

Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association Minutes for September 7th
The Getaway Bar (formerly KJ's Refuge) 26211 184th St, Big Lake, MN 55309

Attendees: Sarah Phillips, JR McGuire, Mike Donnelly, Jeff Johnson, Paul Ellinger, Dan Boyle, Gordy Westerlind, CJ Johnson, Lori Andreen. Guest: Ken Andreen. Absent: John Smullen.

- Meeting called to order by Gordy Westerlind, President, at 6:31 PM.
- Motion to approve Agenda made by JR., seconded by Paul. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve minutes of July 27th, 2023 BELIA Board meeting made by Jeff, seconded by CJ. Motion carried.

Reports

BELIA Treasurer's Report (Monthly)
August 2023

Checking Account Balance as of the beginning of August 2023	\$35,289.14
- Deposits – \$14,103.61 (Pulled Pork Cookoff)	
- Checks – \$2,543.71 (Pulled Pork Cookoff)	
Checking Account Balance as of the end of August 2023	\$46,849.04
- Uncleared Transactions – \$467.07	
- Uncleared Deposits \$0.00	
Balance as of 9/5/2023 -	\$46,381.97

There were 91 paid-up members at the end of August 2023

There were 93 paid-up members at the end of August 2022

There were \$6,996.85 in “extra” contributions collected through August 2023

There were \$7,457.71 in “extra” contributions made through August 2022

The 2022 Minnesota Attorney General annual report filed July 26th, 2023

The 2022 990 Federal Tax return was filed on February 18th 2023

The 2022 renewal with the Secretary of State was filed June 7th, 2023

The 2022 Minnesota Sales Tax Return submitted January 11th, 2023

Respectfully submitted by,
Jeff Johnson
Treasurer

- Expenditure Approval: Motion to approve expenditure of \$162.22 for miscellaneous items such as postage, PO Box for signed petitions, etc., made by Lori, seconded by CJ. Motion carried.
- Audit Committee: August bank statement pending; to meet after received.

- Lake Quality Committee
 - o Clean Water Fund Grant for carp work on Eagle Lake: Dan Cibulka has sent in the appropriate paperwork for BWSR (Bureau of Water, Soil, and Resources) for Summer 2024. This would be for additional electrofishing with potential for 2025 spawning temporary net system.
 - Motion to approve application for BWSR Grant and expenditure of \$1000 made by Jeff, seconded by JR. Motion carried.
 - o Secchi disk maintaining stable visibility reading at 2'-2.5' at 8 feet depth.
 - o AIS Volunteers: We have reached our 50 hours of AIS inspections.
 - o Starry stonewort has been found in 27 lakes in MN and is spreading.
- ELID Committee: Continued positive support for the formation of the ELID. We have 74% approval; still need reach twenty-seven (27) shoreline owners. A letter to these individuals was sent out yesterday.
 - o Need to recommend ELID Board members/directors to County. Ken Andreen is the first Board member who has stepped up.
 - o Recommend one year commitment.
 - o Board members: please contact Jeff with recommendations for ELID Directors.
 - o Discussion regarding need for a public meeting: As we have 75% approval and have contacted over 100 people and multiple times, no public meeting is recommended currently.
- COLA
 - o 2023 Legislative Outcomes Report. Dan Cibulka (SWCD) presented a power point of updates to the '23 MN legislative session. The DNR will have mandates with local lakes for AIS every five years. There will be a 'Keep it Clean' campaign for fish houses.
- Chamber – Golf Scramble Thursday, September 14th; Monticello Country Club 10 AM. Gloria Vande Brake is retiring in October; her position is open. 25 hours per week.
- Events:
 - o Pulled Pork – Ten smokers:
 - Profit after expenses: **\$13,516.88**
 - Need more help with solicitation of donations next year
 - o December Raffle: Home Depot tool chest
 - o Ice Fishermen Raffle: Ice Auger and two ice fishing sets
 - o Culver's Fundraisers will be held on three Mondays in September.

Next Board Meeting Date: Thursday, November 9th 7PM at The Getaway Bar in Orrock.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM made by Lori, seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

All BELIA Board meetings are open to the BELIA Members.