

Butternut/Schnur Lake Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on August 8, 2021 at the Peth garage. Called to order at 3:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Doug Mueller, Vic Peth, Skip Sommerfeldt, Rudy Rott, Dennis Stemen, Dan Patenaude, Scott Stenger. Absent/Excused: Ron Schmidt, Randy Miller.

Minutes: Reviewed minutes from July 15, 2021 meeting. Motion to approve, 2nd, and passed.

Treasurers Report: Doug had a spreadsheet with the treasure's report. The BSLA savings balance was \$4,141.84 and the checking balance was \$1,332.22, for a combined balance of \$5,474.06.

Old Business

Brat Feed: Scott had a list of items needed – and everyone was OK with the list (with the addition of potato chips). The BSLA had already approved \$1000 to be spent on the event, so Scott will proceed with acquisition of items. Posters for the event have been distributed around Park Falls and Butternut, but still have a few more to get out. Scott said the donated beer has already been delivered and he's working on the menu. More discussion on other details and make sure everyone stays in communication. The main goal is to encourage membership and provide information.

Annual Meeting: The annual membership meeting is set for Sept. 11, 2021 at Bobber's. Vic is working on an agenda, which will most likely just consist of summarizing this past years activities. There will be 4 board member positions up for election – including Randy Miller, Dennis Stemen, Vic Peth, and Scott Stenger. We will also provide refreshments to the attendees.

Slow No-Wake Issue - Update: Rudy and Skip continue to take measurements of both rainfall and water level elevations via the water level gauges (one on the bridge on Short Cut Road and one on Rudy's dock). And the dry trend continues – we had about 2.5" of rain between July 27-29 and Butternut Lake only came up 3" (and has since dropped down to below normal).

Invasive Species: Discussion on how to proceed with having Scott Caven (Ashland Co. Conservationist) come and present to the Board. Consensus was to keep communications open and continue to work with both Scott Caven and Sandy Wickman. Vic talked about grants being available for both invasives control and water patrols, but we may need to be a 401 3C organization (non-profit). Doug will talk with Randy Zoesch to see what it will entail to become 401 3C.

Fish Stocking: Some discussion on the possibility of stocking a species other than crappie into Butternut – including sucker or bullhead stocking? Skip reported that several lakeshore residents have reported seeing schools of baby bullhead along the shoreline. Several thought that sucker or bullhead stocking may not go over too good with the membership – but we will ask that question at the annual meeting to get ideas.

Facebook/Website: Rudy and his son have been working on it and have quite a few issues worked out. We have a link from the Facebook page to our website, and the minutes from our last 2 board meetings have been posted to the website.

Fisheree 2022 Updates: The date for the Fisheree has been set for January 15, 2022, which is the 3rd Saturday in January and once again free fishing weekend. Skip has acquired the permit for the tournament and confirmed with Bobber's that they will run the fishing contest and we will still do our raffle.

Tax Filing 2020: Doug had a list of our tax info for the last 5 years – we normally spent the same or more than we took in and as such, typically paid 0 in taxes. Last year we “earned” \$1532, so had to pay the \$322 in taxes.

New Business

Buoys on Butternut lake: Some discussion on why the safety buoys keep moving on Butternut? Various reasons mentioned – high winds, too light of anchors, people “playing” with them, etc. Wasn’t considered a real big issue (Northland Pier would regularly re-install), but may look at getting larger/heavier anchors?

Wake Boats: Some discussion on wake boats – larger watercraft that push out large wakes that create waves that can be 2 to 3 feet high. Seems most lakeshore owners are irritated by them – but not sure what can be done to limit these boats that may be causing increased shoreline erosion and pier/boat damage?

New Memberships: Discussion on how to increase membership and get people to renew their memberships? It seems we have quite a few new property owners on both lakes and we need to find a way to contact and get these people involved?

Next Meeting Date: Next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Saturday September 11, 2021 at 1 pm at Bobber’s on the Lake.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Skip Sommerfeldt, Secretary