

Lake Belle Taine Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 22, 2024 – 9:30 am – Bethany Lutheran Church, Nevis

Board Members in Attendance: JoEllen Bailey, Chuck Blair, Jim Caratozzolo, Steve Gossen, Steve Hankey, Camille Heyman, Phil Krahn, John Maczko, Tom May, Mike Stevens

Excused: Linda Fox, Rob Hall, Tim O'Neill, Lynn Swaggert

Attendance: ~90

1. Introduction by John Maczko, vice president
 - a. Welcome and agenda were presented.
 - b. Board members were introduced.
2. Election of board members: John Maczko
 - a. The nominating committee presented a slate of three current directors that were interested in continuing to serve: Lynn Swaggert, John Maczko, Tim O'Neill. A new candidate, Melanie Humburg, was also presented for consideration.
 - b. Al Lundstrom was nominated from the floor.
 - c. Motion made by Tom May, second by Fred Lundstrom, to approve the directors up for re-election (3-year terms), Lynn Swaggert, John Maczko, Tim O'Neill, along with Melanie Humburg, a new candidate.
 - d. The slate of directors was approved by voice vote.
 - e. Chuck Blair and Mike Stevens are leaving the board. Chuck was recognized for his many years of service to the Lake Belle Taine Association. He served over 15 years.
3. Financial report: Jim Caratozzolo
 - a. Handout was provided with the budget for the fiscal year 2023 and YTD 2024 (p. 3-4)
 - b. Financial overview: Fiscal year 2024
 - i. Revenue: \$46,671
 - ii. Expenses: \$32,417
 - iii. Total Association funds: \$106,417
4. AIS Report: Andrea Dutcher
 - a. Explained the shoreline monitoring program: volunteers check assigned shoreline 2-3 times per season
 - b. Explained the "Eyes on the Water" program: hang zebra mussel monitor tube from dock
 - c. Appeal for volunteers
 - d. Contact information for Andrea: ajd3@cornell.edu
5. Loon Restoration Project: JoEllen Bailey
 - a. Loon Watcher Survey: 44th year of the survey conducted by the DNR; record number of loons at least once per month during May through August. The DNR looks at nesting behavior and breeding productivity.
 - b. We currently have approximately 13 nesting pairs of loons and possibly five lone loons. As of 6/10, there were 16 loon chicks from nine nests; four pair were still on the nest.
 - c. Be a Loon Ranger! Educate your neighbors and visitors about staying away from the loons. It is unlawful to chase or harass wildlife with a boat or jet ski.
 - d. Attempt to use lead-free fishing tackle especially small sinkers or jigs less than one-half ounce. "Get the Lead Out" box for collection of lead fishing tackle will be at the Soil and Water Conservation office in Park Rapids.
 - e. Contact information for JoEllen if interested in helping: joellen.bailey@cortland.edu

6. Lake Quality Committee report: John Maczko
 - a. AIS inspector report: Our lake is one of the most compliant with entering boats having no weeds, mud, or AIS attached to the boat or trailer.
 - b. We have had Hubbard County split AIS inspector shifts to get better coverage. Some coverage has been moved to Shallow Lake rather than having two inspectors at the LBT access.
 - c. LBT ranks 4th overall in Hubbard County for watercraft entering from infested lakes.
 - d. Lake Belle Taine's desire to manage the water level is in the Crow Wing One Watershed, One Plan, but it is listed as a local issue. Another approach is needed for the next step.
 - e. Commissioner DeLaHunt has provided his support for the LBT water management issue. He reiterated that the water level issue is not going away and pledged his full support to finding a solution.
 - f. The Soil and Water Conservation District will take the lead. Previous solutions from the 2000-2001. They will try to gather data about damage that may be done that will be costly. Try to find the right water level. An engineer will look through the old plan and see what has changed since then in collecting and analyzing data.
7. Miscellaneous topics:
 - a. Arnie Kuhn reported on the Highway 34 cleanup that is done in the spring and fall. Volunteers were solicited.
 - b. Concern about the damage caused by wake boats was discussed. The only lakes that can control wake boats are those that have Lake Improvement Districts (LIDS). Wake boats cause large waves when the boat's ballasts are filled with water to lower the stern of the boat.
 - c. Has fish management been addressed? The board will investigate.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am. Members were invited to Muskie Pavilion for a pot-luck picnic.

Respectfully submitted,
JoEllen Bailey, LBTA secretary

Lake Belle Taine Association Treasurer's Report

12/31/2024

Income:

		Members	Member Avg
Member Dues	\$9,975.00	285.0	\$35.00
Member AIS Donations	\$33,852.00		\$118.78
Non Member AIS Funding	\$3,000.00		\$153.78
Total AIS Funding	\$36,852.00		
Dock Signs Check Payments Received	\$270.00		
Lake Belle Taine Mug Sales	\$310.00		
Membership Directories	\$0.00		
PayPal fees	-\$735.86		
Venmo Fees	-\$0.48		
Edward Jones Fees	\$0.00		
Misc	\$0.00		
Total Income	\$46,670.66		

Pay Pal, Venmo, and EJ

fees	\$ \$ %
\$735.86	2.51%
\$0.48	3.20%
\$0.00	0.00%

MM Interest YTD

\$90.84

Checking Account Expenses:

AIS Boater Education & Monitoring Program	\$21,200.00	65.40%
AIS Miscellaneous Supplies / Services	\$3,092.50	9.54%
Insurance	\$2,026.00	6.25%
Haas Printing - Directory/Mailings	\$1,572.80	4.85%
Memberships - COLA / MN Rivers Lakes	\$1,293.00	3.99%
Fireworks Donation: Jeff Roehl, Dave Tomas	\$1,500.00	4.63%
Communications (Zoom, WIX Web Page, Gmass, Craig's)	\$730.98	2.25%
Annual Meeting	\$454.08	1.40%
Post Office Box Rent/Postage	\$259.00	0.80%
Engel Dock Signs Payments	\$270.00	0.83%
Bank Charge	\$18.72	0.06%
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	0.00%
Deneen Pottery	\$0.00	0.00%
Nevis C&C Association	\$0.00	0.00%
Legal / Tax	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Expenses	\$32,417.08	100.00%
Net Income YTD 2024	\$14,253.58	

Fund Distribution:

General Fund Bank Account Balance 1/2/2024	\$23,610.26
Net Income YTD	\$14,253.58
Year to Date Transfers from MM AIS Reserve Fund	-\$22,000.00
Funds in PayPal Account waiting to be transfered	\$375.37
Funds in Venmo Account waiting to be transfered	\$0.00
Funds in Edward Jones Account to be transfered	\$0.00
General Fund Bank Account Balance 12/31/2024	<u>\$15,488.47</u>

Money Market Reserve Fund Balance 12/31/2024	<u>\$37,461.67</u>
CD6 =>CD7 as of 12/18/2024, 91 day term to maturity date (3.65%)	<u>\$53,091.52</u>

Total Association Fund Balance 12/31/2024	<u>\$106,417.03</u>
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2023 members paid to date	285
Total addresses on LBTA Membership Rolls	503

Current and Prior Years Paid Members:			Member Funding	
				Avg
	2024	285	\$43,827.00	\$153.78
	2023	302	\$43,046.20	\$142.54
	2022	299	\$34,006.00	\$113.73
	2021	295	\$31,130.00	\$105.53
	2020	302	\$24,085.00	\$79.75
	2019	272	\$22,283.00	\$81.92
Jim Caratozzolo	2018	277	\$21,598.00	\$77.97
Treasurer	2017	255	\$19,705.00	\$77.27
	2016	258	\$20,910.00	\$81.05

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