

**Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association Minutes for December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Meeting at Paul Ellinger's home: 23253 188<sup>th</sup> St. NW., Big Lake**

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM.

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

Motion to approve tonight's agenda made by Paul; seconded by Troy. Motion carried.

Approve minutes of November 9, 2023 BELIA Board meeting: Correction: Troy Olsen should be noted in attendance. Motion to approve Nov. 9 minutes with correction made by Jeff; seconded by JR. Motion carried.

Reports

Checking Account Balance as of the beginning of Nov. 2023	\$45,951.88
Deposits – \$2,821.06	
Checks – \$969.95 (COLA Dues, Insurance)	
Checking Account Balance as of the end of Nov. 2023	\$47,802.99
Uncleared Transactions – \$356.29	
Uncleared Deposits \$0.00	
Balance as of 12/6/2023 -	\$47,446.70

There were 93 *paid-up* members at the end of November 2023  
There were 102 *paid-up* members at the end of November 2022

There were \$7,234.33 in "extra" contributions collected through November 2023  
There were \$7,881.22 in "extra" contributions made through November 2022

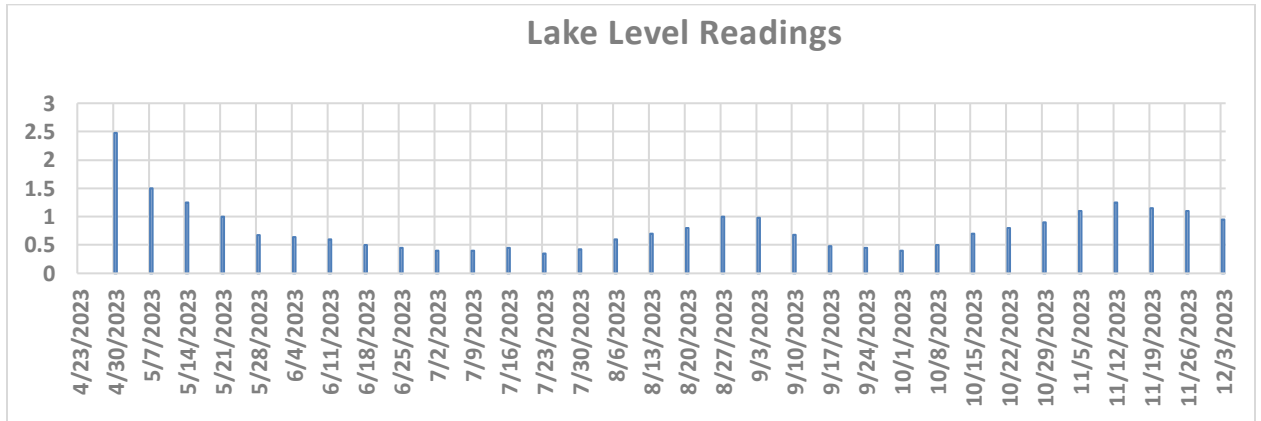
The 2022 Minnesota Attorney General annual report filed July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
The 2022 990 Federal Tax return was filed on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023  
The 2022 renewal with the Secretary of State was filed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
The 2022 Minnesota Sales Tax Return submitted January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jeff Johnson  
Treasurer

Jeff will be leaving 12/29; Gordy has the checkbook.

- Expenditure Approvals
  - Ed Peitso Memorial Tree \$ 58.31
  - Website domain expenses for BELIA.org  
and  
bigeaglelakeimprovementassociation.com \$ 52.10
  - WIX website (renewal April 2024) \$ 400.00
  - \$ 510.41
- Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report along with expenditure of \$510.41 made by Lori, seconded by Dan. Motion carried.
  
- Audit Committee - tabled
  
- ELID Committee
  - ELID Committee (Mike Donnelly) presented BELIA ELID authorization request to Sherburne County Board December 7<sup>th</sup>. The County Board approved to add this request to their Consent Agenda for January 2, 2024. Gordy, Paul, Mike, and Ken plan to attend.
  - Need the following:
    - Five ELID Board Directors: Currently, we have four: Ken Andreen, Sandy McClurq, Brian Moriarity, and Joe Ryan.
    - Budget to cover mailings, public meetings
    - Insurance (~\$750/year)
    - Create by-laws.
    - Officers
    - Annual Audit
  - The ELID Annual Meeting will take place in July or August each year.
  - Motion to designate up to \$10K to assist the ELID Start-up costs made by Paul, seconded by Jeff pending Sherburne County Board approval. Motion carried.
  - Motion **for BELIA** to continue to support AIS Control of CLP and EWM for 2024 made by JR, seconded by Dan.
  
- Lake Quality Committee
  - Shoreline Herbicide treatments with Aquatic Solutions. Key Points:
    - Aquatic solutions has been sold to Jim Strohmeier who will be managing Aquatic Solutions work in 2024, taking over for Craig Mueller.  
Email: [jim@aquaticsolutionsmn.com](mailto:jim@aquaticsolutionsmn.com) , 320-279-0231
    - Aquatic Solutions will be emailing all the participants of the 2023 lake treatment program directly for 2024 treatment.

- The pricing and deadline are noted on the signup sheet. They will also be honoring the 5% discount to BELIA member for the DIYers
- I recommend we include this information if we send out a year-end letter to all and also adding to the website. A good way to drive memberships with this benefit. (CJ Johnson)
- BELIA 2024 DNR Grants (\$10K for CLP and EWM) were applied for in November of 2023. The DNR lottery will be in January 2024.
- Lake Level Readings for 2023



- COLA – Sponsorships needed.
- Chamber – Troy not receiving updates.
- Events – Workbench Raffle Update – We raised over \$2000.
  - Continued fundraising for CLP and EWM for the next few years.
    - Sponsorships: Due to potential funding of by the ELID and difficulty raising sponsorships; Motion to suspend sponsorship fundraising made by Troy, seconded by Sarah. Motion carried.
  - Future Expenses:

Next BELIA Board meeting date: April 11, 2024 at Orrock Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn BELIA Board meeting made by Jeff, seconded by Troy. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
 Lori Andreen  
 BELIA Secretary