

FTLPOA FALL BOARD MEETING
August 31, 2019
8:30 Meeting and Conference Call
Campfire Bay Resort Lodge

Board Members Present: Scott Schnuckle, President, Ron Nypan, Vice President, Gary Ziehmman, Treasurer, Chuck Salter, Lisa Kajer, Brian Sams, Ron Markfelder, Dennis Smith, Jon Scott Johnson, Doug Copley, Marie Hilliard and Mary Thibert-Secretary. Paul Baker was present by phone. **Visitors:** Chris Ziehmman, LID Treasurer. Scott Schnuckle called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Secretary's Report: Mary Thibert submitted minutes for the FTLPOA Annual Meeting. No edits were necessary. Lisa Kajer motioned to accept the minutes. Gary Ziehmman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Ziehmman submitted the Treasurer's report. For the period from 1/1/19-8/31/19 the total balance from all accounts was \$16,171.58. Total membership for the Fish Trap Lake Property Owners Association (FTLPOA) for 2019 194. There are 329 property owners (PO). 56 PO have prepaid for 2020. The Treasurer's report was accepted by the board.

Old Business

Aquatic Invasive Species updates and plans: Ron Markfelder commented there appears to be a lot of curly leaf pondweed at the public access. Board members stated this isn't curly leaf pondweed but celery grass which is a native species. Board members questioned whether someone should be hired to remove the weeds at the access. The DNR is responsible to manage this access. Scott Schnuckle spoke with a DNR representative at the landing about this work who offered to file a report with his leaders. The board then discussed zebra mussels. Scott said he has seen birds eating zebra mussels as well as the otters, and felt the zebra mussel shells were not as strong and sharp as he has seen in other lakes. Zebra mussel numbers appear to be lower this year. Both Lake Alexander and Crookneck now have zebra mussels. Chris Ziehmman reported that veliger testing on FTL, has not been completed at this time.

Railroad update: Paul Baker gave a synopsis of the past 7 years regarding the railroad situation for the new board members. It was agreed that Paul Baker would make an additional attempt to work with Steve Backowski to either move this forward or get it on the MC's board agenda.

Initiative Foundation Endowment Fund: Gary Ziehmman reported the fund has \$46,246.60. The signage at the public access and the Blue Water Science research survey have been paid for by this fund.

Website/Newsletter: Chris Ziehmman stated that all POs receive the spring newsletter but only paid association members receive the fall issue as it contains a full financial statement. Board minutes post on the website following the newsletter mailings. She plans to publish by early November.

Board Duties and Projects: The board discussed the various roles and responsibilities of the board. Scott mentioned that he is hoping that Ron Nypan would volunteer to draft agendas, as Mike Flanagan did during his tenure as VP. Gary Ziehmman suggested he would like to have a backup for treasurer in case he is unable to perform his duties. Lisa Kajer suggested Ron Nypan. Scott stated he would be willing if Ron is unable.

Lake Shamineau Project Update: The Orders for Establishment for their LID were changed and in mid-August new board members were elected. Only one previous board member, Bob Koll, remains on the board. The LID has been approved to spend \$3 million over the next 10 years to manage the water levels. The plan that most individuals are favoring is the pumping project on the northeast side of the lake. The water is being pumped into a hollow/gravel pit and does not involve Fish Trap Lake Creek.

Boat Cleaning System at the Public Landing: During the Annual meeting in June Amy Kowalzek suggested the 3DC Station at the public landing may not occur this year but encouraged us to submit a grant request in 2020. Chuck Salter agreed to write the grant.

New Business

Water levels: Water levels are extremely high. There has been record rainfall this year. FTL has more watershed than Lake Alex. This watershed filters the water from the wet lands so FTL water levels increase several days after a rainfall. At one point water was flowing backwards from Fish Trap into Lake Alex. There are many cattail bogs in FTL Creek. Brian Sams reported the history of keeping FTL Creek clear of cattails. Bruce Tower had a permit to clear cattails from the creek. He kept it clear for many years. Since his death no one has removed any. His permit was still on file at the DNR and has been reissued to Brian. Brian and one of his employees have cut a significant amount cattails on the east side of the Azure Road bridge. Steve Backowski has been assisting Brian with keeping FTL Creek open in order to decrease the water levels on Fish Trap. On the other side of Hwy 10 the water is flowing very slowly. Brian will call the DNR to report this. Cattails are an invasive species but are protected. In order to remove cattails a permit is needed. Lake Alex is also very interested in keeping this area free of cattails and is willing to help out financially because FTL's water levels affect Lake Alex. Scott suggested the LID investigate getting a permit for floating bog removal like Lake Alex has. Chris Ziehmman stated she will ask Tom Anderson.

Beaver Update: A beaver dam was removed this spring in FTL Creek and one the beavers had built under Azure Road. Paul Baker stated people are losing trees. Paul said there is a lodge by Bluebill Island and a legend of beavers leave at sunset. There are also beavers in the bay at the inlet from Lake Alexander. Brian plans to speak with Ryan Klukloc to determine what can be done to control the beavers.

By-Laws: Chuck Salter questioned whether Article IV Section 9 of the by-laws were approved at the Annual Meeting. Mary Thibert reported the by-laws had been approved at the Annual Meeting. Chuck proposed 5 additional minor changes. They are the following: Article III Section 2. Special Meeting reads Special meetings of the members may be called for any purpose at any time in the manner provided by statute. He proposed to add "and these By-Laws." Article IV Section 3 Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors, regular and special, may be anywhere the board of Directors may designate. He proposed to change regular to Annual and special to Special. Section 5 Other Meetings: Remove "Other" and add "Special" and in the paragraph add (email or other written notice to members of the Board of Directors) and remove by letter or other writing or by word of mouth. Section 7. Vacancies. Remove "The" and add "the" and change the sentence that reads "Directors elected fill a vacancy shall be elected to fill the predecessor unexpired term of his predecessor in office." to "Directors elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected to the member's unexpired term." Section 8. Board Action Without a Meeting. Proposed to change the sentence regarding the official notice to "The notice must be posted on the website at least three days prior to any vote by the Board of Directors." Scott motioned to accept the changes. Marie seconded the motion and the motion carried. These changes have to be submitted to the State for a nominal fee of approximately \$25. Chuck will send changes to Chris so she can post on the website before filing it.

Set Date for Spring Meeting: FTLPOA Spring board meeting will be 4/25/20 at Campfire Bay Resort. Gary Ziehmman moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Salter seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary B Thibert