

Minutes - Lake Beauty Annual Meeting Saturday, August 8, 2020, 9:00-10:30am

Call to Order – Kathy Boeckman, President

Adopt Today's Agenda

- Motion to adopt the agenda made by Jim Lundquist. Second by Bruce Krousey. Motion passed.

Welcome – Kathy thanked the Bible Camp for hosting!

Review of Minutes from 2019 Annual Meeting

- Minutes were presented on the screen.
- *Motion to approve the minutes made by Bob Fossum. Second by Kevin Stocco. Motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report

- Laurie shared the income and expenses from August 1, 2019 through July 31 2020.
- *Motion to approve the financial report made by Bruce Geyer. Second by Jim Lundquist. Motion passes.*

Fireworks - Donation to the Bible Camp

- *Motion to give the Bible Camp \$300 for 2020 fireworks made by Jim Lundquist. Second by Nancy Shlee. Motion passed.*

This Year's Board Accomplishments

- This past year has seen the most memberships since the inception of the association
 - 43 households and 7 businesses
 - The September membership mailing was a great success
 - 120 households get membership and newsletter information
- Boat landing
 - Clean up turnout was fabulous
 - There is new signage posted from DNR
 - Inspections were up from years before
 - Port-a-potty provided by Bible Camp
- Bylaws were updated
- Newsletters are sent twice a year
 - History was appreciated in last publication
- Dick Sullivan continues to test the water and submit reports to Todd County
- Website was updated throughout the year by Laurie
- 4 quarterly board meetings are held
- Online store was open twice this year
- Marlene Clark is stepping down from the Board – thanks Marlene.
- Book Club is active, but informal (Sept-Apr). All are welcome to join.
- Annual Meeting and Picnic

Why Become a Lake Beauty Association Member? Shared by Kathy

- Monitor the condition of the lake
- Develop lake management plans
- Work with the MN DNR to improve fish habitat
- Serve as an organized voice with township and county governments
- Proactively prevent future lake problems
- Connect and socialize with neighbors

Changes to the Bylaws

- The LBA Board is recommending 5 Board Members
 - 3 Executive positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer)
 - At least 2 Alternates
- *Motion to approve the above changes to the Bylaws made by Mary Stocco. Second by Stacey Helland. Motion passed.*

Election of New Board Members

- Nominations: Kathy Boeckman – president Volunteered
Jim Lundquist – vice president Nominated by Mary Stocco
Stacey Helland – secretary/treasurer Nominated by Mary Stocco
Rhonda Alnes – alternate Nominated by Brian Alnes
Bruce Krousey – alternate Nominated by Jim Lundquist
Mary Stocco – alternate Nominated by Brian Alnes
- *Motion to accept all of the candidates for the above positions on the LBA Board was made by Jim Lundquist. Second by Bruce Krousey. Motion passed.*

Township Board

- Brian Alnes and Mark Ellingson and Randy Craft are running for positions on the Township Board. Each introduced themselves.

Guests:

- Keith Bertram – Local Conservation Officer DNR
 - ATV problems have been reduced
 - Jet Ski rules: 150' from shore is the Slow, No-Wake Zone. Must be off the lake 1 hour before sunset. Report violators to DNR/Sheriff
 - Boaters: No-wake zones are not posted on Lake Beauty, primarily due to its size.
 - Temporary no-wake signs are available during high water times.
 - Fishing leagues – most are operating under the number of boats regulated. Not anything to be done.
 - There is no speed limit on Lake Beauty
 - Night fishing – lights are to shine into the water; however, they reflect to shore. Must be 150' out from residence, not 150' from the shore. Positive result is the removal of rough fish. Please note there are angler protection rules – anglers cannot be blocked from fishing. Also, anglers should not be dumping fish at the access or road ditches. Some organic farmers will buy the fish for fertilization.

- It was noted that Keith is the good guy and wants to help. Contact him at 320-533-1989 (cell). Or use the poacher number on the back of your hunting license.
- Eric Altena - DNR Area Fishing Manager
 - 21 years with MN. Here since 2008. Cell 320-293-2439 eric.altena@state.mn.us
 - We have good water resources in this area
 - Lake update – most walleye are stocked, including Beauty which is a bass and pan fish system.
 - The walleye population is affected by the number of pike in Beauty.
 - Next survey 2023.
 - No stocking this year due to Covid – Eric shared the stocking process.
 - NEW - Quality Bluegill Initiative (QBI)
 - Program to increase the size of sunfish over time.
 - Lake Beauty is one of the lakes in the program.
 - QBI meeting to discuss goals and processes: Sept 30, 6-8pm at Long Prairie City Hall
 - If implemented, will start in March 2021
 - For more information go to MNDNR.gov and type in sunfish
 - Shore land habitat – encourages buffer areas reducing the impact of docks as well as reducing fertilization usage. Riprap is less effective than trees and plants to minimize runoff.
- Deja Anton - Todd County Soil and Water
 - Lake Beauty has biological significance.
 - Only 9% of Lake Beauty's shoreline disturbed. 40% is a problem.
 - No extreme pollutants.
 - Lake Beauty has protected lake status
 - County will continue to
 - monitor and improve the shoreline
 - maintain forest management
 - reduce phosphorus from 21.8 to 19 ppm
 - Shared information on septic and how payments are set up. Applications are available from Todd County.
 - Riparian Aid – grant dollars available.

Jim Lundquist held the door prize drawings.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Fossum. Second by Nancy Shlee. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by
Laurie Schultze, secretary/treasurer