**Big Fish Lake Association Board Meeting**

**September 24, 2019; 6:30 pm at Kit Ferber’s home**

In attendance: Kit Ferber, Megan Johnson, Matt Peters, Hailey Bayer, Chris Wenner, Bill Unger, John Ronning, Mark Backes, Doug Adamek

1. Call to order (6:34 p.m.)

Minutes were approved from the annual meeting; Hailey will post on website.

1. Treasurer’s Report – Matt Peters
2. Currently the BFLA account has $25,259.90.
3. Kit asked if the Board should transfer excess funds ($15,000-$20,000) to the Big Fish Lake Emergency Fund. The Board decided to wait until January after the membership drive when we have a better idea of what the budget will be. Kit will ask the Initiative Foundation how much we made in interest in 2018.
4. Zebra Mussels
   1. Vegetation survey to be done by Steve McComas this fall, Matt will call to schedule a date for early October.
   2. Zebra mussels have been found on all parts of the lake and the infestation is now widespread. The University of Minnesota is studying the Zebra Mussel genome and DNA processing. One bay of Lake Minnetonka was sprayed for zebra mussels through a study by the University of Minnesota, but no change was found.
5. Annual picnic

Cost of annual picnic: $160.48 compared to $513.67 in 2018. Saved over $350 by cooking our own meat rather than having the meat catered in.

1. Glass prevention

The Board discussed whether or not signs should be place at the sandbar and the old beach to prevent people from using glass bottles. It was decided that there was no need.

1. BFLA Banking

The Board discussed whether or not to change the BFLA bank. The association currently banks with Granite Community Bank who does not support the association with advertising. A lake association member noted that the Cold Spring Bank does support the association through advertising, so why not switch? Matt will ask Granite Community Bank if they are interested in being one of our advertisers before any change is made.

1. Stearns Electric Grant

Kit will apply for Stearns Electric Grant due early October. Will ask for $1000, have received $250 in past years.

1. Big Fish Lake Road ~ “No Parking signage

At the August Collegeville Township Board meeting, Sue Eich and other residents of the Big Fish Lake area were present to discuss the possibility of additional “No Parking” signs along Big Fish Lake Road near the public access. Currently there is no parking on both sides of the road near the public access and no parking on the south side of the road between Jennifer Drive and Schulz Road. At busy times on the lake, people park their cars and boat trailers just beyond the no parking signs causing safety issues on the narrow road. The township board is open to extending the no parking area, but would like additional information on the capacity of boats on the lake from the DNR. Would also need to petition property owners for their approval.

1. Campaign Update
   1. The Board discussed putting up a sign on Josh Hirschfeld’s property on County Road 50 to raise awareness for the Legacy Campaign. ***Mark made a motion for the sign to cost no more than $700, Bill second. All were in favor.***
   2. John and Hailey to take over Nina’s contacts
   3. Josh and Kit planning to have a meeting with property owners who will be going south for the winter.
   4. The Board discussed whether or not names of donators to the Legacy Campaign should be made public, and the Board decided that all donators should remain anonymous, but the Board could use aggregate data like the percent of lake property owners who have donated.
2. Need Bios for website from John and Hailey.
3. Possible Fundraiser to have local Loon photos for sale

The Board discussed selling photos of loons on Big Fish Lake as a BFLA fundraiser. John will ask his sister if she would like to sell her photos from last spring.

1. Kit will look into printing a map of the lake with property owner names and parcels for distribution to BFLA members. This also could be another possible fundraiser.
2. Kit will contact West Central Sanitation to see if the Board may put a sign on the trash bin at the public access asking people to throw their bait in the garbage and not in the lake. Discarding the bait in the lake is against the law.
3. Future dates of meetings:

Tuesday, October 29(Note: changed day of week)

Tuesday, November 26

No meeting in December

Tuesday, January 28

1. Adjourn (8:30 p.m.)