

GBRC Board Meeting September 18, 2015

Attendance: Jill and Larry Partridge, Tony and Peggy Galluppi, Laurie Andre-Amis, Pam Andre, Steward Davies, and Bob Lamoureux

Minutes read from August meeting without changes.

Treasurer's report: as of August 18, 2015 the GBRC had a balance of \$23,793.58 with deposits of \$5,247.00 and no expenses balance as of September 18, 2015 was \$29040.58.

Old Business:

Membership drive is winding down. Larry reported we currently have sixty six members.

Herbicide treatment cost is at \$38,385.80. Lee Harper issued the post herbicide treatment report. As of our September meeting we have not received a bill for this study. Once we have this bill we can to wrap up this project for 2015.

Information related to how Black Lake and TILT handle expenses related to grants is still open. Bob will check with Black Lake Association, Stewart will check with TILT. Karen Winters, from the Black Lake Associations, indicated they have not received a grant therefore they had no experience with the process. We have not heard back from TILT on this manner.

Jill Partridge set up a GoFundMe account to try to acquire monetary support for our project. A motion was made and passed to have the board make the \$500 donation to get this endeavored publish.

The fundraising raffle was successful. Drawing was held on September 6th. Laurie indicated that raised \$7,534 to date but final dollar amount will be determined shortly.

New Business:

Post application weed mapping was completed the last week of July. Lee Harper issued the final report in early September. This report was forwarded to the DEC for their review and comments. Report indicated that the application of Renovate OTF was very effective reducing/eliminating Eurasian Milfoil in the thirty nine acre treatment area. The impact to native plants was minimal. The post application treatment report was posted on our website.

Rob Freese, from the DEC, was contacted to determine if detailed weed mapping would be required for all proposed treatment areas, given the cost associated with this process. Rob indicated he could not give us a decision on this until the final report was issued by Lee Harper. Once he has the report he will discuss this further with other DEC officials to determine what needs to be done going forward.

Grants - The board discussed the funding issues, with grants, we have received from Senator Ritchie through the DEC. All bills must be paid by the GBRC before any money is refunded by the DEC and Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservatory. This process creates issues for our group given the amount of money needed to address issues in Goose Bay. We also discussed the need to pursue both Federal and State grants to help us achieve our goal. I talked with Dale Hunneyman partnering with the Town and applying for a Great Lake Initiative grant. We partnered with the Town, Mud Lake, and Indian River Lake Conservancy and applied for a Great Lake Restoration grant.

We received two grants, one from Senator Ritchie for \$25,000 and a \$75,000 grant from the Fish and Wildlife, for use in 2016.

Fundraising - Laurie talked about current raffle and golf tournament fundraiser Pam Laurie are working on for next year.

Open the meeting for questions - No one asked any questions.

Jill Partridge make a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Peggy Galluppi. The meeting was adjourned.