

FTLPOA BOARD MEETING – April 13, 2024

9:30 AM -- Campfire Bay Resort

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

Other Attendees: Tom Anderson and Chris Ziehmman from the LID, David Thibert, Debbie and Bob Knutson, Mike Flanagan

Absent: Paul Baker and Brian Sams. Ron Nypan has resigned from the board so we will need to replace his Vice President role.

Meeting called to order 9:30

Recognition of Jon-Scott Johnson's Passing: Residents of St. Cloud, both Jon-Scott and his wife Lucy were big contributors to their communities and to the lake. He will be missed. As of our meeting, there hadn't been an obituary with memorial arrangements. Chuck motioned the board contribute a \$100 memorial to a charity TBD. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report—Gary motioned to approve the minutes from our Fall board meeting. Mary seconded. Report accepted.

Treasurer's Report—Financial report was reviewed and accepted. The ending balance for 2023 was \$22,661.93 for all accounts. In 2023 we achieved a membership record of 224 members. So far this year we have 143 pre-paid members.

Old Business

CD3 Boat Cleaning Station Update (Chuck) – As of our meeting last fall, the holding tank was at 19% . Chuck checked and it's recommended we should be pumping when tank is 10% filled. He found someone to pump water & weeds for \$50 and will submit the invoice for reimbursement.

Initiative Foundation Endowment Fund (Gary) – Current year contribution to the endowment fund is \$375 making the current value of the fund \$75,581.75. Ideas for uses of the fund to improve the lake are welcome.

Water Levels and Beaver Management (Scott provided Brian's update) -- We have another beaver dam, right over the top of the pipeline so it will need to be removed by hand. Brian has been on the phone with the pipeline ownership, county and soil & water to get the dam removed. Nine beavers were removed last fall so we're hoping that will greatly reduce cutting activity this year. The lake is up about 10".

Website/Newsletter (Chris) -- There continues to be confusion about celery weed (people think it's curly-leaf pondweed). Chris will post the State of the Lake report on the website and include the one-page summary in the newsletter, inviting people to read the full report on the website. We also had discussion about treating trees for two-line chestnut borers and emerald ash borers with a reminder that it's illegal to transport firewood out of the county. Chuck will check with Shannon Wettstein from soil & water about tree issues. Chris will also post notice of the two board positions we need to replace (Jon Scott Johnson and Ron Nypan).

New Business

LID Updates (Tom/Chris) -- DNR has notified us they are pushing up weed treatment dates to be done by end of April (instead of the typical mid-May). Limnopro Aquatic Science is our new testing provider. This week they mapped where the weeds are and we should have the shape files soon identifying acreage of curly-leaf. Lake Restoration will do the weed control treatment. John did a wonderful job getting all our grants approved from the state and county. We've had two years of massive weed treatment areas (more than previous years) and costs of weed control are higher. The LID voted at the annual meeting to raise assessment from \$60 to \$100 per property to increase their operating balance. Paul at Lake Restoration is confident the amount of treatment last year will result in less for this year, keeping the LID budget in the black. We'll treat as much as the DNR approves. There will be a follow-up assessment in the fall to ensure effectiveness of weed treatment. The more curly-leaf that is removed, the more likely native celery grass weed (*Vallisneria americana*) or other weeds will come in. Tom wants to train some others on how to do dip testing for zebra mussels. Of five positions on the LID, three must be a full-time resident of the lake. Ron Nypan has resigned from the LID so his position will need to be replaced with a full-time lake resident. Gary will give Tom and Scott a list of permanent residents for potential recruitment.

Fishery (Mike Flanagan) – It takes four years for walleye to mature from hatchery fingerlings to 15". Mike was approached by others concerned about people keeping walleyes less than 15" and shared a sign posted at Howard Lake asking fishers to voluntarily release walleye less than 15". Mike checked with the DNR who supported the idea. We would modify the sign slightly as shown here. Gary motioned we authorize up to \$300 to produce six signs to be installed and maintained by volunteers at the public landing and elsewhere around the lake. Chuck seconded. Motion carried. The signs should be produced by May 5th.

Morrison County Updates (Scott) – Amy Kowalzek says they've been focusing on agricultural areas of the county the last couple years and now they're proposing some changes in lakeshore use ordinances. There is a public hearing scheduled May 14th with changes effective June 1st. Chris will put a notice on the website about the public hearing and Tom will mimic the notice and send to Laura, the admin for Fish Trap Facebook page. Amy will be present at our annual meeting at the Town Hall to review the changes. Many of the changes are based on variances requested/approved in the past to simplify processes and make guidelines more reasonable.

Date for Annual Meeting, Town Hall Saturday June 22 – 9:30 a.m. The LID annual meeting will start at 8:45 a.m.

Adjournment – Chuck motioned to adjourn. Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned 11:49