

FTLPOA Board Meeting

September 10, 2016

9:30 am Scandia Valley Town Hall

Board Members Present: Scott Schnuckle-President-via phone, Mike Flanagan-Vice President, Mary Thibert-Secretary, Gary Ziehmman-Treasurer, Paul Baker, Peg Hartung, Jon-Scott Johnson, Ron Markfelder, Ron Mash, Dennis Smith, Peggy Swalm

Absent Board Members: Chuck Salter and Brian Sams

Visitors: George Heroux, Cordy Heroux, David Thibert, Chris Ziehmman and Tom Anderson.

Secretary's Report: Mary Thibert submitted the FTLPOA Annual Meeting minutes. Following review, Paul Baker motioned to accept the minutes as submitted. Peg Hartung seconded it. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Ziehmman submitted the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was accepted. A transfer of \$3,300 to the Initiative Foundation was approved per request from Scott. Gary recommended that another board member also oversees both the checking and savings accounts. Scott volunteered to be that person. Scott asked Gary to review the Initiative Foundation charter and records to ensure the Association was in compliance and had accurate accounting.

1. Old Business

- a) George Heroux: George stepped down as Treasurer. He was recognized by the Board for his 14 years of dedicated service. He will continue to manage the membership until September 30. There are 325 property owners on the lake. As of 9/10/16 there are 170 Association members compared to 184 in 2015 and 196 in 2014.
- b) Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Update: The inflow analysis conducted by Steve McComas of Blue Water Science (BWS) in August was discussed. The report revealed no contaminants. However, a bit of clarification of the individual test results was requested. Paul Baker motioned that Steve McComas address this request. Peg Hartung seconded the motion and it carried. There was discussion on whether FTLPOA should submit the analysis to the DNR. No decision was made. The board decided to invite Steve McComas to the annual meeting in June to speak on AIS.
- c) Quad Lake Association (QLA) Update: The QLA received a \$25,000 grant to prevent the spread of AIS. To date, \$19,000 has been used for signage and brochures at both public and private landings on each lake. Starry Stonewart is

an AIS that is spreading. It has been found in Lake Millie Lac, Lake Winnibigosh and Turtle Lake. It is more harmful than Eurasian Milfoil and can kill a lake. LID Chairman Tom Anderson stated that a property owner asked him why the DNR does not allow Fish Trap's LID to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed at the public landing. Tom Anderson stated he would find out.

- d) Railroad update: Paul Baker reported that MC has agreed to close the railroad crossing in Lincoln. The closing timeframe is unknown because MC wants more property from the railroad. Paul Baker, Scott Schnuckle and Jon-Scott Johnson will call MC commissioner Kevin Mauer to get his assistance to get the crossing closed.
- e) Initiative Foundation Endowment Fund (IFEF): Scott Schnuckle reported this year's contribution to the IFEF has exceeded any other year since the Foundation's inception. Contributors to the Fund will be recognized in the Spring Newsletter.
- f) Website: Chris Ziehmann will be meeting with April Powell for website training in the near future. April will continue to maintain the website/domain. Chris will take care of common updates.
- g) Newsletter: The Fall Newsletter will be mailed before Thanksgiving. There was much discussion about who should receive the fall newsletter. Last spring FTLPOA board members proposed that only paid members would receive the fall newsletter. Now some board members thought the newsletter should be mailed to all property owners. Mike Flanagan wants the newsletter to be mailed only to paid members and non-members will receive a postcard because this issue was presented at the annual meeting in June and the FTLPOA had accepted that all FTLPO will receive a Newsletter in the spring but only paid FTLPO would receive the newsletter in the fall. Mike Flanagan motioned to readdress this issue at the spring board meeting. Gary Ziehmann seconded the motion and it carried.

2. New Business:

- a) Peggy Swalm has served on the board for 10 years. She has enjoyed serving on the board but is willing to give up her position if another person wants to serve. Ron Markfelder 1 year term will finish Peggy's 3 year term and Peggy will now have a 1 year term. Dennis Smith will complete David Thibert's 2 year term.
- b) Spring board meeting will be April 1, 2017 at 9:30 Scandia Valley Town Hall
- c) Adjournment - Paul Baker motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Peg Hartung and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Mary B Thibert

