

**BPLA Membership Meeting Saturday,
May 28, 2016, 10:00 AM**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance – John
Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.
2. Welcome, introduce board – John
Introductions and comments were made as follows:
 - Palmer > Don Fornell change
 - John Mueller Chair | Jim Stevenson co-Chair
 - Roger Olson Treasurer
 - Jeff Lindgren Secretary
 - Dave Schinkoeth; Greg Tavernier, Ron Redding, Don Fornell
 - Note handouts and raffle tickets
 - Review agenda – John
3. Approval of Labor Day meeting, September 5, 2015 meeting notes – Jeff
The report was presented
4. Motion to approve meeting minutes– John
A motion was passed to accept the report
5. Treasurer's report –Roger
The report was presented
6. Motion to approve Treasurer report– John
A motion was passed to accept the report
Raffle drawing - Drawings were held
7. Committee reports *Approximately 135 people attending the meeting*
 - a. Membership report – John
190 sign-ups this year so far vs. 205 last year
 - i. Ice out drawing
Ice Out March 31, winners were Rick & Mary, Linn & Brian, Barb & Dave
 - b. Fireworks – Jim
\$2,500 in donations, fireworks will be at 10pm at Makelas, Sunday July 3
 - c. Boat Parade – John
Parades will be on Sunday July 3
 - d. Roadside clean up – Roger
Roadside cleanup was on May 21 with 19 volunteers.
 - e. Volunteer Days – Roger
Don Fornell will be heading up three volunteer days on 6/18, 7/23, and 8/20
 - f. AIS boat Checks – Roger
Pine County will be sending people for random inspections. They are looking for volunteers from our lakes to help after a four hour training session.

- g. Next Door app enrollment for BPLA area – Roger
The Next Door app is a way to connect with people in the area, like a Facebook for neighbors looking to buy and/or sell items

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8. Speaker: Leslie George - MN DNR Fisheries
Leslie spoke on several items: Beavers at the dam and removing debris; The 54 acres the DNR owns around the dam in a AMA (Aquatic Management Area) in which they have removed buckthorn, no ATV's or deerstands allowed; Focusing on habitat and vegetation, shoreline scoring; Stocked 500 pounds of fingerlings; Proposed Northern Pike management zones with a 22" to 26" protected slot, 10 fish limit with two over 26" allowed; Creating Woody Complex fish habitat with 20+ sites on the two lakes.
9. Committee reports cont.
- a. Water quality projects – Dave
- i. Channel dredging
Went through the process but no permits, deemed unnecessary
 - ii. Beaver control
Removed five in Strawberry Creek and two at the dam
 - iii. Lake levels
All top boards in the dam were replaced.
 - iv. Strawberry Creek maintenance
Discussed removing the large beaver dam
 - v. Perch habitant
Leslie covered this in her presentation
- b. Buffer Zone projects – Dave
- i. Aitkin County
Shelley is underway with six projects this year
 - ii. Pine County
Need list of owners interested
- c. Picnic – Ron
Picnic will be held July 16, 11am to 2pm.
- d. Golf Tournament –Jeff
Anyone interested can play July 16, 8am at Sandstone Golf Course
10. Old Business – John
Funds were set aside two years ago for projects on the lake
11. New Business – John
Next weekend June 4th is the citywide garage sale
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12. Adjournment – John - Motion to adjourn
A motion was passed to adjourn at 11:52.