

FTLPOA BOARD MEETING
September 16, 2023
9:30 AM -- Campfire Bay Resort

Board Members: Paul Baker, Doug Copley, Marie Hilliard - Secretary, Mary Hodgins, Jon Scott Johnson, Chuck Salter, Brian Sams, Scott Schnuckle - President, Ron Markfelder, Mike Meis, Mary Thibert, and Gary Ziehmman - Treasurer.

Absent: Ron Nypan – Vice President

Invited: Tom Anderson and Chris Ziehmman from the LID

Meeting called to order 9:30

1. **Secretary's Report** — The recap from the summer property owners and board meeting has been revised to include the membership vote on board, information about bogs, etc.
2. **Treasurer's Report** — Financial report was reviewed and accepted. The estimated ending balance for 2023 is \$19,500. There are 169 property owner association members for 2023 (approximately 2/3 participation). Scott's letter in the upcoming newsletter will mention the positive things the board has influenced (railroad crossing, boat cleaning station, etc.).
3. **Old Business**
 - A. CD3 Boat Cleaning Station Update (Chuck) – System software analytics show the system was used 969 times May - Sept YTD. The LID had agreed to pay \$1,025 per year to take care of software maintenance and share the data with the county. Chuck confirmed that commitment was for five years. Payments have been paid for 2022 and 2023. The Lake Owners Association takes care of tools and pumping the holding tank. We replaced the old plastic boat plug wrench with a more durable aluminum one. The holding tank is only at 19%. Chuck will check to see if 20% is ok to leave in so it doesn't crack in the winter. Amy Kowalzek from Morrison County asked if we'd heard from anyone who had used it. Scott will share input to include:
 - a. One thing could be improved is something to scrape off zebras.
 - b. Three-minute timer on air pressure isn't enough. You get half way around the boat and have to push the button again
 - c. People aren't coiling hoses back up and putting things away. Board members have been periodically checking and putting things back in order.
 - B. Initiative Foundation Endowment Fund (Gary)
 - a. Current year contributions to the fund = \$1,290 making the current value of the fund \$66,840.
 - b. Blue Water Science Study had been approved at the Spring meeting. We will pay the \$2900 study fee out of the regular account since we have enough budget. The study wasn't done until the end of August. We have received the preliminary report with the full report coming out in the Spring. Celery weed is a native plant and prolific in Fish Trap. It's good for the lake; great for holding small fish, gives off oxygen and helps filter water. We had very little curly leaf after our treatments and celery weed was first to move in. People are mis-naming celery weed as curly leaf. We want another SECCHI reading (measuring visibility test for the water). Rain causes "bloom" in the lake; washing nutrients from the shore. Since it was so dry this year we didn't get the bloom. Tom will work with the LID to pursue a lab to complete testing.
 - C. Water Levels and Beaver Management (Brian) This spring we pulled out 2 beaver dams and trapped 9 beavers out of the creek. We started the season with high water and we're down about 2 feet from the Spring. Mid-May/early June the water was down to the control structure (dam). The DNR has taken the rails off the dam. We need to keep the beaver population down so will continue to trap.
 - D. Website/Newsletter (Chris) Anything for the fall newsletter is due by October 20th. (The Fall issue is mailed only to dues-paid members). To keep printing and postage costs down, the newsletter is limited to 8 pages. We can put as many articles on the website as we want. Scott will ask Blue Water Science for more information on celery weed, asking him to write a brief article about celery weed (native, good for the lake, not curly leaf) and include side-by-side pictures of celery weed vs curly leaf. Website will say look for the Blue Water Science article coming out this Spring.

E. DNR Updates (Paul)

- a. Dock upgrade - The DNR has provided a new floating dock for the public landing.
- b. Fisheries – We were stocked as promised (walleye) this spring. It was a banner year for walleye, bass and crappie. The bass taste great from our lake and have become a favorite among resort guests. The DNR are still using gill net testing. We are encouraging them to use electric testing (fish are stunned and recover). A challenge is where they can do electric testing isn't necessarily where walleye hang out. If the DNR can't test the success rate, they won't stock so we could risk our walleye stocking if they switch testing methods. Brian reported that only 20-30% of his resort guests are avid fishers. Fishing now tends to be more recreational so there's less pressure on the lake.

4. **New Business**

- A. LID Updates (Tom/Chris) - Tom will begin this week to explore testing labs we can contract with. The LID voted at annual meeting to raise assessment from \$60 to \$100 per property to increase their operating balance. We've had two years of massive weed treatment areas (more than previous years) and costs of weed control are higher.
- B. Morrison County Updates (Scott) – Amy Kowalzek says they've been focusing on agricultural areas of the county and now they're considering some changes in lakeshore use ordinances to be presented to the Board of Commissioners later this year or early next year.

5. **Date for Spring Meeting** – Saturday, April 13th. Campfire Bay 9:30 at the Lodge unless otherwise notified.

6. **Adjournment** – Brian motioned to adjourn; Gary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Hilliard, Secretary