

Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association Agenda for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
Lake Café – Big Lake

Meeting called to order 6:36 PM

Present: JR McGuire, Paul Ellinger, Dan Boyle, Craig Johnson, Troy Olsen, Mike Donnelly, Jeff Johnson, Gordy Westerlind, Lori Andreen. Guest: Ken Andreen. Missing: Sarah Phillips, John Smullen, Ed Peitso.

Motion to approve agenda made by Paul, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2023 BELIA Board meeting made by Jeff, seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

Director Elections:

- Motion for Gordy to continue as President made by Dan, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.
- Motion for Mike Donnelly to serve as Vice President made by Lori, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.
- Motion for Jeff to continue as Treasurer made by Gordy, seconded by Lori. Motion carried.
- Motion for Lori to continue as Secretary made by Paul, seconded by Craig. Motion carried.

Reports

BELIA Treasurer Report April 2023 (Monthly)

Checking Account Balance as of the beginning of April 2023 \$38,962.63  
(Reconciliation still not correct. Confirmed correct in Mays report)

Deposits – \$5,069.09 (Dues/Donations)

Checks – \$583.70 (Annual Meeting Expenses & Ice Out Expense)

Checking Account Balance as of the end of April 2023 \$43,448.02

Uncleared Transactions – **\$776.42**

Uncleared Deposits \$0.00

Balance as of 5/9/2023 - \$45,808.00 (Balance as of 5/23/23 \$46,415.49)

There were 46 *paid-up* members at the end of April 2023 (73 members as of 5/23)

There were 16 *paid-up* members at the end of April 2022

There were \$4,097.29 in “extra” contributions collected through April 2023

There were \$2,166.55 in “extra” contributions made through April 2022

The 2021 Minnesota Attorney General annual report filed August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The 2022 990 Federal Tax return was filed on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023

The 2022 renewal with the Secretary of State was filed February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – will be filed in July.

The 2022 Minnesota Sales Tax Return submitted January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jeff Johnson  
Treasurer

Expenditure Approvals:

- Motion to approve expenditure of \$629.35 to cover the cost of the Annual Meeting made by Troy, seconded by JR. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve expenditure of \$910.75 made by Paul, seconded by Craig; Motion carried.

Covers:

- Membership Big Lake Chamber - \$93.97
- State of MN - \$25 – To cover the cost of registration as a non-profit organization.
- AIS Consulting: \$705 – Consulting fee for CLP (curly leaf pondweed)
- PayPal changing to 'Zettle' necessitating purchase of three (3) new credit card readers: \$87.

Audit Committee – Will meet after Pulled Pork Cook-Off Fundraiser

#### Lake Quality Committee

- Secchi Disc reading: Dan and Paul to follow.
- AIS Consulting found 46.5 Acres of CLP: Should save us about \$4K as CLP was found in shallower water and uses less herbicide. Aquatic Solutions will be applying herbicide shortly, not the right time for homeowner application, yet.
- A second Survey will be done in 2-4 weeks for EWM (Eurasian water milfoil); CLP growth will also be documented. The Board will decide at that time as to whether to treat EWM.
- To put the CLP Survey on the Website.
- Craig to check with Aquatic Solutions as to when the homeowner shorelines might be treated.
- Volunteer AIS Inspectors – Only three have signed up to be inspectors currently.
  - JR and Troy also offered to be trained.
- Lake Level: A BELIA Member reached out to the DNR regarding the potential of raising the lake level at the 'Runout Control', i.e., the Eagle Lake dam. Kudos to this member for reaching out for this information.
  - James Bedell of the MN DNR informed us that it was very complicated and would require approval by permit holders such as the County, township, etc., 75% of landowners, and multiple other sources of documentation.
  - The letter also recommended the formation of a LID (Lake Improvement District) which could have the ability to create and maintain a water control structure.
  - Ken to reach out to the homeowner.

#### LID Committee

- Jeff has been working with Kathleen Metzger, a DNR Hydrologist, for guidance to move forward.
- Recommended that focus be on contacting County Commissioners, Administrators, and Attorneys. Plan to reach out in the next 30 days and to meet with them individually.
- ELID Boundaries still need to be finalized.
- Reach out to neighbors; set up neighborhood meetings in the next 4-5 weeks.

COLA – MN Omnibus Bill recently passed and there may be increased expenditure for AIS, Lake Association and LID Grants, Boat Landing repairs, and funding for SWCD. More information to follow.

- Paul brings up concern for the condition of Eagle Lake Boat Ramp with the lower water levels.

Chamber – Next week there will be a meeting of the Chamber with our local legislators as guest speakers.

#### Events

- Sponsorships: Motion to spend up to \$150 for printing of Sponsorship materials made by Troy, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting Date: Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 PM at Orrock Town Hall; location pending approval.

Respectfully submitted  
Lori Andreen  
BELIA Secretary