

Big Pine Lake Property Owners Association
2025 Spring Board meeting
Saturday, May 31st, 2025 9:00AM
Pine Lake Chapel

Board Members Present: Tom Hubbard, Sharon Esnough, Mike Moore, Marie Segar, Sharrell Wright, David Fisher, Stacey Robin, Wes Thomas, Dick Webber

Absent: Jerry Low

Guest: Amie Mayo

- A. **Minutes:** Marie Segar read the minutes from the Fall 2024 meeting. Tom Hubbard made a motion to approve them. Mike Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously
- B. **Treasurers Report:** Sharon Esnough provided report
 - a. Non-Profit checking: \$4159.17
 - b. CD: \$37,315.68
 - c. CD is up for renewal. We can choose an 11 month at 3.5% or 4 months at 4%. Segar made a motion to approve the 4 months at 4%. Wright seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. 39 members have paid dues to date
 - e. Hubbard made a motion to approve \$1100 toward Minnesota Lakes and Rivers. Webber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Weed bed Signs** were placed 5/10/2025
- B. **Water Quality:**
 - a. May water is high
 - b. Beaver is damming up south outlet. Webber will look into finding someone to trap the beaver.
 - c. Dave Osier tested Secchi disc at 21 feet
 - d. No other sample readings currently
- C. **Roadside pickup:** 5 volunteers participated on May 17th. It was cold!
- D. **Fishing Contest:** Scheduled for Saturday, July 5th. Moore's are hosting again. Notices sent in Spring newsletter. Hubbard made a motion to approve \$400 toward the fishing contest. Webber seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- E. **Boat Parade:** Mary Lin Gmach cannot host anymore. Segar will post in social media to the membership to see if anyone is interested in leading the Boat Parade
- F. **Summer Meetings:** Scheduled for Saturday July 19th.
 - a. Lake Steward training event -Speakers from Soil and Water and MLR. Onsite education to follow by Grass Roots at Segars.
- G. **Pot Luck Pinic:** Scheduled for Saturday August 16th, 4:30PM at Segars
- H. **Fall Board meeting** Scheduled for Saturday September 20th, 9:00AM

I. Fall Roadside pick up: Saturday September 20th, 10:00AM

J. Big Pine Lake Dam:

- a. We were approved to be awarded the grant for reconstruction.
- b. Aitkin County will be administering the grant money for the construction.
- c. The money is held up currently
- d. The DNR chooses a preferred contractor

K. Lake Steward program:

- a. Discussion took place regarding purchasing of Lake Steward signs. Concerns expressed over signs along the shoreline being an eye sore.
- b. Hubbard made a motion to approve \$50.00 toward the purchase of one sign that can be used for photos, etc. Webber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. 13 properties were evaluated last year for the Lake Steward Program. We hope to take photos of the owners at the membership meeting and recognize them. Mayo will create a certificate to provide members that meet the recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Shoreline Booklets:** Webber would like to purchase booklets from Minnesota Lakes and Rivers that can be given to property owners who would like to improve their shoreline. They are \$5 each. Segar made a motion to approve \$75.00 toward the shoreline booklets. Hubbard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Moore was contacted via email by a potential lakeshore property buyer asking about the lake and lakeshore neighborliness.
- C.** Sharrel Wright nominated Amie Mayo to be considered as a board member. Amie has been an active member and instrumental in facilitating the new website for the association. Hubbard made a motion to approve Amie May as a board member. Sharon Esnough seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- D.** Online payment of membership dues was discussed. Setting this up would incur fees. The decision was made to not propose at this time
- E.** Discussion pursued regarding raising dues for 2026. Wright recommended offering membership levels as incentive to pay more. Wright will explore options of levels. Moore made a motion to raise dues to \$40.00 for 2026. Hubbard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- F.** Wright introduced raising money by getting sponsors or advertising in the newsletter. It was noted we would need someone willing to lead a project like that. Wright said she would look for a volunteer.
- G.** Wright introduced having a written AIS prevention plan for the association. Discussion followed. It was mentioned a formal plan could limit the association more than guide it. It was decided to not create a written plan at this time.
- H. Supplemental Boat inspection**
 - a. The board would like to recruit members to participate in boat inspection
 - b. DNR has volunteers Saturday and Sunday mornings starting at 8:00AM

- c. Hubbard said he is qualified to train volunteers.
 - i. Trainings will be posted to membership for Saturday June 14th and Saturday June 28th , 9:00AM at the boat landing.
 - ii. Goal is to have volunteers for 6:00-8:00AM Fri, Sat & Sun.
 - iii. Discussion about t-shirts or lanyards for ID. Nothing proposed.
- d. Fisher had **educational signs** made providing watercraft safety information.
 - i. Aho's donated the signs
 - ii. We would like to rotate them around the lakeshore
 - iii. Wes Thomas and Dick Webber will display the signs first
 - iv. Segar will ask Dahlberg's about posting the signs on the island
- e. Fisher purchased a buoy to denote the 150 ft mark along his shoreline. Buoys must be taken in every evening if put out. For those interested, his buoy is Red/Black KUFU brand-12" diameter x 15" tall-Mark Bouy for \$32.49 on amazon.

BYLAWS:

The Board reviewed a final draft of the Bylaws. The board members present unanimously approved the Bylaws as written to be presented to the membership for a vote at the summer meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Segar and seconded by Hubbard.
Meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM

Respectfully Submitted: Marie Segar, Secretary