

Fifty Lakes Property Assoc. Board Meeting, October 27, 2012, Old City Hall 9:a.m.

- Treasurer's Report, Dan Wright: not present. Current funds \$8389. We should consider giving WAPOA a donation as an agent's fee, Ken Neihart.
- Lakeshore restoration projects completed on Kego (Strohmier), Mitchell (Radman).
- There are 112 members paid up thru 2012.
- New Officers:
- President: Ken has served 2 terms, and has volunteered to be Secretary. He will work with other organizations doing water quality, WAPOA, etc. He is on a committee to study the results of the flyover by AW Research. City of Fifty Lakes paid \$2000, FLPOA, \$500.
- Treasurer: Dan Wright has been Treasurer for many years. All agreed he has been a great Treasurer and Board Member. Fred Strohmier has volunteered to take this position. Fred, Judy and Ken will sign checks for account at Lakes State Bank in Crosslake.
- Bob Stancer will do membership roster.
- Vice President: None elected
- President: None elected. Ken will put out a one-page newsletter, including a President Job Description, to see if someone might be interested. We will look at membership list for a prospect.

It was agreed by all board members present (Karl Bell, absent) that Ken has done an outstanding job as President.

Topics for brief discussion:

501c3 Status: IRS has received our app, as of 8/2012. Cost is \$785 to Atty Brian Carlson. Very reasonable.

Kego Lake – Study will be done to determine where phosphate is coming from. This is probably a 10 year program according to Ken. First find out where it is coming from, and 2 years to figure out what can be done about it.

LMPs – East and West Fox Lakes are on website. Eagle, Kego and Mitchell to do.

Assoc. Dues – Remain at \$15. Once we're approved as a 501c3 all donations will be tax deductible. We could ask for donations for specific projects. A lifetime membership could be considered.

Point Intercept Surveys – Inventory aquatic species in lakes. E. and W Fox done. Need Eagle done. DNR doesn't plan to do Eagle. FLPOA could pay the \$1700-2000 required? Bob Stancer asked what the value is – maybe just do the public launches. Mark Johnson thought it was a lot of money, so maybe we should follow up on AW Research flyover for now.

Water Quality – Les Degner at WAPOA has information. We have good data.

Lake Overlay District proposed by the City of Fifty Lakes is not being pursued.

Contingency Fund – Possible for AIS expenditures. DNR would have to approve treatments. It was decided not to have this fund.

Discussion Topics:

Gravel Pit: Everyone generally oppose, including the audience present. Crow Wing County is working with the City.

Motion by Bob Stancer for inspections at public accesses. Seconded by Judy Miller.

Motion by Judy Miller to spend \$980 on another Clemson Leveler for Kego Lake, Bob Stancer seconded.

Burma Shave signs. One year conditional use permits from the City. Council in favor, P&Z may oppose because of appearance along roadways. Mark Johnson suggested if we had to we could possibly sell signs to another area and use money for another project. Signs could be placed on roads to public accesses. All members present in favor or keeping signs.

DNR Grants for AIS inspection for 2013? We're near bottom of list because we have no AIS. DNR is training and hiring inspectors.

Website: Ken suggested we need to put more items of interest on the website. Board members could do this.

Communication: Ken will put out one-page Ripple with the membership, website, newsletter, etc.

Fishing Contest cancer fundraiser on Fox Lake at Edgewild Resort. Ken and Bob inspected boats and trailers. Some contestants thought zebra mussels cleaned up the weeds in a lake, and also diving waterfall feathers are full of larvae. Al Benson has fished on Mille Lacs and some fisherman think there is too much clarity from zebra mussels eating vegetation. Walleyes are sensitive to light. They are possible thinner as a result?

Next board meeting in April.

Annual meeting in June, July or August.

Ken Neihart was again commended by all present for the outstanding job he has done as President of the Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association.

Judy Miller, Secretary

