

Minutes
FLPOA Board Meeting
November 16, 2013
Old Fifty Lakes City Hall

Present: Al Cote, Mark Johnson, Ken Neihart, Roy Srp, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

Absent: Michael Bury and Andy Levesque.

Visitor: Ken Hersey the mayor of Fifty Lakes.

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes from the September 28, 2013 were read and approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was read and approved. The current balance was \$7970.00.

Membership: 2013 current member status is 57.

2014 current member status is 16.

Discussion Topics:

1. "AIS Burma Shave Signs" on County Roads #1 and #136:

At the October meeting of Fifty Lakes Planning Commission the three year Interim Use Permit to maintain the signs at their current locations was denied by a 3 to 2 vote. The FLPOA appealed the decision by the Planning Commission to the Fifty Lakes City Council. The decision of the Planning Commission was overturned by the City Council at the November council meeting.

A motion was passed by the FLPOA Board to remove the "AIS Burma Shave Signs" in November and put them back up to in April 2014.

The board is also researching participating in a sign exchange program with other associations that have similar signs but different slogans.

2. A motion was made and passed to join WAPOA at the Friendship Level, \$100.00, in 2014.

3. AIS Surveys:

AIS surveys that were conducted at the four-watercraft accesses in 2013 were all negative – no aquatic invasive species were found. The board will be contacting three property owners that have private accesses to see if they want to participate in this program in 2014.

4. Crow Wing County AIS Inspector Program:

The FLPOA participated in this program in 2013 and plans to participate in 2014. In 2013 the FLPOA committed approximately \$3800.00 to the program. This allowed inspectors at each of the four public accesses for approximately 55 hours. In 2014 the City of Fifty Lakes is interested in participating in the program and the association will approach the Fifty Lakes Foundation about participating.

5. The FLPOA board members signed a thank you letter that was sent to the J.A. Wedum Foundation. The Wedum Foundation awarded a \$1000.00 grant to the association for conservation and preservation of water quality.
6. Shoreline Restoration Grant:
The FLPOA will be receiving approximately \$1100.00 from the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District after a restoration project is completed on West Fox spring of 2014.
7. Membership/ Communication:
 - A. Board members will be calling or emailing members who have not renewed their membership in the association for 2013.
 - B. The winter edition of the "Ripple" will be on the association website January 2014.
 - C. The board is considering a canvas of property owners to deliver the spring edition of the "Ripple".
 - D. The board discussed developing a letter for Resorts, Campgrounds, etc. that contains AIS information as part of the association AIS Awareness Program.
8. A motion was passed to research and implement payment of association dues on the internet.
9. The board approved the logo that was developed by Carrie Bell our webmaster and newsletter editor.
10. The board discussed the Sandpiper Pipeline that would run from North Dakota to the Duluth/Superior area. Two routes are being considered, one would run just North of Fifty Lakes across Southern Cass County.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Neihart
Secretary

Next FLPOA Board Meeting

April 2014
Date, time and place to be determined