

Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association Agenda for 12.1.2022
Orrock Town Hall - 26401 180th St NW, Big Lake, MN 55309

Present: Paul Ellinger, George Wallin, Mike Donnelly, Craig (CJ) Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Gordy Westerlind, Bryan Adams, Troy Olsen, Lori Andreen. Absent: Dan Boyle, Ed Peitso, John Smullen.

Motion to approve minutes of September 22, 2022, BELIA Board Meeting made by CJ, seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

Motion approve BELIA Board Meeting Agenda for 12.1.2022 made by Paul, seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

Reports –

- BELIA Treasurer’s Report – November, 2022

Checking Account Balance as of the beginning of Nov 2022	\$34,209.75
Deposits – \$654.97, Amazon Smiles/Donations & SWCD	
Checks – \$718.75 Cola and SWCD	
Checking Account Balance as of the end of November 2022	\$34,145.97
Uncleared Transactions – \$50.00	
Balance as of 11/5/2022 - \$34,095.97	
There were 102 <i>paid-up</i> members at the end of November 2022	
There were 91 <i>paid-up</i> members at the end of November 2021	
There were \$7,881.22 in “extra” contributions collected through November 2022	
There were \$6,482.17 in “extra” contributions made through November 2021	
The 2021 Minnesota Attorney General annual report filed August 24 th , 2022	
The 2021 990 Federal Tax return was filed on February 7 th 2022	
The 2022 renewal with the Secretary of State was filed February 7 th , 2022	
The 2021 Minnesota Sales Tax Return submitted January 11 th , 2022	
Respectfully submitted by,	
Jeff Johnson	
Treasurer	

Motion to accept November Treasurer’s Report made by Mike, seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

Motion to approve upcoming expenditures of \$1900 made by Troy, seconded by CJ: Motion carried:

Lion's Park	\$ 250.00
I & O Insurance	\$ 738.00
Additional Liability Insurance	\$ 284.00
January mailing printing and stamps	\$ 130.00
Cost of Annual Website	\$ 400.00
Department of Health Permit (Cook-Off)	\$ 95.00
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- Audit Committee – Meeting shortly to review
- Lake Quality Committee–
 - A letter has been sent to Dan Cibulka (Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District– SCWD) regarding BELIA intent to place barriers over three inlets to prevent carp from traveling into the Big Eagle Lake during spring spawning areas unless the DNR objects.
 - Dan Cibulka is sending documentation of lake elevations to WSB along with drawings. WSB will send BELIA final report before the end of the year.
 - Looking for a new contractor for future studies on Big Eagle Lake.

- Legacy Grant: BELIA to apply for grant: Dan Cibulka advises to apply for an application for carp netting (\$10K-\$30K). Dan to help to write the grant application pending WSB Final Report. Application due 2/15/2023. Grant will require 10% in-kind. Bryan to move forward on grant application process.
- Summary of 2022 SWCD Grants received and expenses: Expect similar grant applications and expenses for 2023.

Expenses for Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water	
Milfoil surveys/herbicide treatment:	\$ 29,400.00
Grants received (5):	\$ 5,060.00
BELIA out-of-pocket expenses:	\$ 24,340.00

- DNR Grants received in past: 2020: \$7000; 2021: \$0; 2022: \$0.
- Beavers have returned, both at the inlet and downstream. Four beavers have been trapped, at least one female has not been captured.
- LID – Kick-Off: To finalize presentation for Annual Meeting. Things to do:
 - Update presentation
 - Approve boundaries
 - Present to Sherburne County for approval
 - Pending: Truth in Taxation meeting
- COLA – Mike Donnelly reporting:
 - Magnets purchased by COLA and SWCD funds for distribution lake associations.
 - COLA tracks trending legislative initiatives, including 1) wake board laws, 2) expanded grants for lake associations, and 3) expanded boater license requirements, with all motor-powered boats requiring some minimum level of training/knowledge.)
- Chamber – Tabled
- Events
 - Ice Out Contest – January 1 – February 2nd (Groundhog Day)
 - Ice-fishing Raffle? George to approach H2Outfitters to purchase ice auger at cost if possible. Troy and CJ to go to ice fishermen to sell Raffle Tickets
 - Culver’s Fundraiser – May and September
 - Annual Meeting – May 6th at Lion’s Park
 - Adopt-a-Highway – May 20th and maybe move to September?
 - Poker Run – Saturday, July 22nd 3-9PM
 - Combined Cook-Off (Pork or other) Event with Silent Auction: August 12th, 2023.

Other Business

- Membership Drive: ‘Healthy Lake’ magnets to be distributed in January mailing along with membership application and information regarding treatment of shorelines with herbicide by homeowners; ‘Save the Date’ for Annual Meeting.
- Newsletter - to stress Annual Meeting and LID Kick-Off
- Sherburne County AIS Prevention Program - 2022 Fall Meeting
 Thursday, December 8th, 2022, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 City of Elk River Campus Emergency Operations Center
 13065 Orono Parkway
 Elk River, MN 55330

Next Board Meeting Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 at Orrock Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted
 Lori Andreen
 BELIA Secretary