processing them due to spring vacations this year. You should see those next week in the mail. If anyone has new neighbors, please encourage them to join the Association. There are some introductory packets available that can be picked up from Roger after the meeting.*
 - i. Ice out drawing (slide included)
*There were four members who picked May 1st as this years ice out date.
They are Greg & Sarah Anderson, Terry & Deb palmer, Ron & Sue Redding, and Arnie & Bev Smestad. Winner of a drawing to win was Ron & Sue!*
 - b. Logo wear | Next Door app update – Roger
Roger gave floating key rings and tote bags and announced the new logo items available. 135 members have signed up for Next Door, the neighborhood app. It is a

good spot for finding contractors, posting items for sale and emergency notifications about items such as lake levels.

- c. Fireworks – Jim
They will be on Saturday June 30 at 10 pm. The show will be more intense due to additional fireworks contributions.
- d. Boat Parade – Rick
Participation has increased from 5 in 2013 to 22 in 2017. The parade will be on June 30 at 5 PM.
- e. Roadside clean up | Projects – Roger
11 people were at the spring cleanup. The fall cleanup will be September 15.

Raffle drawing – *A drawing was held and prizes from the vendors were announced*

- f. Projects: Loon platform update | Ron Redding (slides included)
 - i. Thank you, pictures to share, story of teaming up to build, what's the status
Very successful project & well attended by members!
 - ii. Volunteer work day schedule
We are looking for member suggestions for any projects around the lakes
- g. Picnic – Ron (slide included)
Thank you to Ken & Ardie, Ron & Sue for hosting and coordinating. There were 50 to 55 attendees.

Raffle drawing – *A drawing was held*

- h. Water quality update – Dwight (slides included)
 - i. Update on secci checks for 2017
Dwight has been sampling water at six sites since 2013. The MPCA is using our data to analyze the Kettle River watershed.
 - ii. Update on overall water quality
Readings for various measurements are fairly consistent and the lakes continue to be good quality for recreational lakes.
- i. Water quality projects – Dave
*Dave distributed ID cards for Eurasian and Northern Milfoil – it is difficult to tell the difference. Prevention is the only good method to control AIS!
Don Makela reported seeing walleye spawning.
The St. Croix River Association will be doing water sampling in our lakes which contribute to the St. Croix River.*
 - i. Beaver control
No report.
 - ii. AIS certification update
Dave took the certification course and passed the test to become AIS certified.
- j. Buffer Zone projects – Dave
 - i. Aitkin County (which ones are in scope for 2018?)
2018 funding is down and there may only be funds for 1 or 2 landowners.
 - ii. Pine County
No update.

- k. Property clean up project idea: Rich Helms
Anderson recycling only takes metal. We will revisit this in the future for possible county participation.

Raffle drawing – *A drawing was held*

- 8. Old Business – Jim
None

- 9. New Business – Jim

- a. Tom Warren: Aquatic Weed Control
Tom has been an association member for 12 years and is going through the certification process for treating weeds. He will be able to streamline the DNR permit process.

Raffle drawing – *A drawing was held*

- 10. Adjournment – Jim

- a. *Meeting was adjourned at 11:44.*