Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association Agenda for September 1, 2021 At Orrock Town Hall

Attendees: Gordy Westerlind, Bryan Adams, Jeff Johnson, Paul Ellinger, George Wallin, Dan Boyle, John Smullen, Mike Donnelly, Lori Andreen. Guest: Ken Andreen. Absent: Troy Olsen, Craig Johnson.

Motion to approve minutes of July 21, 2021 BELIA Board meeting made by Jeff, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Motion to approve appointment of new BELIA Board members for two-year terms Mike Donnelly and Troy Olsen made by George, seconded by John. Motion carried. The Board is still short by two (2) board members.

Reports

-	Treasurer's Report: July 2021 (August report pending) Checking Account Balance as of the beginning of July 2021 Deposits – \$3,255.76 Dues, Donations and Poker Run Fees Checks - \$998.28 – Expenses for Newsletter, Annual Meeting and Poker Run	\$19,299.40
	Checking Account Balance as of the end of July 2021	\$21,556.88
	There were 79 <i>paid-up</i> members at the end of July 2021. There were 77 <i>paid-up</i> members at the end of July 2020	
	There were \$5,339.61 in "extra" contributions collected through July 2021 There were \$4,328.66 in "extra" contributions made through July 2020	
	The 2020 Minnesota Attorney General annual report was filed on July 14 th , 2021 The 2020 990 Federal Tax return was filed in Feb 2021 The 2021 renewal with the Secretary of State was filed Feb 22 nd , 2021	
	Respectfully submitted by, Jeff Johnson Treasurer	
	 Expenditure Approvals Motion to approve \$100 annual COLA membership made by George, sec Motion carried. 	onded by John.
-	Audit Committee	. 1

- The Audit Committee (George Wallin, Paul Ellinger) has had two meetings and set up a mock audit. George has created a written procedure for all audits. This will be distributed to Board members for approval at the next Board meeting. The next committee meeting will be after the Beer and Wine Event.
- Lake Quality Report
 - Carp: Minimal carp removed from lake this year. Motion to approve expenditure of \$36 to Tom Nagorski sons for carp removal made by Bryan, seconded by Paul. Motion carried.
 - WSB and Carp Study:

- Dan Cibulka (SWCD) has been working with WSB Engineering for an additional carp study. This study is necessary to qualify for additional grants from the state to treat the high phosphorus causing our algae overgrowth. **Phase 1:**
 - 10 carp will be given radio tags for winter monitoring. Up to 100 carp will be 'tagged' as well and will be monitored this winter via GPS.
 - Cost of Study: \$9345: SWCD Grant would cover \$8345, our portion the remaining \$1000. SWCD Grant is contingent of approval at their September 14th Board Meeting.
 - Depending on the result of Phase 1 we could go on to Phase 2 which will involve removal of the carp.
 - Motion to authorize up to \$1500 expenditure to cover a portion of the WSB Engineering Carp Phase 1 Study made by George, seconded by Lori. Motion carried.
- Northeast Watershed
 - We continue to wait on the DNR response. No projects are allowed in the state forest. No update from the DNR on 'Impaired Lake' status.
- EWM \$2000 Grant for 2022: Spoke with Dan Cibulka, SWCD, regarding approval of giving 'mini-grants' to property owners to treat EWM. Dan will bring to SWCD Board for authorization.
- LID Committee Report
 - Paul, Bryan, Gordy, and Jeff Johnson (Chair)
 - Met with Patrick Plant of Lake Orono who is a wealth of information. To discuss with Briggs Lake Chain representatives as well.
 - o Tasks:
 - 1. Meet with DNR to establish boundaries of the LID. Need DNR approval to go forward.
 - 2. Educational meetings with the public to garner support. Key to support is maintenance of property values.
 - Governing body will be the County, not townships.
- COLA
 - Open COLA Board Seat representing BELIA: Mike Donnelly has offered to become our second delegate to replace Ed Peitso who has stepped down. Motion to approve Mike Donnelly as BELIA representative to COLA made by George, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.
 - Ken Andreen (delegate) reports that twelve lakes have been declared 'impaired' in Sherburne County. Still waiting on official classification for Big Eagle Lake.
 - 'Go Daddy' is being used by COLA and if we partnered with COLA for that website both could save a little money.
 - Adopt-a-Storm Drain program is being recommended to be adopted and is awaiting highway department approval. This program would call for citizens to keep the leaves, etc. off of the storm drains to allow water to flow. The storm drains along County Road 75 drain directly into Big Eagle Lake and this is detrimental to our lake.
 - There is discussion by the State Legislature regarding wakeboard boats and and legislating some form of control due to shoreline erosion and potential AIS spread due to ballasts.

- Golden clams have been found to have survived Minnesota winters on Briggs Lake Chain.
- Chamber
 - Big Lake Chamber Golf Scramble coming up Thursday, September 9th 10 AM at Monticello Golf Course. \$80 per person.
 - Lori attended the Big Lake Chamber meeting this week and handed out Wine and Beer flyers and sold event and raffle tickets. Gloria Vande Brake of the Big Lake Chamber is very supportive of Big Eagle Lake putting articles in the newsletter, marking our events on their calendar.
- Events
 - Poker Run Thirty-eight (38) people attended. Great community-building opportunity.
 - Update on Pulled Pork Cook-Off: still working on expenses but should bring in approximately \$1600 profit.
 - \circ Wine and Beer October 1st at The Buff.
 - Concessions on Ice February 2nd. Board is very concerned with feasibility of putting on this event due to lack of volunteers. To discuss at next Board meeting.
- Other Business
 - Zebra Mussel (ZM) Findings: Two dead ZM shells were found at the recent Starry Trek on Big Eagle Lake. Andreens performed a veliger sampling (ZM larval stage) and turned in to Chris Jurek of the DNR. Report is pending.
 - AIS Volunteers: John reports that we are at 63 hours out of 75 and should make our goal. Must be completed by November 1.
- Member Open Forum none

Next Board Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM at Orrock Town Hall.

Motion to Adjourn made by Bryan, seconded by Jeff. Motion approved; meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Lori Andreen, Secretary