

Big Chip Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes

6-12-10

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM by President Sara Wolf. The six Board members in attendance were introduced: Doug Petty, Bonnie Petty, Frank Starke, Cheryl Pennington and Dick Gulbranson. 18 additional people attended. Doug Petty conducted the meeting.

Under Old Business the minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting were approved. Bonnie Petty gave the Treasurer's Report and answered questions. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Sara reported that 400 pounds of walleye fingerlings were stocked into the lake in October. \$2,000.00 of Lake Association money was matched by a local fisherman's club to pay for this.

Doug Petty reported that the Association didn't contract with Benson Air this year to spray for army worms because of a lack of money. Some areas of the lake made individual arrangements for spraying. It was reported that Benson Air was unhappy about unorganized requests for spraying Big Chip Lake this year. A discussion was held about worm spraying. Karen Otto made a motion to have the Lake Association spray for army worms every year. Bob Beattie seconded the motion. Kim Pennington amended the motion to include a separate line item in the annual dues request/notification of annual meeting letter to pay for the cost of worm spraying. The amended motion was approved. The Board will check with Benson Air about costs and a timeline for spraying next year.

Old Business discussion included a request to have all current information on the website, including Board meeting minutes, information on zebra mussels and worm spraying. Questions were asked about whether Douglas County is paying attention to worm production in our county and what information is available about worm cycles. Wayne Carstens was not available to make a report about zebra mussels but requests that lake shore owners put a coffee can at the end of their dock to check for infestation.

Under New Business the member directory is due to be updated. A discussion ensued and topics included: posting a request for updated information on the website; making the website address easier to Google; asking neighborhood volunteers to canvass areas of the lake for current information.

The Board is encouraging secondary owners near Big Chip Lake to become involved in our Association. Some members in attendance do not want people other than shore owners to be included in the Big Chip Lake Association. The Mission Statement was read.

Discussion of the need for new Board members and officers. Doug and Bonnie Petty will step down from the Board. Dick Gulbranson spoke of the need to improve communication in the Lake Association. He will continue to serve on the Board for two years. Frank Starke nominated Jennifer Lanners to be on the Board. Ron Roering nominated Joe Beste. Pat Timmerman volunteered to be on the Board. The nominations were seconded and new Board members voted in by voice vote.

Other New Business: Dick Gulbranson will attend a training meeting for septic issues offered by the County on June 17. Bright lights moving along the shoreline late at night are people spearing carp. A safety warning was given about reporting to the police any persons taking pictures of lake residences or any door to door salespersons selling cleaning products or books.

Frank Starke expressed appreciation to the members of the Board for their work on behalf of the Big Chip Lake Association.

Submitted by Cheryl Pennington