

Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association (FLPOA)
Minutes FLPOA Board Meeting
May 2, 2015
Fifty Lakes Firehall

Board members present: Jon Arnoldy, Michael Bury, Mark Johnson, Ken Neihart, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

Absent: Carol Rose and Roy Srp.

Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Paul.

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes from the October 11, 2014 were read and approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was read and approved. As of April 15, 2015 the balance was \$4,963.07.

Membership: As of May 2, 2015 there were 42 active members.

Discussion Topics:

1. Membership: Approximately 750 membership letters were mailed out to all property owners in Fifty Lakes the first week in May 2015.
2. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):
 - a. Curly-leaf pondweed. Curly-leaf pondweed was found at the public access on Mitchell Lake July 2014. The FLPOA prepared an information sheet on curl-leaf pondweed for Mitchell Lake property owners. The information sheet was distributed to the property owners on Mitchell the second and third week of May 2015.
 - b. The FLPOA has received 600 hours of AIS inspector time to be used at the four public watercraft accesses in the city. The funding for these hours is from the state legislature and is administered by Crow Wing County. The FLPOA will decide at a later date whether to spend additional funds for AIS inspectors.
 - c. AIS surveys will again be conducted at the four-watercraft accesses in the city to check for any invasive species. Professional Lake Management (PLM) will conduct these surveys. Two surveys will be conducted at each of the four accesses, one in June and the other in August.
 - d. A motion and second was made to participate in a veliger survey of East/West Fox, Eagle, Kego and Mitchell Lakes in July 2015. Veligers are the larva stage of the zebra mussel.
 - e. A motion and second was made to purchase an electronic counter that will be used to randomly count/monitor watercraft traffic at the four accesses.
3. The FLPOA will again have a booth at Fifty Lakes Days June 27, 2015.
4. The annual meeting has been scheduled for August 8, 2015. Jeff Forester from the Mn. Lakes and Rivers Advocates will be the guest speaker.

5. Carrie Bell has resigned as the editor of the association newsletter the "Ripple". Thank you Carrie for the great job. Carrie will still be the Webmaster for the association website. A motion and second was made to reduce the number of newsletters to two per year. One in the spring and one in the fall.
6. Timber bids have been let by Crow Wing County for a timber harvest in sections 9,10,11 and 12 on county land in Fifty Lakes.
7. The Water Restoration and Protection (WRAP) plan for The Pine River Watershed is in the process of being written by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). We anticipate there will be some comments/recommendations for some of the lakes, streams, brooks, etc. in Fifty Lakes.
8. A third Clemson Leveler was installed on Kego Creek in the fall 2014.
9. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has yet to determine/rule on the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline. The PUC needs to grant a Certificate of Need and also approve the proposed route. A motion and second was made to send \$200.00 to the "Friends of the Headwater" to help with their challenge of the proposed route. Enbridge Pipeline Company has recently applied to the PUC for a second pipeline that would follow the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline route. This pipeline would replace a 40-50 year old pipeline that runs along Highway 2 in Northern Minnesota.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Neihart
Secretary

Note: Next scheduled FLPOA Board Meeting will be at 9:30 am, June 27, 2015 at the FLPOA booth in beautiful downtown Fifty Lakes.