

**Friends of Lake Williams Annual Membership Meeting
The Acre
10:00 a.m. June 8, 2024**

BOD Attendees: Kim Cavanna, President; Diane Marquis, Vice President; Brenda Quesnel, Secretary; Tony Tyler, Treasurer; Jon Vigurs, Director; Mark Coletta, Director; Bob Millham, Director; Joe Vigurs, Director; Paul Cote, Director

BOD Not Present: Dyan Kozaczka, Director; Mark Weller, Director

Members in Attendance: Ryk Nelson, Tom Sholly, Tonie Matthews, Jason & Colleen Young; Dave & Terry Gilbert, Ladd Berthume, Jayne Marra, Phillip Pittruzzello

FLW BOD Meeting called to order by President Kim Cavanna at 10:05 a.m.

Vote on Previous Minutes: Bob Millham, Director, made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 10, 2023, FLW Annual Membership meeting, Diane Marquis, Vice president, seconded, and all voted in favor.

President's Report: Kim Cavanna shared highlights from the past year. The 2023 Milfoil treatment with ProSelacor went very well. We were able to afford the treatment because of the \$37.5K Stamp Act Grant from the DEEP. The treatment cost a total of ~\$57k for both the Milfoil and Fanwort. There was no sign of Milfoil in the pretreatment survey performed this spring. There is no guarantee that the Milfoil will not come back, but it is expected to be gone for a minimum of three years. Given the potential expense of the future Milfoil treatments it is imperative that we continue with all fundraising efforts as it will take several years to raise enough funding.

This year the treatment will take place in July. Our new lake management consultant is Pondweed Pursuits (PP). In the pretreatment plant survey PP found a fair amount of Fanwort and we will treat it all with Flumigard. Bladderwort was also found in small amounts this year and can also be treated with Flumigard. There were also Phragmites (Common Reed) found in several spots on the lake, including a large patch by the dam. This grows close to shore and can be pulled by hand. The good news is that we have not seen any sign of Hydrilla.

Reminder to all that use of any fertilizer is the number one contributor to weeds and algae on the lake. FLW is giving away "Lake Over Lawn" signs to anyone who would like to put them on in the yard to help spread the message of the danger of fertilizer for the health of the lake. Additionally, maintaining healthy septic systems is critical.

We now have PayPal on our website for donations and membership. Tony Tyler, Treasurer, will investigate setting up "sustaining memberships" through PayPal.

The Campground Game Day fundraiser will be on Saturday August 17th this year.

Treasurers Report: **6/12/23 - 6/10/24**

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| Opening Balance | <u>\$35,944.89</u> |
| Revenues | |
| Membership Dues & Donations | \$ 8,065.84 |
| Misc Income | \$ 996.66 |
| DEEP Grant | \$33,480.00 |
| Calendars | \$ 908.06 |
| Game Day | \$ 2,985.00 |
| Tag Sale | \$ 451.50 |
| Total Revenue | <u>\$46,887.06</u> |
| Expenses | |
| Milfoil & Fanwort Treatment | \$45,825.00 |
| Water Quality Testing & Treatment | \$ 6,074.00 |
| Banking Fees | \$ 0.00 |
| FLW Merchandise/Calendars | \$ 593.47 |
| Insurance - Bond & Liability | \$ 1,467.00 |
| Postage/PO Box / Mailings/Newsletter | \$ 120.00 |
| State Filing Fees | \$ 50.00 |
| Dues & Subs | \$ 132.73 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$54,262.20</u> |
| Surplus (Deficit) | <u>-\$7,375.14</u> |
| Checking account balance | \$28,569.75 |

Submitted by Tony Tyler, Treasurer

Last year membership dues and donations were down ~6k from the previous year. We will need to get funding back up if we are going to be able to pay for Milfoil treatments in the future. Most expenses for the year were for the milfoil treatment. The Town of Lebanon paid 10k directly to Solitude towards the treatment (not included in our numbers). That anticipated cost of treatment for 2023 is ~16k. This does not include the cost for the lake management consultants, which will be \$7,500. Brenda Quesnel, Secretary, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ryk Nelson seconded, and all voted in favor.

Membership Report: We have twelve paid memberships so far for this year.

Solitude – The cost for Solitude will be \$16k this year. Treatment will be in July as recommended by Pondweed Pursuits. It was a mild winter, and the plant growth was early. Treatment in July will minimize fragmentation and spreading of the weeds due to boating.

Fundraising: Game Day August 17 this year at the campground.

Tag Sale: Looking for volunteers to help lead the tag sale this year.

Calendar – Diane Marquis will work with Tony Tyler on this year's calendars.

Vote in New Directors: Brenda Quesnel made a motion to add Paul Cote as a Director for FLW, Ryk Nelson seconded, and all voted in favor. John Vigurs made a motion to add Joe Vigurs as a Director for FLW, Brenda Quesnel seconded, and all voted in favor.

No need to vote on officers as none have expiring terms and no one expressed a desire to become to be considered for the positions.

New Business:

- Tom Sholly will coordinate the lake clean up this year. Date TBD.
- Currently the lake is lowered by the Town of Lebanon around Nov. 15th and closes the dam on or about March 15. Draw down is about three feet. This also gives people the opportunity to work on property and walls.

The next Annual Meeting of the Membership will take place on Saturday June 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Quesnel, Secretary to the FLW Board