**Big Fish Lake Association February Board Meeting**

**March 1, 2023; 6:30 pm at Mark’s home**

In attendance: Mark Backes, Megan Johnson, Matt Peters, Hailey Wachlarowicz Bayer, and John Ronning.

1. Call to order (6:32 p.m.)
2. Albie Kraemer – option for July 4th fireworks and past adaptive fishing day event
	1. BFLA members have suggested organizing a professional fireworks show for the lake and have requested the Board to send out an email soliciting funds for the show instead of lake owners doing their own fireworks around the lake. The Board discussed this option but is not in support of a large fireworks show on the lake due to the debris from fireworks polluting the lake and it does not align with the purpose of the BFLA.
	2. Albie and his wife have organized a fishing day on the lake event for children with disabilities and would like to support a similar event in the future if organized by the lake association. In the past, they used the “Fishing has no Boundaries” organization from Wisconsin since they were able to handle the insurance. The Board will discuss possible options for a similar event at a future board meeting.
3. Review Annual Meeting topics and agenda

The BFLA annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 17. The Board discussed options to increase attendance at the meeting, possible guest speakers and agenda topics.

1. Review BFL Survey Map

At the February meeting, the Board voted to approve funding for a map to be made noting various distances from the shoreline. The Board reviewed the map which shows the north part of the lake narrows to 673 feet with a 200 foot no wake zone from the shoreline.

1. Approval of January minutes

**John motioned to accept the minutes, Hailey 2nd the motion, and all were in favor.**

1. Finance Report – Matt
* The current BFLA balance is $82,174.76.
* The Board discussed transferring $20,000 from the BFLA bank account to the Emergency Fund. Mark will email the Board for a vote on the topic.
* Board members discussed what our dividends are with the Initiative Foundation accounts. Mark will check in with Initiative Foundation.
1. Property map of the lake

This year’s membership drive letter asked lake association members if they would like a property owner lake map printed and laminated for a small fee. **Mark made a motion to approve $200 for Kit for supplies to work on the map project, Hailey 2nd the motion, and all were in favor.**

1. Update on salt testing – Matt

Matt spoke with Alison Lightfoot from the Sauk River Watershed District who said the MPCA testing shows Big Fish Lake’s sodium chloride level at 15 parts/million. When the ice melts Matt will test various areas of the lake for salt as well as Hermit Lake across County Road 50 for a comparison.

1. Adjourn (7:57 p.m.)

Next meeting: March 29, 2023