

FTLPOA Spring Board Meeting
April 13, 2019
Conference Call 9:30 AM

Board Members Present: Scott Schnuckle, President, Mike Flanagan, Vice President, Gary Ziehmann, Treasurer, Paul Baker, Ron Mash, Chuck Salter, Lisa Kajer, Mary Thibert-Secretary. Non Board member Chris Ziehmann, Newsletter Editor and LID Treasurer.

Board Members Not Present: Jon Scott Johnson, Ron Markfelder, Brian Sams and Dennis Smith.

1. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the Fall Board Meeting were submitted and reviewed. No edits were received. Scott motioned that the minutes be accepted. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Gary Ziehmann submitted the Treasurer's report as of 4/12/19. Total balance of all accounts is \$15,016.18. Total membership for the Fish Trap Lake Property Owner's Association (FTLPOA) for 2018 was 213 or 65%. 2017 membership totaled 212. At this time for 2019 there are 117 members. There are 329 total FTL property owners. The Treasurer's report was accepted by the board.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Updates and Plans.** Chris Ziehmann who represents the LID reported FTL received a grant through MC via Quad Lakes Association of \$3438 for the two AIS vegetation surveys and \$3655 for AIS management.
 - B. **2019 testing:** Scott Schnuckle believes the DNR will continue to monitor the area's lakes for AIS with the public's assistance. The Board believes Brian Sams is still conducting water quality testing for FTL for 2019. Scott will confirm this with Brian. The board continues to look for someone to volunteer to conduct this testing. FTL continues to improve in its water quality by MN Pollution Control standards. RMB Labs posts FTL's data on their website.
 - C. **Railroad Update:** Paul Baker and Scott Schnuckle have had 2 conference calls with Burlington Northern Railroad and MC concerning the Lincoln crossing. The closing of the Lincoln crossing is still at an impasse. The Railroad is willing to concede an easement for the Veterans Trail but remains concerned over the liability.
 - D. **Initiative Foundation:** Chuck Salter reported that the signage project has been completed and the Initiative Fund paid for it. The grant FTLPOA applied for to obtain a CD3 boat cleaning station was not approved. A CD3 station costs anywhere from \$12000-\$35,000. However, MC is considering purchasing said unit for FTL. Details of this potential project will be discussed at the annual meeting. Ideas for use of the Initiative fund projects for 2019 were discussed and will be presented at the annual meeting including creating bat nesting areas and control of FTL water levels. Also, since last fall's DNR fish survey found northern populations high and walleye populations low, that funds might be used to increase the walleye numbers. Eric Altena, from the DNR will be present at the annual meeting to discuss the northern population and how to control their growth and numbers.
 - E. **Website/Newsletter:** Chris reported there are currently 21 businesses who will advertise on the website for 2019. The spring newsletter will be mailed to all POs by mid-May.
 - F. **Board Replacements, Duties, Responsibilities and Projects.** The FTLPOA board has 3 open board positions. The LID also has an open board position. The LID position must be a full-time resident whereas the FTLPOA has no such requirement.
 - G. **Lake Shamineau Project Update:** This project is in flux. Amy Kowalzek will be asked to attend the annual meeting and provide an update on this situation.
4. **New Business**
 - A. **Scandia Valley Fire Department Needs:** Gary Ziehmann reported the Scandia Valley Fire Department has many needs and are the 1st Responders for any emergency on FTL. He suggested a \$1000 donation from FTLPOA funds to the Fire Department. Gary will present this idea at the annual meeting.
 - B. **Wake Boat Wakes:** Scott Schnuckle expressed concern of the waves that are created from wake boats. He feels that they are not good for the lake's shoreline health and believes it is a growing problem. The FTLPOA can only ask that all watercraft owners and operators be respectful of shorelines and property when on the lake; especially during high water levels. If wake boat's wake becomes a problem a PO should call the sheriff.
 - C. **Review Proposed Bi-laws Changes:** The bi-laws were reviewed and a change has been proposed. The proposed bi-law change is that the FTLPOA board can vote on issues via a teleconference if necessary. The proposed change will be on the website and discussed at the annual meeting.
 - D. **Morrison County 2019 Lake and River Day:** MC 2019 Lake and River Day will be Saturday June 1 from 8:30-12N at the Initiative Foundation in Little Falls. There will be free water testing for nitrates.
 - E. **Set Date and Assignments for the Annual Meeting:** FTLPOA Annual Meeting will be Saturday June 22, 2019 at 9:30 am at Scandia Valley Township Hall. The LID will meet before the meeting at 9 am.

Gary Ziehmann motioned to adjoin the meeting. Lisa Kajer seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjoined.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary B Thibert