

Friends of Lake Mary Ronan

Board Meeting Minutes

Olson's Home
August 19, 2022
1:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Jim Baker (Interim President), Jane Nolan (Secretary), Jim Grant and Lynn Maas

Board Members Excused: Joan Folwell, Rick Lennon, Rick Cothorn, Dave Olson and Andy Larsson.

FLMR Members Present: Julie Von Eschen, Jeannine Olson and Ann Grant.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Baker at 1:10 p.m.

Approval of July 15, 2022 Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers Report: As of August 16, 2022, the bank balance is \$32,916.50. Three donations totaling \$88 were received. Expenses paid were \$693 for hydrologist services and \$3,401 for legal fees. Nothing received yet from the Lodge for the Brewfest fundraiser.

Water Quality Initiatives:

1. sDNA research project update: Only 1 sampling day was missed during the Elmo 2 fire! Results from the first month's samplings were very confusing due to a "back" noise in the testing machine. Hopefully this will be resolved for the next batch. We haven't seen the results from the Whitefish Lake testing, so we don't know if they also have this issue.
2. Stream access report: Lynn prepared a draft document for the Alfson's to give access to Donaldson Creek. Board members asked him to update the draft to add "that either party could terminate the agreement with a request in writing". Lynn will update the document and provide it to the Alfson's for their signature. FLMR is still working on getting access to Ronan and Freeland Creeks.
3. AIS Initiative: Nothing specific done on this yet. Discussion: create posters, put information on the FLMR website, create a welcome packet for new people on the lake that includes AIS information as well as info on the lake and the lakeshore protection guidelines. Group decided to table the discussion until the winter.
4. LMR water rights: Maddy's request was denied. He now has 3 choices; challenge the judge's decision, start the process over or do nothing.
5. Lake County Lakeshore Protection Act update: Jim G and Lynn attended a meeting 2 weeks ago that modified and updated the document. Some ideas provided by them were included in the document. They think it will be a very good document. The final document should be available in September or October. Currently FWP monitors LMR, Flathead Lake and Swan Lake. FWP should be encouraged to share their monitoring activities and results with Tiffany at Lake County.

Lake County actions: Nothing to report. Maddy has been silent.

Educational initiatives:

1. Dayton Daze – September 10th: FLMR will man a table with educational information. Lynn will do set up and take down.
2. Elmo 2 Fire: The saplings the Dayton School students planted on the School Trust Land were burned in the fire. In the spring, we would like to take the students back there to see what fire does and replant if possible.

Other Business:

1. Lake County water rights issue regarding the water compact: An email was sent out that was confusing. FLMR is only reporting this as “information only”.
2. DNRC Fire Salvage on School Trust Land: A bid will be put out to salvage the burned timber.
3. Other:
 - a. The HOPE pickleball tournament will be held on September 17 and 18 at the Lodge.
 - b. Follow up on t-shirts. Julie reported that the Lodge cancelled their order and that the company has been slow on following up with FLMR. The group asked Julie to continue working with the company and gave the OK to order 100 shirts. Also, to check on hats.
 - c. Discussion re: supplying more FLMR information to members. Group decided to send the “approved” minutes and meeting agenda to all members. It will also be included on the website. We will try this for 3 months and then re-evaluate.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 7, 2022 at 11:00 am at the Olson’s home to be followed by Highway cleanup at approximately 1:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Jane Nolan, FLMR Secretary