

Butternut/Schnur Lake Association

Board Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2021 at Bobbers called to order at 6:34PM

Roll Call: Dennis Stemen, Vic Peth, Doug Mueller, Scott Stenger, Rudy Rott, Skip Sommerfeldt, & Eric Scharp

Absent: Ron Schmidt & Dan Patenude

Minutes for the October 21, 2021 meeting and the November 7, 2021 Special Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report dated December 9, 2021 was reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

Fisheree Raffle: Ticket sales to date of this meeting were 91 books (3 tickets). There were a few sold books turned in at the meeting so possibly about 100 sold. A book of 3 tickets has a value of \$5.00. With a rough count at the meeting we believe board members account for about 60 more books. We had an additional 150 books printed. These are needed as there is a projected high sales volume at the Fisheree. We may get another 150 books printed. Easy math, 150 books generates \$750.00 in revenue. Print cost for 150 books is about \$89.00.

Fisheree Raffle Prizes: Someone will be going to St Croix to buy the \$500.00 gift certificate. I think that is Doug and Eric. They will also ask Dave the manager to donate other prizes as they have in the past. The Special November meeting reflected an agreement for certain board members to go to local businesses for gift certificates or prizes. You all have a copy of those minutes from November 7 meeting if you are unsure if you volunteered for this.

Fisheree Posters: About 25 posters will be printed. Skip has generated the poster and will get it to print. Distribution volunteers included Skip and Scott, with locations named such as Bobbers, Butternut Feed Mill, St Croix, Kwik Trip, Super One, D&D's, to name a few.

Fisheree: Bobbie is on board for handling the Fisheree this year as was the plan. Several BSLA board members will be helping as their schedule allows. Skip for sure, Dennis will be on snowmobile selling tickets and Rudy plans to also sell on snowmobile. Other members such as Vic and Scott and Eric will be available during parts of the day plus at the drawing for sure.

Future of Fisheree ownership: I do not reflect anything in my notes about this.

Newsletter: General content was discussed. Two changes were suggested and between the meeting and now, these changes were made so the December 2021 Newsletter final proof is approved. 340 Full Color copies will be printed and folded for \$345.00 by Park Falls Print & Copy.

340 copies is for the lists that Eric got from the counties of residences bordering Butternut Lake and Schnur Lake, which includes the list of about 155 that Doug has which includes past and current membership. Vic met with Rudy and Skip at Vic's house Friday morning December 10 to look over lists in attempt to merge. Vic being a master at the excel process worked diligently to create new lists for this purpose. We could not come up with a clear and concise and accurate list process at that time. Rudy said he will take Doug's list and stuff and mail to the 150 as soon as the letter is printed. Doug will provide shipping labels and envelopes and the list to Rudy. Rudy will get the newsletters from whomever – maybe from the printers – as soon as they are available, which is hopefully by the end of the week of December 13. Goal is to get these mailed no later than Monday December 20. Then Rudy will take the other lists and highlight who was mailed to so we can take next steps to get to as many of the 340 mailed as we have clear addresses for.

Invasive Species: Rudy will follow up with Scott Caven in early January to work on the action points. Rudy had a recap with Scott after the meeting on October 14 so will work from that list. Dennis wants to be involved in order to generate action points and education for the residents on Schnur Lake. I will copy Dennis and Vic for starters. There are notes in the minutes of October 21 meeting about the October 14 meeting if anyone has questions on the follow up actions.

Water Quality: Vic needs assistance to enter Schnur Lake testing information. Dennis said he would help Vic. Dan is doing the testing of Butternut and entering the results into the Lake link. I will create a link to these results on the website as I connect and figure that out. I found it once so assume I can find it again.

Slow No Wake emergency measures: Will be added to the agenda for February. Rudy and Skip met on October 29 to review water level data from Rudy's gauge, the dock gauge and Skip's gauge. The two of us have agreed on a high water mark and will have for the discussion in February.

Fish Stocking: Discussion of what to do in 2022 and no determinations were made. There will be more discussion in early 2022. A couple details include what to stock and which hatchery will be used. Mama Fish Hatchery (Dave Denzin and his wife) might be closing the business and or selling it. Eric mentioned Eagle River Lake Association uses Central Wisconsin Fish Hatchery out of Merrill. Skip mentioned our fish have to come out of the upper Wisconsin watershed.

By-laws Review: This will be added to the agenda for February.
We did vote to drop the discussion and the pursuit of the 501c3.

Board insurance, tax status, and spending review: Not a ton of discussion here. Main point with minimizing tax liability is to have a good handle on our revenue input and expenses. We need to track both closely so we can spend to minimize paying taxes while still being good stewards of the BSLA money.

Scott is going to check with someone he knows in regard to board liability insurance. While it seems to be a valid concern someone did mention we are not intentionally doing anything to put anyone in harm's way that navigates the lake and uses it for recreation.

New Business:

Review/discuss Eric's county residence information vs membership listing: The lists Eric received from the county show about 80 residences on Schnur Lake, about 64 on Butternut Lake Ashland County, and about 202 on Butternut Lake Price County. Good information we will begin to study and digest for collaborating into a working document. As mentioned earlier in the minutes, Vic and Rudy and Skip started this review Friday morning December 10 at Vic's house.

Membership Survey Idea: Vic looked over a survey from the late 1990's that was brought forward at the annual meeting in July of 2000. There is some good content and worth reviewing for possible survey in the future. Should be put on an agenda in February or March.

2022 Permitting requirements: We did not make any decisions on this and decided to put it on the agenda for January 2022. Some discussion and is also referenced above under Fish Stocking in the old business section.

Next meeting: January 6, 2022 at 6:30PM at Bobbers on the Lake
Meeting adjourned around 8:15PM