

Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association (FLPOA)
Minutes from Board meeting
November 4, 2017
Fifty Lakes Community Meeting Room

Board Members Present: Mike Prouty, Bob Stancer, Fred Strohmeier, Jon Arnoldy, Bill Leadens, Ken Neihart.

Board Members Absent: Mike Bury, Carrie Bell

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes from the June 24, 2017 board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was read and approved. The current balance is \$9779.81.

Membership: Currently there are 187 paid members as of November 4, 2017.

Board Actions:

1. The following expenditures were approved:
 - ☐ WAPOA / PLM AIS surveys conducted at four accesses done in July 2017 \$400.
 - ☐ Fifty Lakes Foundation, \$50 donation for use of their building for our August meeting.
 - ☐ Friends of the Headwaters \$500 for Line 3 pipeline legal costs.
2. Motion made and approved to keep Bob Stancer as president, Ken Neihart as secretary and Fred Strohmeier as treasurer for 2018.
3. Association communications with the membership and web-master - Carrie Bell.
4. Communications:
 - ☐ The board decided to continue the monthly email blasts to the membership and to do our AIS spring membership drive letter with or without Crow Wing County grant money. In 2017 we received \$830 in grant funds.
 - ☐ Thank you to all the volunteers that donated their time to help remove the purple loosestrife from the shores of Mitchell Lake in August and September of this year.
 - ☐ Bob still needs to check with Steve, the new manager of the Fifty Lakes Bar, to see if we can post a few copies of our AIS letter on their bulletin board.
 - ☐ Move our annual meeting from August to May and host a picnic at Fifty Lake pavilion.
 - Picnic Saturday May 26th, 2017 (Memorial Weekend) 11:00-2:00
 - Bill Leaden and Don Reiersen will take the lead on this.
 - Reserve pavilion, Order hotdogs from Emily Meats and coordinate other food and items needed for picnic.
 - Bob and Ken to work on getting a couple signs for picnic.
 - Bill to check with Karen at City to see who they get shirts from (get price for tee shirts with FLPOA name and logo, sell as fund raiser)
 - Have good will offering bucket at picnic.
 - Post notice at Fifty Lakes Muni.
5. The board decided to conduct our own AIS surveys at the four public accesses in the city in 2018. PLM has been conducting these surveys for the past 8 or so years. Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier were trained as AIS detectors two years ago and the board has decided to conduct these surveys under the leadership of Bob and Fred.

Discussion Topics:

1. How best to utilize the \$1,000 memorial fund for Mitchell Lake. Fred will talk to Dianne Bell and put her in contact with Moriya Rufer at RMB labs to get her input on how best to proceed.
 - a. Discussed taking water samples of Daggett Creek at the point that Hay Creek enters Daggett to see if the phosphorous load is coming from Hay Creek.

2. Water Quality Testing Program: We will again participate in 2018 with the WOPA water quality testing program.
3. Zebra Mussel Veliger Drift Net Testing: We will again participate in 2018 and sample 5 lakes in the city for veligers.
4. AIS Burma Shave signs: Planning Commission public hearing Tuesday November 28th, 2017. The association is applying for an IUP to again install the signs on CW County Roads #1 and #136.
5. Discussed the Embridge line 3 public hearings and the timeline for submitting written comments that are due by 4:30 PM November 22nd, 2017. The final decision on The Certificate of Need and The Route Permit is scheduled to be made by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in April 2018. Currently an administrative law judge is conducting hearings from expert witnesses on the pipeline. After these hearings, the administrative judge will review all the information, testimony, public comments that has been collected and present her findings and recommendation to the PUC by February 18, 2018.
6. Timber harvest along Kego Lake Road: Fred mentioned that the County is experimenting with leaving large Oak trees and working up the ground to help the acorns reseed new oaks. The plan also includes removing the small aspen trees that spurt so the oaks can get established.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Stancer
President FLPOA
Ken Neihart
Secretary FLPOA