

## **Minutes of First Annual Sugarbush Lakes Association**

**Saturday June 18, 2016**

**1:00 PM**

Meeting Called to Order at 1:10 PM by President Tom Achtor

The four Board of Directors; Tom Achtor, President; Ted Amman, Vice President; Mike Bohn treasurer; and Jim Anderson, Secretary introduced themselves. Everyone in the room introduced themselves and where they live on the lakes. There were 32 members of the Association present at this meeting.

President Tom Achtor gave a brief history of the formation of the Association and recounted activities of the Board members since the initial organization. He summarized the five objectives around which the Association was formed. He expressed the desire on behalf of the board that members freely share their ideas of what the association should work on.

Treasurer Mike Bohn; provided a Treasurers report. During the report he indicated that there were about \$120 of yearly expenses for things like the post office box and filing with the state and other than those expenses there would be some money available to apply to areas or items that the Association members want to address. There will also be yearly expenses around the required yearly meeting. This led to some discussion about potential items so of which wrapped into discussions about standing committees.

Ted Amman; Vice President reported on some his activities in anticipation of collecting water quality data and information. He spoke to secchi disk readings; chlorophyll A sampling and some other water quality parameters such as dissolved Oxygen. He and Jim Anderson also shared information on the Bear River Watershed Plan and the desire to gather and organize information so Sugarbush Lakes can be a part of that plan. In addition, members including Brian Salzman shared data on fish stocking and spearing as well as fish counts. Jim Anderson also shared that the tribe will be doing a vegetation survey on Middle and Lower this summer probably in August. This will set an important baseline going forward. Ted will let people know when/if a plant identification session can be set up. In formation was also provided on a swimmers itch workshop to be held in July at the Casino.

Mike Bohn shared information about the website he set up. He also asked that members let him know what kind of information or links they would like to see associated with the site.

This led to a discussion of committees which the by-laws allow the Board to establish but desired input from the membership.

Rick Grundman made a motion after discussion that four committees be established; the committees are water quality; Bear River Watershed Plan; social and fisheries. The motion was seconded by Robin Schmidt and passed unanimously. To get things started chairs of the committees are as follows; Water quality, Ted Amman; Bear River; Jim Anderson; Social, Robin Schmidt and Fisheries, Brian Salzmann.

During open discussion the annual meeting date and time was discussed. The group discussed whether a date later in the season would be more desirable. Some expressed concern for Father's day weekend; others suggested that the current date should be kept. After discussion, the point was raised that we can't change the date of the meeting because that topic was not included on the posted agenda (a requirement of the association charter). The group noted that provision and agreed to post the topic for discussion at next year's agenda. No change to the date was made.

There was some additional open discussion; but no motions were put forward.

The meeting was adjourned to plentiful food, beverage and conversation at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by;

Jim Anderson; Secretary