

***Fox Lake Preservation Organization, Inc.***  
***Board of Directors***  
***Meeting Minutes***  
***Saturday, June 6, 2020***  
***Via Zoom***

**I. Call to order**

Motion to called to order the regular meeting of the FLPO Board of Directors at 10:15 am on June 6, 2020 via Zoom.

**II. Roll call**

Charlie Nelson welcomed all, including the new board members, Tom Carr, Corey Johnson, Mike Tegtmeier and Mike Drury.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Charlie Nelson confirmed that all present received and read the minutes from the last meeting. Ed Benter made a motion to accept the minutes as written. John Lorenty seconded the motion.

**IV. President's Report**

- a) Thank you to FLILPARD for the monetary support for the cover crop program. The program will be on a pay for performance basis, which will assist with accountability.
- b) Bill Stangel – Independent Farm Consultant and Egronomist, is assisting with the Hammer Farm project, as well as working on grants through Dodge County.
  - (1) Target area is a mile perimeter around the lake, including the 3 creeks.
    - (a) Letters to farmers going out by the end of the week.
  - (2) New ideas to ponder – ½ acre = 1 future. Protection for all waterways.
  - (3) Legislative support needed on the town, county, and state level. Fines for violations, etc. Pipedream but interesting to work toward.
  - (4) Grant opportunities are actively being pursued
  - (5) Matching program with a major vendor is under consideration

**V. Committee Reports**

- a) **Finance**
  - i) Budget discussed during annual meeting. No business/budget concerns at this time.
- b) **Membership**

## II. Lou Benter – FLPO membership

- (1) She is maintaining membership records as well as sending out Thank you's and welcome letters. We have 286 memberships renewed so far, and sent out 67 Thank you letters, with donations totaling \$3,600.
- (2) 500 households on the lake; 300 might be the total involvement this year.
- (3) Clarified that membership is not exclusive to lake owners. Anyone is welcome to join.
- (4) Business memberships are available

### c) **Events**

#### Kerry Little - Events

Because of Covid-19, discussion regarding which events to still undertake. Challenging to hold any events with the current situation, especially since nothing has been done for preparation. Also, Corey Johnson will take over events, with the help of Tom Carr and Mike Drury. They will meet with Kerry

#### (a) Upcoming events

- (i) Tunes on the Lake – Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Location needed — Band Band is booked. John willing to use his property
- (ii) A motion to have Tunes on the Lake on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at John Lorenty's property was made. Linda Truelove seconded. All in favor and motion carries.
- (iii) Parades
  1. Car Parade on Blackhawk Trail on July 4<sup>th</sup> cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. Motion to cancel July 4<sup>th</sup> CAR parade made by John Lorenty, seconded by Mike Carlino. All in favor and motion carries.
- (iv) Boat parades (4<sup>th</sup> of July and Venetian Night) will still be held. Email blast to encourage participation. Motion to host boat parades made by Mike Carlino, seconded by Mike Tegtmeyer. All in favor and motion carries.
- (v) Golf outing – Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>
  1. Previously, this has been the biggest fundraiser as well as some of the most work.
  2. As of now, all aspects would need to be modified to follow the social distancing guidelines for large gatherings. Also, concerns about sponsorships, donations, and enough volunteers to have a successful event.
  3. Input from the community regarding possible cancellation ranges from “No way” to “why would we not?”

4. Ultimately, this is a Board of Directors level decision.
  5. Risk vs Reward
- (vi) Other possible fundraisers
1. Brat Fry
  2. T-shirts and apparel
  3. FLPO Golf Day
- (vii) Motion to cancel the Golf Outing by John Lorenty. Seconded by Mike Carlino. All in favor and motion carries.

## **VI. Grant Program**

- a) Healthy Lake Grant Status – John Lorenty
- i) Projects installing rain gardens and shoreline restoration continue for 3 homeowners totaling 5 projects. Grants were approved and paperwork will be submitted. Anticipate reapplying for additional grant. This is a bigger undertaking now, as it is difficult to find a landscaper to write the grant. Will not be as easy to get approval as it was in the past.
  - ii) Example of program cost: \$1,500
    - (1) Landscaper receives \$1,500
    - (2) DNR Grant reimburses \$1,000
    - (3) Homeowner pays \$500 out of pocket.
  - iii) Dodge County Alliance – Lake people and producers
    - (a) Get more buffer gardens on the lake!
  - iv) John will look into grant timeline and be in contact with Nick to see if he is willing to assist.

## **VII. New Business**

- a) Discussion regarding the formation of various committees, including an Executive Committee and a Legislative Committee. It was suggested that these committees meet during the months when the full board does not meet. It was determined that the by-laws indicate that the Board of Directors should meet every month, May through September. Next meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom.
- b) Brat Fry at LeRoy's – Mike D. will check into scheduling, possible on a Saturday.
- c) Upcoming events – will need to notify as soon as possible what is cancelled / changed.
- d) Committees

- i) Mike Tegtmeyer will be assisting with IT as well as Membership.
- ii) Corey Johnson will be taking over Events. Tom Carr and Mike Drury will be assisting. Kerry has a book for all events and will pass that along. She will be sincerely missed. All of her hard work is greatly appreciated.
- iii) Ed Benter will help Lou with Membership.
- iv) Mike Carlino and Tom Carr will be working on Marketing/Advertising.
- v) Bob Bergman will continue the Newsletter

## **VIII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Lorenty, seconded by Ed Benter. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Minutes submitted by: Lori Zarlengo, Secretary

Minutes approved by: