

Fifty Property Owners Association (FLPOA)
Minutes Annual Meeting
12:30 pm, May 26, 2018
City of Fifty Lakes Pavilion

Board Members Present: Carrie Bell, Dianne Bell, Michael Bury, Bill Leadens, Ken Neihart, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

Board members Absent: Jon Arnoldy and Mike Prouty.

Attendance at the meeting: 35.

President Bob Stancer called the business meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

Reports:

Secretary: *The minutes from the August 12, 2017 annual meeting were read and approved.*

Treasurer: *The treasurer summarized the expenses and reported a current balance of \$14,862.19. Included in the balance was \$820.00 from the Bell/Mitchell Lake fund.*

Membership: *There are currently 168 paid members.*

Board Actions:

Board Elections:

Jon Arnoldy, Dianne Bell, Bill Leadens, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier were elected to a two year terms that will expire in 2020. Ken Neihart was elected to a one year term that will expire in 2019.

Carrie Bell, Michael Bury and Mike Prouty are current members of the board. Their terms will expire in 2019.

Board Motions:

- *A motion and second was made to raise the annual membership dues to \$30.00 effective next year.*
- *A motion and second was made to pay Conservation Minnesota \$270.00. They provide the server for the association website.*

Board Report to the Membership:

The following activities/tasks will be completed by the association this summer and fall.

- *AIS surveys at the four public watercraft landings: in the past Professional Lake Management (PLM) has conducted these surveys. The cost to the association for these surveys was \$800.00. This year volunteers from the association will be conducting these surveys under the supervision of Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier at no cost to the association. Both Bob and Fred have attended AIS Detector Training that was conducted by the University of Minnesota Extension Division and the Minnesota AIS Research Center. Two surveys will be conducted at each landing, one in July and the other in September. In pass years, no AIS has been found at the four landings.*
- *Veliger Testing: In July water samples will be collected by volunteers from the following lakes Eagle, East and West Fox, Kego and Mitchell to check for veligers. Veligers are the larva stage of the zebra mussel. Pass years all lakes have had negative results - no veligers found. This test are done by RMB laboratories in Detroit Lakes, Mn. Crow Wing County pays for these tests from money they receive from the State of Minnesota.*
- *In August a purple loosestrife watch will start on Mitchell Lake. Last year 5 to 7 volunteers spent a couple of days removing purple loosestrife plants from Mitchell. It is*

anticipated again this year there will be some purple loosestrife that will need to be removed.

- This year the association lost 500 hours of AIS inspections at the Eagle, Kego and Mitchell Lakes landings. The funding for the AIS inspections come from state funds that are administered by Crow Wing County. This year the association was able to raise the money to pay for the lost 500 hours. Thank you to a \$2500.00 contribution from the Fifty Lakes Firefighters Relief Association and the contributions of many, many association members that made this possible. It is not known at this time what will happen with regards to the amount of inspector hours our lakes will receive for 2019. A discussion was held at the meeting regarding what should be done for 2019. One option that was discussed was a door to door canvas of property owners in the city to recruit new members and to solicit funds to support the AIS program for 2019.
- Bob Stancer is planning to visit the AIS decontamination unit in Crosslake and provide information about the unit to the association members.
- The association will initiate a study of Mitchell Lake to examine what can be done to improve or maintain the water quality in the lake. The association received a \$1000.00 memorial from the family of Karl Bell to initiate this study. The board discussed the use of RMB laboratories to assist with this study.
- Two association board members are members of a committee that was formed by the City of Fifty Lakes to study, monitor and make recommendations to Crow Wing County regarding the timber harvesting on tax forfeiture property in the city. The board members are Mike Prouty and Fred Strohmeier.
- If any member is interested in observing or participating in any of the above activities or tasks, please contact an association board member.

Other Discussion Topics:

- *Enbridge Line 3. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is scheduled to make a decision to grant a Conditional Use Permit and also a Route Permit for the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline the end of June 2018. In April 2018 the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) made the following recommendations to the PUC. On the Conditional Use Permit the ALJ recommended this permit be granted. On the Route Permit the ALJ recommends the PUC not grant the Applicant's (Enbridge) Preferred Route but locate the new pipeline in the location of the old line 3 route.*
- *Whitefish Property Owners Association (WAPOA) Shoreline Restoration Contest. A open house will be held on Wednesday, June 6th, at Moonlite Bay Family Restaurant from 5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Representatives will be there with handouts, information and answer questions about shoreline restoration projects. In past year there has been contest winners from property owners in Fifty lakes.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Neihart
Secretary FLPOA*

Other comments:

- *Instead of a guest speaker the association board decided to have a picnic. We had a great turnout and served over 100 hotdogs.*
- *Again, the board would like to thank everyone who made a contribution to provide AIS inspectors at the three unfunded public watercraft landings of Eagle, Kego and Mitchell.*

