

Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association Minutes for November 9, 2023  
The Getaway Bar - 26211 184th St, Big Lake, MN 55309

Meeting called to order at 6:45 by Gordy Westerlind, President

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

Motion to approve Agenda made by Paul, seconded by Mike. Motion carried

Motion to approve Minutes of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting made by Jeff, seconded by JR. Motion carried.

#### Reports

Checking Account Balance as of the beginning of October 2023	\$47,451.88
Deposits – \$0.00	
Checks – \$1,500.00 (Refund Milfoil Grant to SWCD)	
Checking Account Balance as of the end of Oct. 2023	\$45,951.88
Uncleared Transactions – <b>\$75.00</b>	
Uncleared Deposits \$1,591.23 (Culvers)	
Balance as of 11/7/2023 -	\$47,468.11

There were 92 *paid-up* members at the end of October 2023

There were 102 *paid-up* members at the end of October 2022

There were \$7,190.99 in “extra” contributions collected through October 2023

There were \$7,881.22 in “extra” contributions made through October 2022

The 2022 Minnesota Attorney General annual report filed July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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 June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeff Johnson

Treasurer

- Expenditure Approvals:

- \$66.54 for printing for BELIA thank you cards
- \$100 COLA annual membership
- \$733 – Annual DO Liability Insurance
- \$136.95 - Dick Bittner Funeral flowers
- Gift/reimbursement for Sam Buehler (\$75)
- \$214.75 to Lori for Home Depot Workbench

- Motion to approve above expenditures for \$1326.24 made by JR, seconded by Dan. Motion approved.

- Audit Committee: See Audit Committee Report of 9/11/2023: George Wallin worked with Paul Ellinger to Audit August Treasurer records: All records matched bank deposits, withdrawals, and reconciliation reports.

- Kudos to George Wallin for his fantastic work reconciling these records! Also to the entire committee: Paul Ellinger and Jeff Johnson for their attention to detail.
  - Motion to approve Audit Committee's report made by Lori, seconded by Mike. Motion carried.
- Lake Quality Committee – Ken reports that Secchi disk reading at the beginning of the season was 3.5 feet, changing to 2.5 feet by mid-season and remaining steady.
- SWCD Grants: \$2000 milfoil grant returned as not used
  - 2024 DNR Grants will be determined by lottery: Applications will be accepted from November 17 - December 11<sup>th</sup>. Ken to assist Gordy in applying for these grants.
  - Cattails noted growing at the carp trap, lakeside.
  - Noted: Volunteers need to document hours worked. This information will be utilized for grant applications.
- ELID (Eagle Lake Improvement District) Committee:
- Signed Petitions were submitted to Sherburne County on October 25<sup>th</sup>; documented receipt on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - The County Board will set a public hearing date. All those who will be assessed by the ELID will be notified by the county via direct mailing.
  - ELID assessments will not begin until 2025.
  - Directors so far: Five (5) needed.
    - Ken Andreen
    - Brian Moriarty
    - Sandy McClurg
  - Kudos to Jeff Johnson for ALL his work coordinating the Petitions, creating the documentation, and presenting the paperwork to the County Board. You are outstanding! And thank you to the entire ELID committee: Jeff, Gordy, Bryan Adams, Paul, Mike, and Troy. Because of your hard work and efforts to put this important work in place, garnering the support of over 70% of our neighbors, our lake has the potential of controlling our algae issue.
  - Kudos to the entire BELIA Board for all their work with petitions going door to door and explaining the details of the ELID.
- COLA
- Ken reports MNCOLA (MN Coalition of Lake Associations) is promoting LIDs as a means of gaining funds/improving lake quality.
  - Starry Stonewort has been found in Clearwater Lake. It is moving closer!
  - New law: Leaving trash on the lake is a petty misdemeanor with a \$100 fine.
  - SWCD is recruiting local folks to do more consistent water quality monitoring.
- Chamber – Gloria Vande Brake has retired from the Chamber: Julie Brandt is the new Executive Director.
- Troy offers to attend Chamber meetings on our behalf.
- Events
- Culvers - \$1,591.23 raised for three nights of fundraising in September!
  - Raffles: Expenditure approvals:

- Home Depot Workbench at Coborn's – Qty 1000 - \$350
- Ice Fishing auger with supplies (2) – Qty 150 - \$75
- Motion to approve up to \$425 for raffle ticket printing made by Paul, seconded by Jeff.  
Motion carried.
- BELIA Christmas Party? Need host :).

#### Other Business

- Reach out to Aquatic Solutions regarding contracting with shoreline owners for spring herbicide treatments. Lori to contact CJ.
  - Troy has reached out to a County Commissioner concerning the speed limit on County Road 75 at the curve of the road near the public access. A study will be conducted to determine if a change of speed (lowering) would be warranted.
- Next Board Meeting Date: **Tuesday**, December 19, 2023 6:30 PM – Location TBD

8:11 PM: Motion to dismiss made by Troy, seconded by Mike. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Lori Andreen  
BELIA Secretary