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**Camp Findley**

**July 19, 2025**

**Call to Order:**

President Ed Mulkearn called the 75th Annual Meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Ed welcomed everyone and encouraged them to enjoy the refreshments provided by Camp Findley.

**Board Members:**

Ed Mulkearn, Ben Fergus, Erin Miller, Chrissy Craffey, Paul Fellinger, Lex Brumingen, Lant Litcus, Jeff Ireland, and Debbie Thresher

Absent: Geoge Mihalik and Bill Simpkins

**Annual Minutes from 2024:**

The 74th Annual minutes were in the packet of information. Ed Mulkearn asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Jack Hamilton motioned to accept the minutes and Marty Proctor 2nd the motion, all approved the 74th Annual Meeting minutes.

**Treasuer’s Report:**

Jeff Ireland reviewed the Treasurer’s Report in the packet, with no discussion, Ed Mulkearn called for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Jack Hamilton motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Sheri Hamilton 2nd the motion, the motion was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:**

Lex Brumingen reported there are 140 members in the FLWF. If you know of anyone interested in joining, please let him know.

**Harvester:**

Paul Fellinger reported the lake is looking good. The herbicide application is making a difference of how many weeds to cut and time we are spending on the lake. We have collected 33 hoppers of weeds this summer compared to 60 last year.

**Communications:**

Erin Miller announced the Watershed has a new website. Make sure you pick up the flyer on the sign in table. Remember to sign up for the Tapestry online. There is lots of upcoming events and information on it.

Vivian Booger asked a question about a possible algae bloom, what it looks like? Ben Fergus suggested some information and a picture of one, could be put on the Tapestry.

**Grounds and Buildings:**

Ed Mulkearn spoke for Bill Simpkins, the downtown buildings and property are looking wonderful. We want to thank Chuck Weiss landscaping for donating their time and costs to beautify all the downtown grounds.

**Fundraising:**

Ed Mulkearn spoke for George Mihalik, He is happy to announce Mercyhurst has donated $5,000.00 to the FLWF to help with the lake maintained. Just a reminder, we are selling raffle tickets for the Steelers/Bills game in November. Watch the Tapestry for more info.

**Camp Findley update:**

Gordon Post spoke about all the things that are happening on the campgrounds. They are looking for an Executive Director, if you have interest please talk with Gordon for more details.

**Water Quality:**

Ben Fergus and Chrissy Craffey put together a slide show with water quality goals. It was informative, easy to understand and interesting to learrn of what happens with our lake, they mentioned milfoil not being seen on the north end, Yeah! The south end was treated in June for milfoil. Sago pond weed is hard to harvest. The wetlands need a permit, DEC will limit where we can treat.

Chrissy Craffey (CLASP), this is sampling of shallow and deep waters. Go on the website for more info of her results. Chrissy Craffey talked about the Clean, Drain and Dry project. It would be a way for the evasive species to not spread. Chrissy also mentioned one way to help would be to put in Buffer Gardens along the lake edge. It would help to reduce nutrients entering in the lake in runoffs.

Michele Sanford asked, if you do not use the permit, would it carry over to the next year? The answer was No.

**New Business:**

Andy Travis shared a concern about the Personal Watercrafts on the lake , they appear to be a lot faster? What can be done?

Ed Mulkearn replied we can bring your concerns to the sheriff’s attention.

Chrissy Craffey suggested getting the serial number off of the jet ski and call the Sheriff.

**Board Nominations:**

Ed Mulkearn announced that Chrissy Craffey will not be rejoining the board. He spoke of her hard work and her insights she brings to board meetings, will be missed. We will miss her. We have 3 members who are up for re-election, Jeff Ireland, Bill Simpkins and Ben Fergus. Ed Mulkearn asked for nominations from the floor? There were none. Ed Mulkearn asked for a motion to nominate Jeff Ireland, Bill Simkins and Ben Fergus back to the board? Reagon made a motion to reinstate these 3 onto the board, Jack Hamilton 2nd the motion. All approved, Congratulations to Jeff Ireland, Bill Simpkins and Ben Fergus.

**Guest Speakers:**

Michael Hartshorne from Princeton Hydro talked about the water/sediment depths. He spoke about the Algae Blooms and toxins to swimmers. In July, August and September, still waters, phosphorous increases in algae. The oxygen drops out and the phosphorous pumps up. Michael talked about how to fix and the results of these tests. When mentioning the next steps for our lake, we need to find what type of aeration, a building to hold equipment and permits would be needed. The funding to apply for a permit is $50,000.00. The total cost would be $1.4 to $1.7 million.

Matthew Zarbo gave an update on the sewer project. Some of the highlights were about inspections that are done, processing designs and the structure location. Looking forward, possibly sometime between 2027-2028 for a final completion of the project.

Rebecca Brumingen gave an update of Town of Mina activities. Some highlights:

* Developing electric charging stations around Route 86
* Maplevale Foods is relocating their plant To Findley Lake area.
* Grant for culvert on Bailey Rd.(million)
* Grant for W. Mina Rd.
* Grant for Buesink Creek $500,000.00
* Software grant $50,000
* December: current highway building, new fire station and designing new highway, grant for both

Ed Mulkearn thanked the Town of Mina and Rebecca for the hard work to make these improvements for Findley Lake. Ed Mulkearn thanked the Community Foundation for the gift of $15,000.00 to FLWF.

Ed Mulkearn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made to adjourn the Annual Meeting by Jeff Ireland and 2nd by Paul Fellinger. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Debbie Thresher, Secretary