

Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association (FLPOA)
Minutes from Board Meeting
8:30 am November 5, 2022
Fifty Lakes Community center

Board Members Present: Cindy Bissonnette, Jim Castle, Josh Fitcher, Ken Neihart, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

Board Members Absent: Jon Arnoldy, Michael Bury and Mike Prouty.

Board Election:

President: Bob Stancer.

Vice President: Michael Bury.

Secretary: Ken Neihart.

Treasurer: Fred Strohmeier.

Additional Duties:

Website: Jim Castle.

E-blast and mailchimp: Cindy Bissonnette.

Face Book: Josh Fitcher.

Coordination with other associations and agencies: Ken Neihart, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

Nonprofit Status Annual Reporting (state and federal): Ken Neihart.

PO Box: Fred Strohmeier.

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

Reports:

Secretary: The minutes from the October 2, 2021 were read and approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer reported an ending balance of \$8,434.98. Included in the ending balance was \$820.00 from the Karl Bell fund that is dedicated to Mitchell Lake to improve the water quality. Total expenses were \$4,806.72.

Current membership — 2021-2022 is 199 members.

Discussion Topics:

1 Communication with the association members.

- a. Josh Fitcher is in the process of developing a Face Book account for the association.
- b. Jim Castle and Bob Stancer are in the process of developing a separate website for the association.

2. Kego Creek beaver dam levelers.

Presently there are two beaver dams that can effect the level of the lake on Kego. The first dam has three Clemson Levelers and the second dam has two levelers. These levelers are there to control the water level on the lake. The amount of rainfall that was received this spring and early summer caused damage to the shoreline of many lakeshore owners on Kego. The levelers were not able to control the water level on the lake. The association will check to find out what could be done to control the excess amount of rainfall.

3. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

This year The City of Fifty Lakes formed a Delegation Agreement with the Minnesota DNR. The Delegation Agreement gives the City the authority to control the AIS Inspectors that are assigned to the four public watercraft landings in Fifty Lakes. The FLPOA assisted the city with the scheduling of inspectors and paperwork for the DNR. The association also provided the financial support, to the city, to pay the AIS Inspectors. The association received the funds from members dues and additional contributions from the membership. The association also received \$4856.88 from Crow Wing County for the payment of the inspectors at the East Fox Lake Landing. This landing was the only Fifty Lake landing that qualified for funds from the county based on watercraft counts from 2021.
4. Fifty Lakes Foundation Building.

The association has been approached by community members to consider receiving the building from the Foundation. Because the Foundation is a 501c3, the building can't be sold by the Foundation, it can only be given to another 501c3 organization. The association is a 501c3 organization. A discussion was held, how would the association use the building and could our budget support owning the building. It was decided that more information was needed to make a decision.
5. Santa Claus Event.

On Saturday December 3rd, the association was invited by the city to be part of the Craft/Gift Sale that day. The association would have Santa Claus there during part of the sale. The association has held the Santa event the past couple of years. A decision was not made but most members present at the meeting were in support of participating. The main issue is we don't have a Santa. The Santa we had the last couple of years is not available because of health reasons.
6. Some other activities that were supported by the FLPOA in 2022.
 - a. Water testing on 5 lakes in the city. Monthly May - September.
 - b. Purple Loosestrife harvest on Mitchell. August - September.
 - c. Water Quality issue on Mitchell Lake.
 - d. Veliger Sampling. On all 5 Lakes in July. CW County program.
 - e. AIS plant survey. On all 5 Lakes, July and September. WAPOA program.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Neihart
Secretary FLPOA

ONE ADDITION TO MINUTES;

The board approved an expenditure of \$136.80 to "GoDaddy" for the purchase of a domain for 5 years to establish a website for the FLPOA. New website will be 50lakespropertyowners.org.