

## FARM ISLAND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 19, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Kraimer at 9:00 AM
2. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Dennis introduced Board Members
4. Guest Speaker, Dan Guida, Aitkin County Sheriff spoke for about 20 minutes.
  - a. He spoke about being safe on the water
  - b. Attendees asked about wake boats. Sheriff said to take a picture and/or video and to call the Sheriff or call 911 to report. He said most of the time people need education, to know the regulations.
  - c. The sheriff stayed during the entire meeting in case he could answer other questions
5. Cindy Chuhanic asked if the attendees wanted to hear the previous 2019 meeting minutes, and they said no. (The 2020 annual meeting had been cancelled due to the pandemic.)
6. Cheryl McDonough gave the treasurer's report
  - a. 2020 Financial Report

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Year End</b>	
	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Checking</b>	15,817	24%
<b>Money Market</b>	29,492	45%
<b>Savings</b>	7,680	12%
<b>Fixed CD</b>	12,654	19%
<b>Petty Cash</b>	35	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$65,678</b>	

- b. 2021 financials as of June 19, 2021 – received \$6,725, with AIS being \$1,850
    - c. Membership: in 2020 had 235 paid members (64% of property owners).
      - i. As of June 19, had 195 paid members.
    - d. Mass Mailing: 243 printed newsletters were snail-mailed on May 24<sup>th</sup>, out of 382 property owners. Those who had already paid their dues were pulled out of the mass mailing, and there were duplicate names and multiple lot ownership. The June emailed newsletter contains the same information as in the mailed version, plus a whole lot more.
      - i. Cost \$391 to Tidholm Publishing, \$50 to Aitkin County for addresses – total \$441.
7. Russ Hoppe gave his report:
  - a. Lake reading update is at 8 inches below OHWL (Ordinary High Water Level).
  - b. Water Clarity as of June 13 was at 14 feet. Which is on schedule/normal.
  - c. Water temperature is around 80°, ahead of schedule by 2 weeks
  - d. It was mentioned the Score your shore survey is the DNR website
8. Gordy Vetsch asked the group if anyone had or heard if anyone had swimmer's itch – no one had
9. Dennis asked for the election of board members by lake association members.
  - a. Dennis made a motion to elect Stan Barnes, Dick Morris seconded and Cindy third-ed.

- b. Mike Harrington stood up and said he would run. Dennis made a motion to elect Mike and Cindy seconded the motion.
  - c. Note: we forgot to do the re-elections of Cheryl, Jim, Gordy and Dennis
10. Bill Haroldson gave his ALCARA updates
- a. There are 17 lake members, and they are looking for more lakes to join
  - b. 3,500 people working for a general cause
  - c. Bill has been the ALCARA V.P. since 2019
  - d. He talked about how oxygen is good for the fish
11. Bill Haroldson gave his Soil and Water update
- a. ACSW (Aitkin County Soil and Water Conservation District) reported for year 2020 that Farm Island Lake had 2,051 inspections - found 16 boats with no plugs and 4 boats with mud and debris.
  - b. They are having trouble finding people to hire to cover the inspection sites. Contact Steve Hughes at 218-927-7284.
12. Dennis announced the boat parade is Saturday July 03, 2021
- a. Sheriff Guida said the association can establish our own rules for the boat parade
  - b. Gordy said we have anywhere from 50 – 75 watercraft in the parades, it lasts about 1.5 hours, jet skis wave in and out of the boats and there is a lot of water action.
  - c. Attendees asked that the parade go clockwise so folks on west side can see all of the parade. The parade direction was discussed, most boats bail when they are at their property, the parade is voluntary.
  - d. Dennis asked for a vote for the parade to go clockwise. There were more yea's so the parade will go west – clockwise.
13. Dennis asked for open discussion
- a. Judy Christy on the east shore mentioned the R&R Landscaping petition to Aitkin County to zone for commercial property by 435<sup>th</sup>. This area is very close to the east shore of the lake.
    - i. Judy asked people to attend the county meeting to vote against it. Concerns are pollution control, both oil/gas and noise, environmental and wetland impact. The county meeting is Monday June 21 at 4:00, with ZOOM being available. (Note: The R&R Landscaping Re-Zoning was passed on June 21.)
  - b. Someone asked about placing a slot limit sign at the public accesses. Signs must come from the DNR.
    - i. Sheriff Guida suggested handouts at the boat parade, must date handouts since slot limits can change. He mentioned that Bob Mylinar has retired.
14. Greg Anderson talked about AIS coverage that began 6 years ago (Note: it actually began in 2014) with FILIA matching 10% of the cost of AIS inspections.
15. Meeting adjourned 10:15 AM
16. Door prizes were passed out by Bill
17. Denise Noling took care of the coffee and goodies during the meeting. Jim Hausauer got the goodies, etc. from Farm Island Store. Cheryl and Bill checked people into the meeting.

18. There were 54 attendees, including the board members.

Respectfully submitted July 6, 2021

Cheryl McDonough, FILIA Secretary/Treasurer

Attending Board Members:

Dennis Kraimer..... President

Gordy Vetsch..... V.P.

Cheryl McDonough ... Treasurer/Secretary

Jim Hausauer

Cindy Chuhanic

Bill Haroldson

Denise Noling