BPLA Membership Meeting Saturday,  
May 28, 2016, 10:00 AM  

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance – John  
   *Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.*

2. Welcome, introduce board – John  
   *Introductions and comments were made as follows:*
   
   Palmer > Don Fornell change  
   John Mueller Chair | Jim Stevenson co-Chair  
   Roger Olson Treasurer  
   Jeff Lindgren Secretary  
   Dave Schinkoeth; Greg Tavernier, Ron Redding, Don Fornell  
   Note handouts and raffle tickets  
   Review agenda – John

3. Approval of Labor Day meeting, September 5, 2015 meeting notes – Jeff  
   *The report was presented*

4. Motion to approve meeting minutes– John  
   *A motion was passed to accept the report*

5. Treasurer’s report –Roger  
   *The report was presented*

6. Motion to approve Treasurer report– John  
   *A motion was passed to accept the report*
   
   **Raffle drawing - Drawings were held**

7. Committee reports **Approximately 135 people attending the meeting**  
   a. Membership report – John  
      *190 sign-ups this year so far vs. 205 last year*
      
      i. Ice out drawing  
      *Ice Out March 31, winners were Rick & Mary, Linn & Brian, Barb & Dave*

   b. Fireworks – Jim  
      *$2,500 in donations, fireworks will be at 10pm at Makelas, Sunday July 3*

   c. Boat Parade – John  
      *Parades will be on Sunday July 3*

   d. Roadside clean up – Roger  
      *Roadside cleanup was on May 21 with 19 volunteers.*

   e. Volunteer Days – Roger  
      *Don Fornell will be heading up three volunteer days on 6/18, 7/23, and 8/20*

   f. AIS boat Checks – Roger  
      *Pine County will be sending people for random inspections. They are looking for volunteers from our lakes to help after a four hour training session.*
g. Next Door app enrollment for BPLA area – Roger

The Next Door app is a way to connect with people in the area, like a Facebook for neighbors looking to buy and/or sell items

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8. Speaker: Leslie George - MN DNR Fisheries

Leslie spoke on several items: Beavers at the dam and removing debris; The 54 acres the DNR owns around the dam in a AMA (Aquatic Management Area) in which they have removed buckthorn, no ATV’s or deerstands allowed; Focusing on habitat and vegetation, shoreline scoring; Stocked 500 pounds of fingerlings; Proposed Northern Pike management zones with a 22” to 26” protected slot, 10 fish limit with two over 26” allowed; Creating Woody Complex fish habitat with 20+ sites on the two lakes.

9. Committee reports cont.

a. Water quality projects – Dave

i. Channel dredging
   Went through the process but no permits, deemed unnecessary

ii. Beaver control
   Removed five in Strawberry Creek and two at the dam

iii. Lake levels
   All top boards in the dam were replaced.

iv. Strawberry Creek maintenance
   Discussed removing the large beaver dam

v. Perch habitat
   Leslie covered this in her presentation

b. Buffer Zone projects – Dave

i. Aitkin County
   Shelley is underway with six projects this year

ii. Pine County
   Need list of owners interested

c. Picnic – Ron
   Picnic will be held July 16, 11am to 2pm.

d. Golf Tournament –Jeff
   Anyone interested can play July 16, 8am at Sandstone Golf Course

10. Old Business – John

Funds were set aside two years ago for projects on the lake

11. New Business – John

Next weekend June 4th is the citywide garage sale

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12. Adjournment – John - Motion to adjourn

A motion was passed to adjourn at 11:52.