

## **Big Bass Little Bass Lake Owners Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 9, 2024**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 AM at the home of Mike and Jana Stejskal

**Directors Present:** Interim President Marty De Vries, Treasurer Jana Stejskal Trustee Sheryl Steenwyk (via phone), Trustee/Secretary Denise Brewer, absent, Mike Stejskal

### **New Business:**

The board accepted the resignation of Phil Sanders, president for the 2022-2023 year. We thank Phil for his diligence and dedication to the board and to our beautiful lake.

**The Board assigned the following posts for the Directors,** Marty DeVries, interim president, Mike Stejskal, Trustee, Jana Stejskal, Treasurer, Sheryl Steenwyk, trustee, and Denise Brewer, Secretary. Needless to say, we are in need of more board members and to be aware and recruit interest to other owners around the lake that may be interested.

**Board approved the 4th of July event calendar for summer of 2024.** Because the 4th falls on a Thursday, the events will be a bit different this year: The Fun Run will take place on Thursday, July 4 at 9:00am, The Paddle Parade will take place on Friday, July 5 at 9:30am, The Boat Parade will take place Friday night at 7:00 pm, and the Dock Hop will take place on Saturday, July 6, 11:00 am. Jana has already posted this information on the Facebook page, and will create an informational flier that will include the details of the events and a request to lake owners to pay their dues. Fliers will be distributed to homes in May. Marty said he could get copies made for us and board members will help with delivering to homes around the lake. Because of the great turnout last year for these events, the budget was increased to 1500.00 to help with added expenses for door prizes and possible kid's activities yet to be planned.

### **Other Discussion of Old/New Business:**

**Little Island:** current assessment of the island decreased from 10,000 to 600., since the island is shrinking every year. Sheryl noted that we inquired about getting insurance for the island but it was over 2000. per year and definitely not within our means to pay. She will contact the DNR to see if they are interested in a donation so that the lake owners are no longer responsible for paying the taxes on it. Marty will investigate getting new signs to post around the island: private property and no trespassing.

**Wake board Recommendations by DNR:** We are keeping abreast of the DNR recommendations and the current changes that are happening within our state for possible legislation that might take place in regards to lake boat usage on inland lakes. Currently BBL has only a few spots less than 100 ft. wide that can be used for wakeboard boats and we as a board strongly discourage the use of them to keep our shores from eroding further. We know

we cannot enforce this, but we will be able to if this becomes law. We will further discuss signage at boat launch as news develops regarding this.

**Township/PLM Communications:** Jana will take care of emailing Elk Township and PLM informing them of the current board situation and where further emailing should happen in regard to Millfoil treatment on our lake. Denise noted that flyers are usually mailed out with approximate dates for treatment. We will try our best to communicate specific dates to our property owners as we get closer to spring/summer. We will also maintain our communication with Lisa Adams and the Environmental 501C board for that information.

**June Association Meeting:** Jana will talk to Lisa to see if we want to schedule a meeting together in June. It was agreed to get the Family Center at Fellowship Church again this year.

**Discussion of Annual Dues:** We brought up the issue of association dues and how we are getting less than 20% of property owners paying their 20.00 fee. We want to see how much we can increase that this year since this is the revenue stream we use to pay for our lake events. Avenues of income were discussed; QR code accessible for owner to direct pay to our account, website link to pay dues, flier with qr code and July events given to all owners, signage and word of mouth to our neighbors and friends. Hopefully we can make an increase happen this year!!

**Voting Members:** The board decided to stay with the same procedure that is laid out in our by-laws that you must be a lake property owner to cast a vote in our association, and that one person per household needs to vote. Sheryl will put together a ballot proposal so we can increase the voting pool.

**Technology Needs:** With the resignation of Phil Sanders, we will need someone to help with our technology needs. Marty said he would talk to Russ Hoekstra to see if he could help with website upkeep and updates as they come up.

**Next Meeting:** We have set our next meeting up for Saturday, May 11 at 10:00am at Mike and Jana's house.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Minutes submitted by Jana Stejskal

