

Bass Lake Improvement Association Spring 2023 Meeting



Call to Order

- Wayne called meeting to order at 9:02AM

New Members in attendance

- Amy Mager was only new member in attendance

Treasures Report – Report provided by Wayne

- In account \$9,325.30
- Expenses Duck Hunt
- Donations to Mountain and Doty Fire and Ambulance
- Approval of the Fall 2022 meeting minutes
 - Approved (I missed who made motion and who seconded this one, motion passed)

Passing of Jay Van Thiel

- Motion to have a Memorial sent Up to \$50
 - Should we set up a “Sunshine Fund” for members who pass?
 - Feedback from one member was that this was a slippery slope – who gets one, who doesn’t, sets a precedence, etc.
 - It was decided to not do the donation but continue to send cards

Motion to change Signature on bank

- With Jane stepping down from Secretary/Treasurer position, we need to have signatures on accounts changed
- Approved signatures should include Wayne (as President) and new Secretary/Treasurer
- Gordon made motion to make this change, Bob S. seconded, motion passed.

Caution Floating and partial submerged logs

- Several new trees have fallen in lake
- SE bay – two large logs are anchored, but one end of each floating near surface – be careful!
- Who is accountable for these?
 - Will DNR asses and remove or tow to shore if dangerous?
 - Does DNR care if we move them or any other loose log?
 - If associated with a fish crib project, we should contact Forest Service since they are the ones who put them in – Wayne will contact them.

Clean Boats Clean Waters Program

- Archibald Lake and most other lakes have invasive species especially Eurasian Milfoil
 - It’s really important to note that almost all lakes in our area EXCEPT Bass Lake have milfoil

- Other lakes are spending thousands of dollars to contain the issue
- These efforts are really important; this is a big deal
- Volunteers needed for all Sat./Sun.'s from now until Labor Day
 - Sign-up sheet created at meeting and several spots were filled
 - Wayne will also send a sign up via email
 - Procedure/what's involved?
 - Be at landing from 10AM – 12PM (should these hours be adjusted?)
 - Volunteer will wear a vest
 - There is a set of materials given to the volunteer
 - Have boater answer a questionnaire
 - If there is a live well, be sure it is empty
 - Look for debris/vegetation hanging on boat and trailer
 - Most boaters are receptive to the process
 - Also an opportunity to remind them of wake hours and boating direction.
 - Prize drawing at end of year for volunteers

2023 Year's activities

- July 4th Parade
 - Parade will be on July 3rd (Monday), start at 5PM
- Labor Day Duck hunt
 - Will do this again, it was popular
- Duck House build?
 - Wayne has the materials
 - The houses do need to be maintained
- Loon raft build?
 - The loons are nesting on the lake
 - One loon platform has gone missing; has anyone seen it?
- Dock in and out assistance?
 - Should we offer assistance to each other?
 - Determine some dedicated days and times where people can request or offer help?
- Well sampling – this was popular, will likely do it again

Where do we go from here as an Association?

- What do members want the Association to provide?
 - Events
 - Protection of the Lake
 - Facebook page – we plan to set one up – Wayne's wife will look into doing this

Weinerfest Sponsored by Northern Oconto County EMS needs volunteers or sponsorships

- July 29th, looking for volunteers

Which EMS organizations should the Association should support?

- Decided to give \$100 each to: Doty Fire Dept., Townsend Fire Dept., Mountain Ambulance, and Lakewood Ambulance
- Motion made by Gordon, Second by Britta, motion passed
- It was noted that Mountain Fire Dept. offers CPR classes
- Oconto County is 49-52% seniors and this number is growing; emergency services are important in our area, worth supporting

Lucky 13 Raffle sponsored by OCLWA

- Money share back to BLIA
- Available grant from OCLAWA
- \$700 if we do this for 3 years
- Tickets were available for sale at the meeting and several were sold – contact Wayne if you want to purchase or sell tickets

New or additional person needed to help monitor lake quality

- Gordon looking for help – he has been doing it for 20 years
- Jerry K. has been helping with the May sampling
- Perform the sampling 4 times per year (for most tests)
- Type of testing – Gordon can give more detail
 - Secchi Disk, measures visibility **Do this one every 8 days in order to match up with satellite data
 - Temperature/dissolved oxygen/conductivity – measure every three feet using a specialized instrument (4 times/year)
 - Nitrate/phosphorus/chlorophyll –collect water using a 6' pole, need to filter the sample (4 times/year)
 - Lake level – doing since 2013, based on 1973 baseline level (4 times/year?)
- Helps to have a pontoon boat
- Do the sampling in the deepest part of the lake at the same point each time
- A lot of this data is put on the internet, can compare our results to other lakes
- The data is important to monitoring the health of the lake, it is important to continue this
- Reach out to Wayne or Gordon if willing to help
- It was noted that the lake seems cloudier – may be due to pollen this time of year

Open board seats

- Vice President Board Seat is open to Board members
- Secretary/Treasurer seat will be open in the Fall

Any Old business

- Approval of Fall minutes as written, motion made by Rick, second by Britta, motion passed

Any New business

- No burglaries reported
- Member percentage is at approximately 50%
- How do we approach new people on Lake? – talk to new neighbors directly, facebook page?
- Pay dues by paypal or Venmo? – decided this is not a good idea because the taxes
- More foxes are being sighted
- Bear(s) still around
- What to do about wake boaters/other boaters coming too close to shore, operating outside of wake hours, etc.
 - Call 1-800-tipdnr
 - Take a video
 - There are regulations being proposed currently for wake boating

Thank you for attending

Call to Adjourn – Motion made by Pat, seconded by Jerry, meeting adjourned