

**Big Fish Lake Association November Board Meeting
November 13, 2024; 6:00 p.m. at Mark's home**

1. Call to order (6:05 p.m.)
Members present: Kit Ferber, Doug Adamek, Matt Peters, Megan Johnson, Hailey Bayer, John Ronning, and Mark Backes.
2. Financial Review
 - a. The current BFLA checking balance is \$24,081.81, and the association currently has three \$20,000 six month CDs.
 - b. CD Update
The next CD is set to expire on November 21, 2024. Interest rates have gone down from 5% to 2.75%, so Matt will look around for better interest rates for future CDs.
 - c. Legacy accounts
Over the past year, the conservancy fund had an increase of \$14,603, and the Emergency Fund had an increase of \$19,526.
The Board had a discussion about various options for the investment accounts; Doug will reach out to some of his contacts for investment advice.
3. Membership Drive
Kit sending out membership letters this week.
4. Cyber security
The board discussed the security of the BFLA documents and lists. Kit uses a Microsoft One drive and will reach out to Ben Thole for assistance in adding board members to the drive and advice on cyber security.
5. Annual meeting
Matt will reach out to Collegeville Township after January 1 to reserve the space for our annual meeting. He will try to reserve June 7, 2025.
6. Membership events
Patty Carnes would like to help with organizing BFL social activities in addition to our annual picnic; she will join the January meeting to discuss possible events.
7. Statewide lake memberships
Jeff Forester is writing a story for Minnesota Lakes and Rivers about the success of the Big Fish Lake Association. They are starting a capital campaign to raise \$100,000 for more staff and to be more active statewide.
8. Road salt
The BFLA Board agreed to write a letter to Stearns County requesting them to use less salt on the area of County Highway 50 between Big Fish Lake and Hermit Lake.

9. Water Quality

Jim and Rose Sand have agreed to continue to test the water quality on the Big Fish Lake and will pay for the annual testing.

10. Board member recruitment

The board still has a vacancy for the role of vice president and the board still needs one additional board member to fill Bill Unger's position.

11. Adjourn (7:24 p.m.)

Next Meeting January 15, 2025