

Bass Lakes Area Environmental Partnership

19 July 2022 - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

- Commence: 0902
- Adjourn: 0940
- Location: Lisa Adams' home, Zoom & telephone
- Attendees:
 - President: Lisa Adams
 - Vice-President: Tom Shear
 - Secretary: Heidi Haskins
 - Treasurer: Ruthanne Gilbert (telephone)
 - Director: Linda Irmischer (Zoom)
 - Director: Jeanne Kavanagh
- Agenda:
 - 13 August Public Meeting Agenda
 - Great Lakes Energy (GLE) Community Grant Announcement
 - Equitable distribution of GLE grant money in 2023
 - Review draft letter to Benthic Mat Project donors
 - Insurance Bill
 - Fishing Contest Report (Tom Stinson)
 - Little Bass Lake 2023 Dissolved Oxygen/Temperature Readings with DNR
 - Any Other Business
- 13 August Public Meeting Agenda

Sunday, 07 August 2022

- guest speaker: Bre Grabill of PLM (Big Bass Lake Treatment update)
- Score the Shore Update
- GLE Grant Announcement
- T-shirts
 - available to order
 - for pick up
- meeting location TBD, but call in for Faith Fellowship Church Hall availability
- GLE Community Grant
 - Lisa coordinating with Thomas Mann of GLE regarding press release and photo
- GLE grant distribution
 - once funds are received discussion will continue to determine equitable distribution of grant funds
 - initial options brainstormed
 - Bass Lakes independent benthic mat pilot (concerns regarding EGLE support of permitting required)
 - Diver Assisted Suction Harvest (DASH) on Big Bass Lake & TBD project on Little Bass Lake
- Benthic Mat Pilot
 - Lisa drafting letter to donors explaining that grant was not awarded to partners preventing the pilot from moving forward. She will forward letter to board for review before sending to donors.
 - will present donation disposition options to donors since funds were earmarked for specific project
 - return donation
 - apply donation to future project
 - reassign donation to general fund

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- Insurance Bill received (\$573)
 - Ruthanne to issue payment.
- Fishing contest report (not provided)
- 2023 DNR Dissolved Oxygen (DO)/Temperature readings on Little Bass Lake
 - remains in very early coordination phase
 - Joe Nohner of DNR is working to identify watershed refuge lakes, and Little Bass Lake is a candidate for refuge protection due to Cisco fish presence in lake.
 - The focus is on watershed protection and AIS control; discussion included milfoil mitigation and management while supporting Cisco fish habitat
 - DO/temperature meter would be installed at deepest part of Little Bass Lake on a tether terminating approximately four feet below the water surface.
 - Readings would be continuously taken at 10 minute intervals from ice off to ice on
 - readings would inform study on how herbicide affects DO in cold water lake
 - part of study includes development of 10-year plan for the lake
 - including cost of strategic herbicide treatment (discussion included Little Bass Lake riparian concern regarding introduction of herbicide to the lake)
 - strategic herbicide treatment initially defined as approximately 20% of lake treated with herbicide over 5 years
 - hand-pulling of milfoil by volunteers in near shore areas would be necessary
 - use of weevils which eat milfoil to be explored as mitigation measure as well (blue gill fish eat the weevils)
 - DNR, MSU Extension and Bass Lakes AEP coordinating to develop three to four options together for presentation for Little Bass Lake riparians.
 - 2022 focus recommended on hand pulling milfoil with a focus to maintain fish habitat.

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- Lisa's notes from 6July22 meeting with Joe Noehner (DNR), Erick Elgin (MSU)



- Any Other Business

- Jeanne forwarded to Ruthanne an email she received regarding Bass Lakes AEP Annual Report. Ruthanne stated that she is in receipt and has for action.

In-progress tasks:

- Assign POC (point of contact) within group for each grant we may be eligible for.
 - Assigned POC conduct provide summary of grant, review to validate criteria met for grant, and generate initial draft of grant application paperwork required.
- (Lisa Adams) State Representative Constituent meeting schedule
- Internship development discussion
- Michigan Anglers and Boaters pamphlet acquisition and placement locations.
- (Lisa Adams) Bass Pro Shops - Cabela's Outdoor Fund report due upon conclusion of grant period