**BEAR LAKE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY MAY 1ST, 2022**

THE MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:05pm BY PRESIDENT RICHARD SCHROEDER.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: RICHARD SCHROEDER, JUDY DOUD, BRIDGET CONROY-BAILEY, MARK BELOW, RUSSEL HOLLMAN, MARK BELOW, ANDY BRECKLIN. ALL ARE IN ATTENDENCE.

A QUORUM WAS DETERMINED PRESENT, WITH 25% OF VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDEMCE. A MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA WITH THE ADDING KAITLIN KERNOSKY, DNR GAME WARDEN BY MARK BELOW, SECOND BY KYLE PACHAN. MOTION CARRIED.

SECRETARY/TREASURE REPORTS WERE DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO MEETING. WITH NO CORRECTIONS TO THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, A MOTION TO APPROVE SECRETARY REPORT BY RICK SCHROEDER, SECOND BY ANDY BRECKLIN. MOTION CARRIED. TREASUER’S REPORT REVIEWED. JERRY ROEN, TOWN OF ROYALTON CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED GRATITUDE ON BEHALF OF ROYALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD FOR THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS BOAT LANDING REPAIRS. A MOTION BY JERRY ROEN, SECOND BY MARK BELOW TO APPROVE TREASUER’S REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

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

KAITLIN KERNOSKY, NE REGION DNR WARDEN, PRESENTS GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT BOATER SAFETY. ANY CHILD UNDER AGE 10 MAY NOT OPERATE A MOTORBOAT. AGE 10-12 IF ADULT ON BOARD. AGE 12-15 CAN OPERATE IF PARENT OR GUARDIAN ON BOARD, OR-COMPLETED THE BOATER SAFETY COURSE. AGE 16 AND BORN AFTER 01/01/89 MAY OPERATE ALONE IF COMPLETED BOATER SAFETY COURSE. PERSONAL WATERCRAFT(PWC) RESTRICTIONS: 12 AND YOUNGER-CANNOT OPERATE WATERCRAFT, AGE 12-15 MAY OPERATE ALONE ONLY IF COMPLETED BOATER SAFETY, AGE 16 AND OVER-AND BORN AFTER 01/01/89 MAY OPERATE ALONE IF COMPLETED BOATER SAFETY. BOATER SAFETY COURSE IS OFFERED ONLINE. LIFE JACKET MUST BE WITH BOATER IF ON MOTORBOAT, PWC, KAYAK, PADDLEBOARD.

WATER SKI-IF WATERCRAFT HAS A MIRROR TO OBSERVE SKIER- CAN BE IN PLACE OF AN OBSERVER. FIRE EXTENGISHER

MUST BE ON WATERCRAFT IF HAS CLOSED COMPARTMENTS. KAYAKS DO NOT NEED TO BE REGISTERED. A CONCERN WAS RAISED BY MEMBERS REGARDING UNSAFE OPERATION ON LAKE. A PHONE CALL CAN BE MADE TO KAITLIN AT (920) 505-0162, DNR TIPLINE-(800) 847-9367, OR WAUPACA CO SHERIFF (715) 258-4466. A PHONE VIDEO CAN BE USED AND PASSED ON TO DNR, AS WELL AS THE OFFENDERS BOAT REG. NUMBER. A CONCERN WAS BROUGHT UP BY MEMBER JEFF FAKLER REGARDING THE BRIGHT LIGHTS ON LAKE AT NIGHT FROM CARP FISHERMAN. AT THIS TIME, THERE IS NO LAW TO PROHIBIT BRIGHT LIGHT, OR NOISE FROM GENERATORS ON LAKES. APPARENTLY, THIS IS A HOT TOPIC AROUND WISC LAKES FROM FOLKS THAT FIND THE PREACTICE ANNOYING. KAITLIN RELATES MAY BE A LAW CHANGE IN FUTURE WITH NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED. AS A REMINDER, AGE 16 AND OLDER, MUST HAVE A FISHING LICENSE.

CHRIS HAMERLA, REGIONAL AQUATIC SPECIES COORDINATOR FROM GOLDEN SANDS RC&D, PRESENTS CURRENT INFORMATION ON INVASIVE SPECIES FOUND ON LAKES, ETC. HE ADDRESSES A MAIN CONCERN OF MEMBERS: ZEBRA MUSSELS. APPARENTLY, ZEBRA MUSSELS ARE IN ABUNDANCE AROUND LAKES IN AREA. THIS HAPPENS AS THE MUSSELS ATTACH TO BOATS, AND IS NOT CLEANED (UNDERSIDE OF BOAT, PLANTS) BEFORE GOING TO ANOTHER LAKE. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NO METHOD OF ELIMINATING ZEBRA MUSSELS FROM A LAKE. WHEN A ZEBRA MUSSEL IS REMOVED FROM WATER, THEY CAN LIVE SEVERAL DAYS. LIFE SPAN OF A MUSSEL IS 5 YEARS. THEY DO NOT HAVE MANY

NATURAL PREDETORS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER ZEBRA MUSSELS CLEAR A LAKE, NOT CLEAN IT, AS THEY ARE FILTER FEEDERS. THIS CLEARING MAY CAUSE AQUATIC PLANT GROWTH INCREASE, AS WELL AS ALGAE GROWTH DUE TO MORE LIGHT PENETRATION. IT WOULD BE A GOOD PRACTICE FOR VISITORS TO CLEAN THEIR BOATS AFTER BEING ON BEAR LAKE TO PREVENT FURTHER INVASIONS. SOME CONCERNS RAISED ABOUT INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANTS IN LAKE.

CHRIS RELATES HE IS WILLING TO CHECK OUT ANY AQUATIC PLANTS, ANIMALS THAT MEMBERS QUESTION. HE STATES TAKE A PICTURE AND SEND TO HIM. CHRIS PHONE NUMBER IS (715) 343-6215 EXT 704, OR EMAIL AT Chris.Hamerla@goldensandsrcd.org , PICTURES OF ANY SUSPECT PLANTS/ANIMALS. AS GOLDEN SANDS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, BEAR LAKE PRESERVATION ASSN DONATES $500.00 TO GOLDEN SANDS FOR THEIR CONTINUED HELP FOR OUR AND OTHER LAKES.

BEFORE ANNUAL MEETING BEGINS, WE HAVE MOMENT OF SILENCE TO FOR ASSN MEMBERS THAT PASSED AWAY:

ROBERT CONROY, DAVID YOUNG, PAUL MILLER, ROY PAPENDORF.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NEW FISH MANAGER: NEW FISH MANAGER IS AARON OCONNEL. WE HOPE TO ENGAGE AARON IN FUTURE ENDEAVORS

ON BEAR LAKE. WALLEYE STOCKING:PREVIOUS FISH MANAGER JASON BREGGEMANN RELATED BEAR LAKE WOULD NOT BE CONDUSIVE TO STOCKING WALLEYES, SO IT WAS FELT IT WOULD BE A WASTE OF FUNDS.

**NEW BUSINESS**

SKI SHOW UPDATES: BRIDGET CONROY-BAILEY RELATES THE CHAIN SKIERS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DOING THEIR PRACTICE SHOWS AGAIN ON BEAR LAKE AS THE VETERANS HOME WILL NOT ALLOW THEIR SITE AGAIN THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS.. BLPA HAS CHOOSEN NOT TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY TALKS OF THE SKI SHOWS, OTHER THAN TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO MEMBERS. BRIDGET RELATES SHOWS WOULD BE: 06/12,06/19,06/26;07/04,07/10, 07/17;08/07,08/14. NUMEROUS MEMBERS EXPRESS DISAPPROVAL OF THE SKI SHOWS. IT WAS FELT THE SHOW’S TIE UP THEIR SUNDAY’S AND ABILITY TO ENJOY LAKE IN REGARD TO BOATING, SKING, ETC. IF ANY CONCERNS, BRIDGET RELATES MEMBERS CAN TALK TO HER ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

LAKE MONITORING:

WEED GROWTH: RICK SCHOEDER RELATES HE HAD INDIVIDUALS APPROACH HIM AT CORN ROAST ABOUT INCREASE ABUNDANCE OF WEEDS IN BEAR LAKE. CONCERN RAISED OF PHOSPHORUS IN LAKE DUE TO RUNOFF OF FERTILIZER/LIQUID MANURE. NOT SURE OF HOW TO TRACK. CHRIS HAMERLA SUGGESTS MONITORING OF WATER CHEMISTRY AS A WAY TO BEGIN TRACKING CAUSE OF INCREASE WEED GROWTH.

LAKE LEVELS: IT IS FELT LAKE LEVELS ARE GETTING LOWER. LAKE LEVELS ARE FELT TO PERHAPS BE CAUSED BY CULVERT ON NORTHEND. NO RECORD OF PLACING BOARDS IN LAKE TO REGULATE WATER LEVELS. JULIE MILLER RELATES SHE HAS A BEAVER DAM ON HER PROPERTY BY OUTLET BLOCKING FLOW OF WATER. KAITLIN KERNOWSKY RELATES IT WOULD BE ACCETABLE TO HAVE VOLUNTEERS REMOVE THE BEAVER DAM. BLPA WILL GATHER VOLUNTERS TO REMOVE DEBRIS FROM BEAVER DAM.

LAKE STUDIES: RICK SCHROEDER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH STAFF AT UW-STEVENS POINT FOR A POSSIBLE STUDENT PROJECT TO MONITOR LAKE QUALITY. AN INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED BY STAFF CONCERNING A FUTURE PROJECT. RICK WILL CONTINUE WITH TALKS TO STAFF AT UWSP.

ELECTIONS: CURRENT POSITIONS UP FOR REELECTION—ALL ARE TWO YEAR TERMS:

PRESIDENT: CURRENTLY HELD BY RICHARD SCHROEDER

VICE PRESIDENT: CURRENTLY HELD BY KYLE PACHAN

DIRECTOR: CURRENTLY HELD BY MARK BELOW

DIRECTOR: CURRENTLY HELD BY BRIDGET CONROY-BAILEY

DIRECTORS:AS NO NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR, AND MARK BELOW, BRIDGET CONROY-BAILEY ARE WILLING TO SERVE, A MOTION BY JOANNE REINKE, SECOND BY JUDY DOUD TO REELECT MARK BELOW AND BRIDGET CONROY-BAILEY TO DIRECTOR POSITIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

VICE PRESIDENT: AS NO NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR, AND KYLE PACHAN IS WILLING TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM, A MOTION BY JERRY ROEN, SECOND BY RICK SCHROEDER TO REELECT KYLE PACHAN. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT: AS NO NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR, AND RICHARD SCHROEDER IS WILLING TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM,

A MOTION BY MARK BELOW, SECOND BY TIM SULLIVAN TO REELECT RICHARD SCHROEDER. MOTION CARRIED.

AS NO OTHER BUSINESS, A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:26pm BY MARK BELOW, SECOND BY RICK SCHROEDER.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDY DOUD

SECRETARY/TREASUER

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