

## **BEAR LAKE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 1:00PM**

PRIOR TO THE START OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, TWO GUEST SPEAKERS MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO MEMBERS:

JASON BREEGEMAN, EAST DISTRICT DNR FISHERIES BIOLOGIST: JASON PRESENTS A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON FISH AND THEIR HABITAT ON BEAR LAKE. HE RELATES A FISHERY ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED EVERY EIGHT YEARS. THE DNR STUDIES SIZE, STRUCTURE, GENDER, AGE, WEIGHT AND GROWTH PATTERNS OF THE VARIOUS SPECIES FOUND IN THE LAKE. AS THE LAST SURVEY WAS 2002, THE NEXT WILL BE IN THE SPRING OF 2020. THE SURVEY IS COMPROMISED OF FYKE NETTING, AND ELECTRO FISHING. AS SOON AS ICE IS OUT, FYKE NETTING WILL FOCUS ON NORTHERN PIKE AND WALLEYE. LATER IN SPRING, ELECTRO FISHING WILL CAPTURE BASS AND PAN FISH. NETS ARE CHECKED EVERY 24 HOURS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE 2020 SURVEY RESULTS, AND THE INFORMATION IT WILL PROVIDE.

JIM SCHARL, SENIOR BIOLOGIST-LAKE SERVICES MANAGER (WISCONSIN LAKE& POND RECLAMATION): AN EXTENSIVE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS COMPLETED ON BEAR LAKE IN 2002. AS LAKES CHANGE OVER TIME, LAKE STUDIES ARE DONE TO EXAMINE THE CONDITION OF THE LAKE AND SURROUNDING AREA'S. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES ARE A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND LAKE STUDIES. INVASIVES CAN THE QUALITY OF THE LAKE, AND HARM EXSISTING PLANT AND FISH SPECIES. MANY SURROUNDING LAKES IN WAUPACA COUNTY HAVE HAD VARIOUS INVASIVES IN THEIR LAKES, WITH CONTROL ISSUES BEING DONE TO CONTROL THE INVADERS. WIS. LAKES & RESOURCE PROPOSES TO DO AN AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY USING 623 POTENTIAL SAMPLING POINTS ON BEAR LAKE, WITH RESULTS REPORTED BACK TO BLPA MEMBERS. THIS COMPANY CAN ALSO ASSIST WITH GRANT WRITING TO FUND FUTURE ISSUES.

THE ANNUAL MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:10pm BY PRESIDENT WENDY O'BRIEN.

BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING, A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR AASOCIATION MEMBERS/FRIENDS THAT PASSED AWAY THIS YEAR: GARY DAILY, GWEN BENTOCH.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: WENDY O'BRIEN, RICHARD SCHROEDER, JUDY DOUD, MARY FURLONG, RUSS HOLLMAN, MARK BELOW, BRIDET-CONROY-BAILEY.

A QUORUM WAS DETERMINED PRESENT WITH 25% OF MEMBERS IN ATTENDENCE. A MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA BY JERRY ROEN, SECOND BY JON STANDRIDGE. MOTION CARRIED.

THE SECRETARY/TREASUER REPORTS WERE DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING. WITH NO CORRECTIONS TO EITHER REPORT, A MOTION TO APPROVE BOTH REPORTS BY DUANE ABRAHAMSON, SECOND BY JERRY ROEN. MOTION CARRIED

### **OLD BUSINESS**

CITIZEN LAKE MONITORING: THE 2018 SECCHI LAKE MONITORING REPORT WAS REVIEWED BY JUDY DOUD. THE MAIN CONCERN NOTED IS ALGAE GROWTH IN SPRING. BEAR LAKE CONTINUES TO BE A CLEAN, CLEAR LAKE.

NEWSLETTER: WENDY O'BRIEN UPDATES MEMBERS ON CURRENT STATUS OF BEAR LAKE WAVE. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE AMY MUELLER BE THE CONTENT COORDINATOR FOR THE NEWSLETTER. AS ALWAYS, MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT ARTICLES TO BE PUBLISHED.

NEW WEBSITE: MEMBERS SHOULD CHECK OUT NEW WEBSITE ([bearlakewave.org](http://bearlakewave.org)). IT IS STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS, AND LIKE THE NEWSLETTER, WELCOME YOUR PICTURES AND IDEA'S FOR CONTENT.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: RUSS HOLLMAN RELATES THIS ACTIVITY REMAINS FOR SPRING/FALL TRASH PICK UP. BLPA ALSO TAKES CARE OF TRASH COLLECTION AT BOAT LANDING.

INVASIVE SPECIES (PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE/JAPANESE KNOTWEED): MARY FURLONG UPDATES ON CURRENT STATUS OF INVASIVE PLANTS FOUND AROUND BEAR LAKE. THE BEETLES PLACED ON PLANTS IN THE PAST, STILL DO REAPPEAR IN THE SPRING, AND FEED ON PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE. SIGHTINGS OF LOOSESTRIFE HAS BEEN REDUCED, DUE IN PART TO PAST EFFORTS IN DISTRIBUTING PLANTS/BEETLES. JAPANESE KNOTWEED HAS ESTABLISHED IN AREA'S PREVIOUSLY TREATED BY THE SPIEGELBERG PROPERTY. GOLDEN SANDS RC&D WILL ASSIST BLPA IN EARLY AUGUST TO ERADICATE.

BOATLANDING UPDATE: RICK SCHROEDER RELATES BUMPERS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FOR \$216.20. HE WILL BE PLACING ON DOCK SOON.

UPDATED LAKE STUDY: RICK SCHROEDER STATES AS LAST STUDY WAS 17 YEARS AGO; A NEW STUDY MAY BE IN ORDER. THE TOTAL COST OF STUDY WOULD BE \$14000.00, TO BE COMPLETED BY 2020. THE FIRST PHASE WOULD BE A SURVEY OF ALL PERSONS USING LAKE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1300.00. MOST MEMBERS DID NOT FEEL THIS SURVEY WOULD BE OF LITTLE USE. THE STUDY OF 683 THROWS AROUND LAKE TO STUDY AQUATIC PLANTS, WOULD COST \$2895.00. AFTER DISCUSSION ON GOING FORWARD WITH THE AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY, A MOTION BY DUANE ABRAHAMSON, SECOND BY NANCY STANDRIDGE TO SPEND \$2895.00 TO COMPLETE 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP OF AN AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY. DUANE ABRAHAMSON AND JERRY ROEN WISHED TO ADD IF THERE IS 200 LESS THROWS, PRICE WOULD BE REDUCED. ELECTION WITH THIS AMENDMENT ADDED, MOTION IS CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: WENDY O'BRIEN RESIGNED HER POSITION AS PRESIDENT. RICK SCHROEDER RELATES HE IS WILLING TO TAKE OVER THIS POSITION. THE CURRENT DIRECTORS UP FOR ELECTION, MARK BELOW AND BRIDGET CONROY-BAILEY, ARE WILLING TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM IF NO ONE VOLUNTERS TO SERVE. THERE IS AN OPEN OFFICER POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT. NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT OPENED TO THE FLOOR. KYLE PACHAN RELATES THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS FOR ON THE FLOOR FOR THESE POSITIONS. A MOTION BY JERRY ROEN, SECOND BY JON STANDRIDGE, TO ELECT TO THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

PRESIDENT: RICK SCHROEDER  
VICE PRESIDENT: KYLE PACHAN  
DIRECTOR: BRIDGET CONROY-BAILEY  
DIRECTOR: MARK BELOW

MOTION PASSED BY ANONYMOUS BALLOT.

EAGLES: DUANE ABRAHAMSON RELATES THERE WERE TWO EAGLES THAT NESTED ON HIS PROPERTY THAT DIED OF SOME TYPE OF POISONING. HE TOOK BIRDS TO MOSQUITO HILL FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. HE STATES THERE ARE NOW TWO NEW EAGLES THAT ARE NOW NESTING NEAR SAME SPOT. HE WILL UPDATE BLPA IF HE GETS FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TWO DECEASED EAGLES.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 3: 00pm.

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE SOCIAL HOUR AND HORS D' OUEVERES FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDY DOUD  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

