Big Fish Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

6:30 pm

Cold Spring, MN at the home of Kit Ferber’s

In attendance: Kit Ferber, Matt Peters, Megan Johnson, Allen Schmitz, Chris Wenner, Paul Steil and Doug Adamek

I. Call to order – 6:35 pm

II. Treasure’s Report – Matt

a. There is $11,445.20 in the checking account. $20,000 was contributed last winter to the

Emergency Fund at the Initiative Foundation. A motion was made to approve the report

by Chris, and seconded by Allen. All were in favor.

III. Vegetation Survey – Kit

a. There were four vendors contacted to get estimates to perform a complete vegetation survey

since the last one was done by the DNR in 2015. Because of the serious threat of Starry Stonewort

and Zebra Mussels in neighboring lakes, the Board decided to go with Blue Water Science, owned

and operated by Steve McComas. Kit will contact him to schedule a date with him to do it yet this

fall. We will also ask him if one of the Board members can go with to see how the data is

collected. We will hire Steve to look for Zebra Mussels as well. Matt motioned to have the work

done by Blue Water Science, Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. Boat Inspections – Kit

a. The Stearns County AIS Committee informed us that we have 95.5 hours left of non-scheduled

boat inspection hours due to the late date of ice out. It was decided that we would “bank” the

hours for 2019 or we may get a refund instead depending on the AIS Committee’s preference.

V. Insurance for the Board

a. It has been brought up to our attention by another lake association that they are checking into

getting insurance for the Board members. Kit will research this topic.

VI. Capital Campaign Fund

a. Filming was done with Kit on August 13th. We need to gather the rest of our information to send

to the videographer to do graphs, etc.

b. There was a discussion regarding our goal for the campaign. It was decided to be set at

$400,000 in order to put $200,000 in the Emergency Fund in case of an infestation and then

$200,000 for the Endowment Fund. Both funds are being increased due to the strong

possibility of outside funding being discontinued in the future. The motion to accept this goal

was given by Matt and seconded by Megan. Motion passed.

VII. Future meetings are set for September 26th, October 30th and November 28th.

VIII. Adjourn

a. Matt made a motion to adjourn. Allen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Minutes recorded by Chris Wenner and written by Kit Ferber