

LAKE BEAUTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2024

Meeting called to order to by President Kathy Boeckman

Motion to accept the agenda made by Jim Lundquist second by Nancy Schlee

No old business

New Business

Motion to accept the 2023 minutes was made by Bruce Krousey second by Rick Jones

Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$5,208.96. Motion to approve by Christie Garlets and second by Ken Boeckman

Agenda:

Kathy introduced Eric Altena area Fisheries Manager with Fish & Wildlife. He gave a very interesting presentation. The highlights were the following:

Walleye fingerlings have been stock as recently as 2023 and will only be stocked again if there is a surplus at the end of stocking season. He stressed that we should help educate fisher people that it is best to take female sunfish and to throw back the large male sunfish. It has been shown that this will help maintain larger fish in the population. He also emphasized the need to encourage people to keep northern pike when caught. He recommends checking out "The Only Northern Pike Fillet Tutorial You'll Ever Need!" on YouTube. As well as teaching how to fillet a northern it also explains how to clean the slime off the fish.

Carol Jones extended an invitation for all ladies to join our book club. Club meets every six weeks with a break during the summer and they have read 34 books over the past few years.

Sadly, this year we had the passing of three long time residents on the lake: Butch Sobaszkievich, Arlene Sullivan and Butch Clark. Our condolences to all the families.

Rick Jones had hand outs available to sign up for a CORED alert system for storm warnings specific to your address. Phone # for violations on the lake is: 6518-296-6157(DNR), try to get a boat or car license number of violators. The new website for Bruce Township is: <https://www.bruce-township.com/>. The state of Minnesota is offering up to \$400.00 grant money for "native planting project". You can also check out www.bluthumb.org Contact Rick Jones @320-267-7970 if you would like a coach to help with this.

Kathy and several of our association alternates met with the DNR it has been determined that the lake is too shallow for a fishing pier to be workable on our lake. It would need to extend too far out into the lake.

Kathy encouraged everyone to visit our Facebook page which has recently been updated by Nancy Schlee and also our web page for all the latest information. The Little Library is on Inspiration Trail and you are invited to "Take a Book/Leave a Book". The weed stick at the public access is a great tool for cleaning off weeds before and after leaving the lake. Kathy did a quick recap of the reasons to become a member of the Lake Beauty Association.

The positions of President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer are all open for replacement in 2025. The floor was open for volunteers or nominations and Mike & Missy Aaker stepped up for the office of vice president and Quetin & Christy Garlets stepped up for the secretary/treasurer position. Nancy Schlee made a motion to accept Mike & Missy Aaker as Vice president; second by Quetin Garlets. Nancy Schlee made a motion to accept Quetin and Christy for the position of secretary/treasurer; second by Ken Boeckman. Motions were unanimously passed. The position of President is still available.

Brian Becker from Bruce Township spoke briefly stating that the new grader is in place and is working well. Todd County has taken over mowing the ditches. Greg Murtha asked that the road be graded three times a week rather than two and Brian said he could put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Township meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Brad Mollner spoke about the installation of high speed fiber optic internet by the company Sytek around Lake Beauty sometime in the fall of 2024. He handed out applications for homeowners and went over a few points to be aware of when filling these out. There will be free hookup and 3 months of free internet as well as free from the road to your home if you are signed up by the deadline of January 1, 2025.

Mary Stocco suggested that we raise our donation to Lake Beauty Bible Camp from \$500 to \$750 for the 2025 fireworks. The motion was seconded by Christie Garlets.

Up next was Greg Fredricks with a demonstration on how to keep and manage bee hives. He is not a commercial bee keeper and does not use chemicals. He orders his bees as well as a Queen bee which has to be kept away from the drones and workers for 3 days and then released or they will kill the Queen. His bees produce about 100 gallons of crystallized honey which he does not sell, but he does give it away. Enough though it is free, he does however ask that you would kindly give a donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. If you are interested in being a bee keeper or would like to try his honey you can contact him @612-867-7149.

The idea of putting together a new directory of residents around the lake was briefly discussed and it was decided that this would be a great project for the new officers to pursue with the help of everyone around the lake. Our last order of business was to raffle off a Lily Pad floating swim raft. The winner was Brian Down. Nancy Schlee had also designed some great drink cups that fit in the holder of your pontoon & boat. Winners were: Sue Ellingson, Troy Lynch, Gene Siegel, Derek Hanson, Bob Fossum, & Quetin Garlets. Congratulations to all the winners.

Motion to adjourn by Rick Jones, second by Rick Hanson.

Minutes submitted by Dianne Krousey
Secretary/Treasurer