



Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Fifty Lakes Fire Hall

Board Members Present: Michael Bury, Ken Neihart, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

Absent: Christie Arnoldy, Jon Arnoldy and Carol Rose.

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes from the June 27, 2015 were read and approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was read and approved. The current balance was \$6,238.32.

Membership: 175 members are currently paid through June 1, 2016.

Board Assignments and Duties for 2016:

A. Officers – the following were elected.

- President – Bob Stancer.
- Vice – President – Michael Bury.
- Secretary – Ken Neihart.
- Treasurer – Fred Strohmeier.

B. Bank Signatures – Ken Neihart, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier are authorized to sign FLPOA checks.

C. Webmaster – Carrie Bell.

D. Newsletter – Open.

E. Membership Roster – Fred Strohmeier.

F. P.O. Box and Mail – Fred Strohmeier.

G. S.O.S. (state) and 990N (federal) filing – Ken Neihart.

H. Coordination with other organizations and associations – Ken Neihart.

Discussion Topics:

1. 2015 review of activities and actions of the FLPOA will be compiled and posted to the website and emailed to the membership.
2. Water Quality: Results for 2015 will be posted to the website when they are received and compiled. FLPOA participates in two different programs that monitor the water quality in five lakes in the city. Thank you to the volunteers that collect the water samples for these two programs. Whitefish Property Owners Association (WAPOA) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) conduct these programs that the association participates in.

3. Membership: This year there are 175 members that are paid through June 1, 2016. The board discussed some ideas as to what should be done to maintain or increase our current members. No decisions were reached.
4. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):
 - A. Professional Lake Management (PLM) conducted two AIS surveys at each of the four public accesses in Fifty Lakes. The first survey was conducted in July and the second was conducted in August. Only one invasive species was found. Purple Loosestrife was found at the Mitchell Lake access. The board will contact the property owners on Mitchell after some research is done to discover how to control or remove the purple loosestrife. A motion and second was made to spend up to \$1000.00 to continue the access surveys in 2016. This is another WAPOA program.
 - B. Veliger Testing: Veliger testing was conducted in July in five lakes in the city. Veligers are the larva stage of the zebra mussel. All lakes tested negative for veligers. These tests were funded by Crow Wing County with funds that were received from the state legislature.
 - C. AIS Access Inspectors: DNR trained inspectors conducted 652 hours at the four public accesses in the city. These inspections were conducted from May through September. This is also a Crow Wing County Program that is funded from funds provided by the state legislature. The FLPOA received 600 hours from the county program and paid \$843.32 for the additional 52 hours. (Note: Without the state funding, Fifty Lakes would not be able to fund the entire number of hours that were received. If you have any contact with a state legislator, please thank them for this funding and ask them to continue this funding.) The state funding for this program is in place for 2016.
 - D. Zebra Mussels found in Ruth Lake: Zebra mussels were found in Ruth Lake this summer. Many surveys were conducted and discovered the zebra mussels were isolated in a small area of the lake. A special permit was obtained from the DNR to treat this area. A barrier was set up to isolate the area and treatment was conducted the first week in October. Results are not known yet. The total cost for this treatment is around \$20,000.00. The Ruth Lake Association is soliciting contributions to cover the cost. Property owners, other lake associations and Crow Wing County have contributed to this fund. A motion and second was made that the FLPOA donate \$750.00 to this fund.
 - E. Enbridge/North Dakota Pipeline Company:
 - Two pipelines have been proposed. Both follow the same route. They will enter the Northeast part of Minnesota and travel through the state to Superior,

Wisconsin. The first one is called the Sandpiper Pipeline and will carry North Dakota crude oil. The second is called Line 3 and will carry Alberta Tar Sand oil.

- The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission granted a Certificate of Need in June 2015 for the Sandpiper Pipeline.
- Public hearings have been conducted in August 2015 for Line 3 for a Certificate of Need and the Route.
- On September 13, 2015 the Minnesota Court of Appeals (MCOA) halted further action on both proposed pipelines until an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) could be completed on the Certificate of Need granted for the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline.
- On October 14, 2015 Enbridge/North Dakota Pipeline Company appealed the decision made by the MCOA in September to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

F. 2016 – in addition to the above items discussed, the following were discussed for the coming year:

- Fifty lakes days – association will have a booth.
- Annual meeting – how can we increase attendance.
- Increase the scope of the association, need to find some volunteers to help with other things for example fisheries, shoreline restoration, timber harvesting in the city, sensitive shoreline, newsletter, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Neihart
Secretary FLPOA