



Our Current Board Members 2025

Board Members: Bob Stancer (President) Fred Strohmeier (treasurer) Josh Fitcher (FB page)
Cindy Bissonnette (email) Ken Neihart (outreach) Greg Mours (secretary)

Thanks again for supporting our organization! Your financial support allows us to continue to protect our lakes and streams from aquatic invasive species (AIS) through water TSI sampling and testing., Zebra mussel veliger testing, plant inspections at the public landings and scheduling boat inspectors.

This year's annual meeting will be held at the Fifty Lakes Pavilion on Saturday August 16th, from 1:00-2:30. We plan on hosting a pickleball tournament starting at 3:00. We will also have drawings for door prizes.

- If you are a player and would be interested in running the tournament let us know flpoamn@gmail.com.

2024 Highlights

- **We are happy to report that no AIS was detected in our lakes in 2024.**

Early detection of AIS is key to minimizing and controlling the impact of an infestation.

In late August Stary stonewort was found in Rush Lake on the Whitefish Chain, more information is available on their website. [AIS Education — Whitefish Area Property Owner's Association](#) This can be worse than milfoil.

- **We staffed a booth at Fifty Lakes Day in June.**

- **Our annual meeting was held at the FL Community Center Aug. 17th and we had presentation on natural shoreline restoration by WAPOA Board member Kristie Roed.** We hosted a bags tournament, and held drawings for certificates to Emily Meats, Red Pine Cook House, Glory Hill, and FL Bar.

- **We hosted the Fifty Lakes Santa event.**

On December 7th at City Hall. We had 20 kids again this year, Reed's Market donated cookies and juice boxes.

- **We assisted the city with the DNR AIS delegation agreement program. Total funds spent \$16,662**

We had 2 inspectors, hired by the city. Ken and Bob worked closely with the city in scheduling and training. Total inspector hours 952 and total FLPOA funds spent \$9,900 plus \$6,762 State funds managed by the County.

- **Our paid-up 2024 membership was 234**

We hope to grow that number in 2025. A special thanks to those members that have made extra contributions.

- **We only have 6 board members and some of us have been doing this for 15-20 years! We need another 2 or 3 board members to keep our association going.**

If you are interested in serving on the board let us know on your membership form or send us an email

flpoamn@gmail.com Membership information is on our website at 50lakespropertyowners.org

- **Our Private FB Group Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/807597757194586>**

What to do if you think you have found an AIS plant or animal.

- Photograph it and document the location with GPS coordinates from your phone. With Google Maps hold your finger on the screen to drop a red pin, the coordinates will show at the top of the screen like 46.66666, -94.66666
- Save the plant or animal in a bucket of water, to keep it fresh for inspection by the DNR AIS specialist.
- Contact our local DNR AIS specialist in Brainerd Camden Droppo 218-350-5004 camden.droppo@state.mn.us
- DNR AIS Website [Contact an expert | Minnesota DNR](#)
- Send email to FLPOA flpoamn@gmail.com so the association is aware of the potential AIS find.
- The DNR has a rapid response team and will work with local lake associations on action plans.