Big Fish Lake Association Board Meeting

October 30, 2018

Kit Ferber’s Home

6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Kit Ferber, Nina Steil, Josh Hirschfeld, Allen Schmitz, Matt Peters, Paul Steil, Mark Backes, Megan Johnson

1. Call to Order (6:37 p.m.)

Minutes from previous Board meeting on September 26, 2018 were approved by all Board members via email on a date prior to the meeting.

1. Treasurers Report – Matt Peters
   1. Current balance for BFLA is $11, 359.12
   2. For the BFLA annual meeting the treasurer’s financial report will reflect the time frame

of June 1 – May 31 which will include the annual dues collected the first five months

of the year. This will give the association members an up-to-date understanding of

the status of the membership dues collected. The BFLA financial accounting year will

remain as the calendar year of January 1 through December 31.

\*Mark made a motion to change the financial reporting for the annual meeting for members to have more accurate reporting and to keep the accounting year the same. Paul second. All were in favor.

1. Membership Drive & Campaign Fundraiser
   1. Some members of BFLA have been in touch with Kit regarding concerns about the Zebra Mussels that were recently found on Big Fish Lake.
   2. Board discussed that although it is not good that we have zebra mussels, we are lucky Big Fish Lake doesn’t have the other 2 invasive species; Starry Stonewort, or Eurasian Milfoil. Steve (who screened the lake for the invasive species) said that we as a lake association did everything right in trying to prevent this by being so proactive with the boat inspections, keeping our lake informed and attending seminars when possible.
   3. Board discussed the even stronger reason we have to raise money to have a fund in case we need to use it to protect the lake against other invasives. It was about prevention before, and now it is about protection. Now that we have zebra mussels it is event more urgent that we raise the money for the fund.
   4. Josh will work with videographer, and Kit to re-shoot the previous footage that Kit recorded in light of the recent findings of zebra mussels. Video will now need to focus on raising money for a fund in case we need to pay for treatments if they are available. Goal is still $400,000 for our campaign. Board also discussed that in our video we should talk about “what we can do” – such as writing to legislators, communicating the process for decontaminating boats – and other things within our power. Board discussed other ideas for the video as well such as showing other lakes that have Starry Stonewort or other invasive species on a map of this area. Board also discussed having Steve speak in the video.
   5. Annual Drive for BFLA going out in November to all members.
2. Insurance Coverage for BFLA Board
   1. Josh spoke with Mahowald Insurance about coverage for the BFLA Board now that we are going to be raising money for a large fund. Kit will work with Mahowald on the application. Approximate cost of this insurance is $1100.50 a year – billed annually. Paul Steil will take a look at the application and details of the coverage as well. This insurance should be in place by next meeting after Paul takes a look at it.
3. County Request Proposal

BFLA Board would like to submit an application again to the County to hopefully receive a matching fund of approximately $15,000. These funds help pay for boat inspections.

\*Matt made a motion to approve the application for funds from the County. Josh second. All were in favor.

1. Handing out Shoreline Booklets

Let Kit know of any booklets that you didn’t hand out to BFLA members. Kit will mail the remainder of the booklets out with the 2019 membership drive letters and invoices.

1. Business Ads

Kit would like to increase the price of business ads in our newsletter and on-line from $75 to $100 (lowest rate level). This change will take place 1/1/19.

\*Allen made a motion to approve changing the lowest rate for having a business ad from $75 to $100. Mark second. All were in favor.

1. Sand in Outlet Update

Allen Schmitz met with the Collegeville Township Board related to the removal of sand (maintenance) in the outlet on Big Fish Lake. The Township Board will pay the $150 permit fee. Kit will send a thank you card to the Board.

1. Finalize date for cocktail party at Wenner’s to kick of the Campaign

Board discussed dates of when to have the cocktail party to kick off the Campaign. Wenner’s had given a few dates as options. Final date decided on is now January 25, 2019. BFLA Board will allocate money to help with the costs of this gathering.

X. It has been seen that residents or those taking care of the leaves were blowing them in the

lake. Kit will send out an email/newsletter asking people not to do this since it can be

harmful to the lake.

XI. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Kit’s house

XII. Adjourn

* 1. Matt made a motion to adjourn. Allen second. All were in favor. (8:01 p.m.)

Written by Secretary, Nina Steil included changes from Mark and Allen.