

BLSG Minutes, June 15, 2017

Present: Board: Ben Lawton, Jeff Smith Steve Kellogg, Wayne Rausenberger, John Haverstock, Kit Shaw, and Jeff Whiting; Coordinator: Will Mathis; Guests: none
Location: Stephen A. Douglas House, Brandon, VT.

1. Meeting was called to order by Ben Lawton at 7:09 PM. Jeff Whiting was asked to take minutes.
2. May 18, 2017 minutes were approved. Moved Kellogg, second Rausenberger
3. Treasurer's Report—Wayne
 1. Equipment replacement and capital fund: \$5,792.00
 2. Checking: \$50,284.43
 3. State reimbursement for Aerial treatment bill of \$37,324 was received and the line of credit was paid off.
 4. The 2017-18 Grant is being drafted by the State but has not yet been received.
 5. Wayne renewed the annual insurance policies which expired in June. Dave Atherton forwarded an e mail from the VLCT stating the Mosquito District is covered under sovereign immunity as a Municipal Union District. Wayne will put a copy of this e mail in our permanent files.
 6. Moved Whiting, second Smith to approve Treasurers Report. Approved.
4. Coordinator's Report—Will Mathis
 1. Will reports that larval counts are down sharply after the aerial treatment last month. Spray requests have also been minimal.
 2. Mosquitos have increased in Goshen and Will and Jeff will survey swamps for larvae and light traps locations will be established in Goshen.
 3. No Spray areas have been marked and follow ups are being made with property owners who have requested no spray in the past but have not yet been heard from.
 4. Ben will contact NRCS to get the few remaining compatible use requests needed.
 5. The new laptop was received and is set up.
 6. Another microscope is needed for identification work. A unit for \$150 has been found. Moved Shaw, second Haverstock to approve purchase. Motion carried.
5. The Lemon Fair District has requested to employ BLSG staff, the Argo and equipment for larval treatment in their District due to a lack of people. It was agreed that work for the Lemon Fair Insect Control District (LFICD) would be only performed if time and equipment are available and that work does not interfere with work of the District. Moved Lawton, second Kellogg to: Request Ben Lawton to

write a letter to LFICD to express our willingness to work cooperatively to use available BLSG resources to treat larvae in the LFICD towns at the following rates
Applicators \$45/ hour, Argo and applicator \$130 / hour, ATV \$50/ hour, boat \$25/ hour. Rates include mileage, trailer and tow vehicle use. The LFICD is responsible for the cost of treatment chemicals and supplies. The LFICD will be responsible for pre and post treatment sampling and reporting. They will also provide a person to accompany BLSG personnel during treatment.

6. Update—Pesticide General Permit. Jeff Whiting reported no change
7. Wayne is following the guidance provided by John Haverstock in calculating overtime.
8. Moved Whiting, second Kellogg to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Whiting
Acting Secretary