BPLA Membership meeting
Saturday, May 25, 2019
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance – John
   Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

2. Welcome, introduce board, Note handouts and raffle tickets change; Review agenda – John
   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 boat parade;

   There was an open position on the board for a member from the north lake. John asked for any volunteers and Maria Gobely stepped up to serve on the board.

   At large supporters: Lisa Drake, Dwight Benoy

   Dave Chasson from Rhine Lake Retreat presented a plan to replace their picnic shelter and explained the programs they have for special needs children.

   Acknowledge first time attendees – John
   There were four first time attendees.

3. Approval of 2018 Labor Day meeting notes – Jeff
   The Labor Day meeting minutes were presented.

4. Motion to approve meeting minutes– John
   Motion by John, 2nd by Gary, 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– John
   Motion by Rich, 2nd by Ron, Motion passed.

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

7. Committee reports
   a. Membership report –John
      John reported that we typically have around 205 to 210 members.

      i. Ice out drawing – Jeff/John (slide included)
         There were 14 parties who picked April 21st as the ice out date. The winner was picked from a random drawing and on the 7th try Michael & Sue Elle were declared the winner. You must be present to win!

   b. Logo wear | Next Door app update – Roger
      Roger updated us on the sales of logo items and what is available. He reported 184 people have signed up on NextDoor.

   Raffle drawing

   c. Roadside clean up– Roger
      15 people showed up to help with roadside cleanup.

d. Fireworks – Jim
Fireworks will be on Saturday, July 6 at 10 pm.

e. Boat Parade – Rick
Parades will line up at 4:30 July 6th, parade starts at 5:00. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats on each lake.

f. Projects: Loon platform update | Ron Redding (slides included)
Ron discussed upcoming projects for this year. One item to note: a loon nesting platform was stolen from the north lake.

   i. Volunteer work day schedule
   Project days will be July 7, August 17 and September 21.

g. Picnic – Ron (slide included)
The picnic is scheduled for July 20.

Raffle drawing

h. Water quality update – Dwight (slides included)
Dwight and Pat have been sampling water quality since September 2013. Of the six locations sampled, Chlorophyll-a has been increasing.

   i. Update on secci checks for 2018
   Clarity has been slightly lower the past two years.

   ii. Update on overall water quality
   The dark color of the lakes is due to a peat bog in Solana State Forest. Our lakes are considered Eutrophic, meaning they tend to host large quantities of organisms, including algal blooms, by the MPCA, which is average quality for lakes in northern Minnesota.

i. Water quality projects – Dave
The DNR did a review of Strawberry Creek; St. Croix Water is checking for Veligers, preliminary evidence of Zebra Mussels.

j. Buffer Zone projects – Dave

   i. Aitkin County
   Doug LeMay is being done this year.

   ii. Pine County
   Dave reported that Pine County said they have money this year.

Raffle drawing

8. Old Business – John
A question was asked about having a person inspect boats being launched at landings on busy weekends. It was noted that a person would need to be certified by taking a course and passing a test.

9. New Business – John
Regarding No Wake Zones: The Sheriff will determine if a no wake zone is needed. We will be placing signs and posting an update on NextDoor to notify residents with Sheriff approval when water reaches a certain elevation.

Raffle drawing

10. Adjournment – John

a. Motion to adjourn
Motion by Rich, 2nd by Steve, Motion passed at 11:41