

FTLPOA Fall Board Meeting September 9, 2017
9:30 Am at Scandia Valley Town Hall

Board Members: Scott Schnuckle-President, Mike Flanagan-Vice President, Gary Ziehmman-Treasurer, Peg Hartung, Ron Markfelder, Chuck Salter, Brian Sams, Dennis Smith, Jon-Scott Johnson, Ron Mash, Paul Baker, Lisa Kajer, Paul Baker and Mary Thibert-Secretary.

Visitors: Chris Ziehmman and David Thibert

The board meeting was called to order by Scott Schnuckle.

1. Secretary's Report: Mary Thibert submitted her minutes from the FTLPOA Annual meeting. Peg Hartung made the motion to accept the minutes. Mike Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report: Gary Ziehmman submitted his report. The checking account balance on 1/1/17 was \$10,499.45. After income from membership dues, Web Page ads, interest, and total expenses of \$4530.57 the ending balance on 9/8/17 was \$11,697.94. Gary is waiting for bills from Peg Hartung for the Annual lunch-meeting, from Brian Sams for beaver control, and from Jim Fogelberg for water quality testing. Jim sends water samples to RMB Labs and the bill is usually \$300. Gary is expecting a bill for the signage at the public landing. This could be paid from the Endowment Fund without the fund managers' approval. The signage expense is probably under \$1000.

The beginning balance of the Endowment Fund Saving Account was \$641.55. After deposits, withdrawals and interest the ending balance was \$372.02. The total balance on all accounts was \$12,069.96. The current year contributions to the Initiative Foundation Fish Trap Lake Endowment Fund (IFFTLEF) were \$3,430.00. Cumulative transfers to the IFFTLEF since inception were \$24,965.00. The current value is \$39,127.02. There was discussion about why FTLPOA has not been awarded grant money recently. FTLPOA received no grants in 2016 and \$400 for 2017, which was for the LID. Because Morrison County's Board Members receive our Newsletter, which has the financial information of the Endowment Funds there was speculation that maybe FTLPOA is not receiving grant monies because there is a substantial amount of money in this fund.

In August Gary sent reminder cards to FTLPOs who have not paid their 2017 membership dues. The membership total for FTLPOA for 2017 is 202. Gary expects to receive another 10-15 more memberships by the end of the year. There were 196 members in 2016, 203 in 2015, 183 in 2014 and 213

members in 2013. 44 members have prepaid for 2018. The treasurer's report was received.

3. Old Business:

a. Signage at the public landing: Chuck Salter reported that the DNR has finally approved the proposed sign. It has taken 3 years for this approval. The signage is multicolored, and made out of protective material to prevent fading. It has the words STOP, CLEAN, DRAIN and DISPOSE. It is 2 ft by 3 ft. Board members requested that Chuck ask the DNR if the sign can be 4 ft x 4 ft. It was decided that there will be 2 signs, back to back, facing both directions. The sign itself is \$150 plus the post. Chuck motioned to approve the location of the signage and to approve the cost not to exceed \$1500. Mike Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b. Bass Tournament: There was a Bass tournament in FTL in August. There were approximately 23 boats that participated. A board member asked what percentage of the fish die. Mike Flanagan said that the mortality rate is low because Bass are a hardy fish and the anglers can only use artificial bait.

c. New information: A board member asked if the public access could be more secure, like Christmas Lake, which forces each boat to go through a power wash and a code to gain access. A board member said that future of aquatic invasive species prevention is in genetic engineering. Genetic engineering on zebra mussels could make the males sterile and unable to reproduce. It was thought the increase in green algae this year was due to mussel feces. Tom Anderson, who is the President of the LID asked and received approval from the DNR to treat Curly Leaf Pond-weed at the public access. Chris Ziehmman, who is the treasurer of the LID, will speak with Tom about continuing to treat Curly Leaf Pond-weed at the public access. A total of 1.8 acres were treated this spring. Wild Celery is at its normal level this year according to Brian Sams.

d. Railroad Update: Paul Baker and Scott Schnuckle reported that Morrison County has agreed to lease land owned by the railroad. Morrison County is working on the legal paperwork. Paul and Scott will attempt to get Morrison County and The railroad to close the crossing by the spring board meeting. Several board members asked about the 2nd rail road track that was going to be constructed. Some board members thought the proposed line had been terminated. Peg Hartung heard that the 2nd rail was still going to be pursued. Paul and Scott will speak with the Public Works Director Steve Backowski. Paul lamented that the Burlington Northern Santa Fe contact person changes all the time.

e. Website: 1400 people have looked at the new website. 1/3 of them have been by tablets and mobile phones. The increase in cell phone usage is because the site is now compatible. Chris reported that people liked the new website and she finds it easier to make updates. She wants April to continue to add the photos and business card ads. Chris states that it won't be very expensive for April to do that. April's fee for changing the site was \$1900. It will now be less expensive to maintain the site and attach documents. The web site has a media library so one can call up any document. There is no limit on the size of the library. At the FTLPOA annual meeting a property owner asked if individual ads could be place for items to be sold. Chris recommended that property owners continue to use Craigslist, Facebook or EBay. Brian Sams felt that the FTL website is for lake information and not for individual sales. The board agreed that there will be no sales on the website.

Morrison County is offering free nitrate testing this fall. From October 2 thru October 6 from 8 am to 4 pm, property owners can drop off water samples. Chris continues to try to get additional businesses to advertise on the website and newsletter. She wants only local business in Central MN. She plans to send out the fall newsletter the 1st week in November.

f. Board Duties: Chuck Salter will continue to be responsible for grants and signage. Gary Ziehmman will be doing taxes. Mike Flanagan will be the representative from FTL for the Quad Lake Association.

4. New Business: Shamineau received approval to pump water out of Shamineau into Crookneck Lake which will then flow into Fish Trap Lake Creek pending funding sources. They want to lower Shamineau by 2 ft. A pipeline will be constructed and go under Hwy 10 to reach Fish Trap Lake Creek which is about 4 miles west of the Fish Trap Lake outlet. There is a lot of information on their LID website. It will cost over 1.1 million. They are looking for grants and bonds from Morrison County and private funding to cover the cost. It might cost property owners \$460/year. Shamineau's LID started the lengthy permit process on 7/26/17. They will be prohibited from pumping if high water levels develop in Fish Trap Lake Creek. The engineers will be monitoring the flow rate. At this point it does not affect Fish Trap Lake. Several board members were concerned about back-flow. Both Shamineau and Lake Alexander have been classified as impaired lakes due to high mercury levels in the fish.

Lisa Kajer attended the Enbridge pipeline meeting at Staples in June. Enbridge is expanding its pipelines. 3 potential routes have been proposed. There was

concern that one of the potential routes could affect Fish Trap Lake. At this moment the pipeline that would run by Fish Trap Lake is the 3rd option.

Beaver Dams: Brian Sams continues to watch the beaver dam situation. Trappers have trapped many beavers. The dam under the bridge was removed once but it has been rebuilt. The Beaver's lodge is still there because lodges are protected. Morrison County knows the dam has been rebuilt but is slow in responding to it. Brian suggested that people make phone calls to complain. Brian does not want to remove it himself because the situation is too dangerous with high water on one side of the bridge and none on the other side. Because of the lack of flowage in the creek below the bridge the creek is getting clogged with sediment and cat tails. Scott will follow up with Steve at Morrison County. It was reported that Lake Alex's water level is high.

Spring Board Meeting will be April 14, 2018 at 9:30.

Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brian seconded the motion. The motion carried and the fall FTLPOA Board Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary B Thibert