

Officer Reports:

Chair: Bob reported on few items:

Insurance - we currently have two separate policies, one is a directors policy the other is a liability policy. These two policies are held by different insurance companies. Bob reported on pricing and the possibility of purchasing both policies from one company. It turns out that by keeping as is would be the best way to go. Therefore, we decided to maintain the current policies going forward.

Survey results - Once again Eurasian Milfoil was not found on any of our three lakes. Referring to the Julia point Intercept that was completed this year, Bob was wondering if we should ask James Johnson to do a comparison with the previous survey. After some discussion we decided Bob should ask James if that is something he could do, most likely in written form. Doug should also post the new survey of Julia to the web.

Annual Report - Bob shared the completed annual report with the board members. We all agreed he did an excellent job. Bob has sent this report to all the appropriate people. Thank you Bob for all our hard work.

Grants - Bob is looking at grants that may be available to us for 2025. He would like to apply for an educational grant so we can attend any upcoming classes that may be offered. The paperwork for our 2024 grants has been completed and sent in. We should expect final payments shortly. Bob asked for clarification on applying for grants. Can we apply to two different grants for the same work. Scot says that we cannot "double dip" and that we should apply for the grants that covers the project the best. Bob has a handle on the due dates for upcoming grants applications and will follow through on a timely manner.

Vice Chair - nothing to report

Secretary - nothing to report

Treasurer - Barb A mentioned that she is still waiting for a bill from James Johnson for the Julia intercept survey. Barb needs to purchase some stamps.

We also need to make the following changes on the TLID bank account: remove Diane Stangler and add Bob Sass.

Barb A and Bob will follow through on this. Bob Sass is the new Chair, Barb Aaberg is the new treasurer.

Old Business:

Watershed Plan 2024: nothing new.

Alum Feasibility Study: The carp study has been completed. There is an abundance of carp in our lakes. Healthy Lakes is planning on having a spokesperson from Stantec attend a future meeting to report findings on the alum feasibility study. Bob will check with the Healthy Lakes people to make sure we are aware when this will happen. We all agreed as that as many of the TLID board members who can should attend this important presentation. Scott mentioned that since our lakes on the high priority list with the Mississippi Watershed project that grants for an Alum treatment is possible.

Other: nothing.

New Business:

Review of BLCA and TLID responsibilities: We reviewed the most current list from 2023. Bob will bring this to the next Healthy Lakes meeting for their input. One correction under TLID was to remove Big Lake on the Lake Management Plan and the Lake Veg. Management Plan (TLID is only the upper three lakes).

Electronic Carp Barrier: Bob has been researching installing an Electronic Carp Barrier on Rush. He has talked with a company called Smithrott Inc., they have worked on DNR projects. The current is in our favor as the carp would come near the electronic field and then go back towards Big Elk. The electronic current is so slow that it does not affect people. Scott gave a history of the old "carp damn" which we were ordered to remove by the DNR. Bob will keep checking on this as we find out more about our carp issues.

Other:

Need of new board member: Josie Z has stepped down from the board. We will need to find a replacement. We are asking all board members to come back with a name or two at the December meeting.

We adjourned at 6:55 PM