**Big Fish Lake Association April Board Meeting**

**April 26, 2023; 6:30 pm at Mark’s home**

In attendance: Mark Backes, Megan Johnson, Matt Peters, Hailey Wachlarowicz Bayer, John Ronning, Kit Ferber, Allen Schmitz, and Doug Adamek

1. Call to order (6:35 p.m.)
2. BFLA finance report – Matt
3. The current BFLA balance is $59,992.91. Recent payments include the association share of the Stearns County boat inspections and the second payment of the Hamann property 10-year CRP.
4. Matt, Kit, and Mark have been working to get better information on the association’s Initiative Foundation accounts. The Board will have a representative from the IF at the next board meeting to answer questions and give more specific information about the account interest, dividends, and investment fund types.
5. Open BFLA Board positions

During the past year, two board members have stepped down from serving on the BFL board. The association bylaws state that the board shall consist of a minimum of seven and a maximum of nine individuals. Before the two members leaving, there were ten board members, so there will be one open position this year to follow the bylaws.

* Members up for re-election in 2023: Mark, John, Matt, and Hailey, plus one new member elected at the annual meeting.
* Current members elected in 2022 with one year remaining on their term: Kit, Megan, Doug, and Bill.
1. Review annual meeting topics and agenda

The BFLA annual meeting is set for Saturday, June 17 at 8:30 a.m. The Board discussed the agenda for the meeting and how to get more association members to attend. Doug will have two Big Fish Lake custom cutting boards; members attending the meeting will be entered into a raffle for one of the boards, and the second will be “auctioned” at the meeting for a donation to the association.

1. BFL Association member topics of interest/concern
	1. Boat inspection program, Matt intends to purchase a weed rake for the boat access.
	2. Loon nests will be installed within the week.
	3. Jim and Rose Sand will continue to volunteer to do the water testing for the lake.
	4. 2023 Starry Stonewort trek – usually held around Stearns County in August.
2. 2023 BFLA fun events
	1. The BFL Picnic will be held at Hidden Cove Orchard on August 17.
	2. The Board discussed other fun events that could be organized on the lake like various boating meet-ups, games, crafting, and National Night Out gatherings.
3. Kit updated the Board on the 2023 BFL membership drive. Current total raised is $31,364.10 from 156 members with another $6,500 expected. $9,100 has been designated by members for lake research efforts.
4. Approval of March minutes

**John made a motion to approve the March minutes, Matt seconded the motion, and all approved.**

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.