

FLPOA Board Meeting
8:30 am, October 26,2019
Fifty Lakes Community Center
Minutes

Board Members Present: Michael Bury, Jim Castle, Ken Neihart, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier. Note: Jim Castle was appointed to the board at this meeting and will be elected to the board at the 2020 annual meeting.

Board Members Absent: Jon Arnoldy, Carrie Bell, Dianne Bell, Mike Prouty and Robert Salo.

Reports:

Secretary: The minutes for the June 29, 2019 were read and approved.

Treasurer: The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,836.57 as of October 26, 2019.

Expenses reported since June 29, 2019 were \$8,591.31 for Crow Wing County for AIS inspections at the three public watercraft landings in the city and \$32.00 for rental on a PO box.

The Karl Bell fund, which is dedicated to improve the water quality on Mitchell Lake, has a balance of \$820.00.

Election of Officers: The following were elected to the following offices.

President: Bob Stancer.

Vice-President: Michael Bury.

Secretary: Ken Neihart.

Treasurer: Fred Strohmeier.

Additional Duties:

Webmaster and E-blasts - Carrie Bell.

Membership Roster - Fred Strohmeier.

Coordination with other associations and agencies - Ken Neihart and Fred Strohmeier.

Nonprofit Status (both state and federal) - Ken Neihart.

PO Box - Fred Strohmeier.

Bank account access and check signing - Ken Neihart, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

Discussion Topics:

1. Second Annual Santa Claus Visit to Fifty Lakes:

- Santa's visit will be on December 13 and 14, Friday and Saturday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- Bob Stancer has coordinated with city personnel for location and assistance.
- Decorating and set-up will be December 11 and 12 in the evening.

2. Timber Harvest on tax forfeited property in Fifty Lakes by Crow Wing County:

Future plans from CW County predicts a dominant aspen forest on most of the harvested forfeited property. The Fifty Lakes Timber Committee and the city have already discussed this with the CW County Land Services Department. A more diverse forest with a variety of tree species and buffers along roads are some things that have been included in these discussions.

3. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

- Fifty Lakes has four public watercraft landings that were manned by AIS inspectors in 2019.
- Crow Wing County funded one of the landing using state funds that were appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature in 2019.
- The other three landings in the city were funded by the FLPOA using funds the association received from our members and other donations.
- See attached summary of data from the MN. DNR on the number of watercraft, number of inspection hours and watercraft per hour average for the four landings.
- In July 2019, members of the FLPOA sampled five lakes for veligers. A veliger is the larva stage of the zebra mussel. No veligers were found in the samples collected from the five lakes.

4. Water Quality:

- Again this year, FLPOA members and other volunteers participated in the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) water quality program. Water samples are collected, monthly, from May to September. The samples are send to RMB Labs in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota for analysis.
- See attached summary of water quality results for the past three years from RMB labs.
- There is also another group of volunteers that conduct Secchi Disk readings for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) on most of the lakes in the city. These readings are collected, either monthly or bi-monthly and sent to the MPCA in the fall.

5. Mitchell Lake: The water quality numbers on Mitchell Lake appear to be higher than other lakes in the area that have simliar physical characteristics. We need to continue participating WAPOA water quality program and add phosphate testing of Rock Creek where it enters Mitchell. Need to also explore other ways phosphate may be entering Mitchell.

6. Vacation Rental By Owner (VRBO):

A property owner on West Fox asked if there was any ordiances or control of VRBO's in the City of Fifty Lakes. No one at the meeting was aware of any control measures at the city. A discussion followed and it was decided to wait and see if there was any discussion at the county or cities or other lake/property owners associations in the area.

7. 2020 Annual Meeting:

It was decided to have the meeting in June. Should we have a picnic like we have had the past two years? Should we have a guess speaker? Should we ask the Mayor and/or city council to attend and speak? Should we have some door prizes? But, the most important question was how do we got more members and to attend? It was decided to wait till the March 2020 meeting to answer these questions and organize the annual meeting.

8. Enbridge Line 3 Proposed Pipeline:

The Enbridge Line 3 proposed pipeline is still not decided. Attached are three attachments that provide an update and explanation of where the process is at. One attachment is from the "Friends of the Headwaters and the other two are from WAPOA. There will be a seminar on November 21, 2019 that will be held at the Crosslake Community Center. See attachment for details.

9. Meeting Schedule:

- Saturday March 7, 2020 Winter meeting 8:30-11:30 via conference call.
- Saturday June ??, 2020 Summer meeting (annual meeting). Time TBD.
- Saturday June 27, 2020 Fiftylakes Days setup and meeting 0900-10:30 man tent till 3:00.
- Saturday October 24, 2020 Fall meeting 8:30-11:30 FL Community Center.

Respectfully submited,
Ken Neihart
Secretary FLPOA

Attachments:

1. 2019 AIS summary for four watercraft landings in Fifty Lakes.
2. Water quality summary of data from RMB Labs for the past three years on the lakes in the city.
3. Three attachments with updates and information on the Enbridge Line 3.