



Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 8th • 8:30am

The Fifty Lakes Foundation Building

Board Members Present: Jon Arnoldy, Michael Bury, Ken Neihart, Carol Rose, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

Board Members Absent: Mark Johnson and Roy Srp.

Attendance: 17.

Business Meeting: President Fred Strohmeier called the meeting to order.

Reports:

Secretary: The minutes from the August 2, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was read and approved. Current balance is \$7,343.21.

Membership: There are 168 current members that are paid up through June 1, 2016.

Board Member Election:

- Thank you to Mark Johnson and Roy Srp for their service on the FLPOA Board. Their terms expire in 2015.
- Christie Arnoldy and Michael Bury were elected to the board. Their terms will expire in 2017.
- Jon Arnoldy, Ken Neihart, Carol Rose, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier are current members of the board and their terms will expire in 2016.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):

- Curyleaf (CLP): CLP was found at the Mitchell Lake public watercraft access in July 2014. Surveys conducted by the DNR in September 2014 and June 2015 failed to find any CLP.
- Professional Lake Management (PLM) conducted AIS surveys at the four public watercraft accesses with negative results for AIS at all four accesses in July 2015.
- Veliger testing was conducted in July 2015 at the following lakes Eagle, E/W Fox, Kego and Mitchell. The results were negative in all five lakes. Note: veligers are the larva stage of the zebra mussel.
- Watercraft access inspectors: To date the association has used 404 hours of the 600 hours allocated by CW County for watercraft inspections at the four public watercraft accesses in the city. This program will continue through the second weekend in September. A motion and second was made to authorize spending up to \$960.00 if the 600 allocated hours were exceeded.

Old Business:

- The board decided to reduce the number of newsletters from four to two per year.
- Sandpiper/Enbridge pipeline update. Enbridge has recently proposed a second pipeline that follows the same route as the proposed sandpiper route. The second pipeline would replace the current pipeline along Highway 2 that has been in service for the last 40 or so years. The second pipeline would carry tar sand oil from Canada. The proposed sandpiper pipeline would carry crude oil from North Dakota. Enbridge is currently in the process of asking the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for permits to construct the two pipelines. Each proposed pipeline needs two permits. One permit is for a certificate of need and the second is the approval of the route. Both the Mn DNR and the MPCA are against the route that is being proposed by Enbridge for the two pipelines. There are many lake associations and environmental groups that are also opposed to the proposed route. The reason for the opposition is the amount of lakes, streams, rivers and other sensitive aquatic environments that would be crossed or traversed by the two proposed pipelines. There are a couple of alternate routes that could be considered for these pipelines.

New Business: The FLPOA board is planning to contact the members who expressed an interest volunteering to help the association for 2016.

There being no more business the meeting was adjourned.

Program: the guest speaker was Jeff Forester, the executive director, of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR).

His presentation covered issues and areas that MLR are concerned with. The MLR also spends time working with state legislatures on issues that concern the lakes, rivers and streams in Minnesota during the legislative session.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Neihart
Secretary FLPOA