

BLSG Board Minutes, September 8, 2016

Present: Kitt Shaw, John Haverstock, Wayne Rausenberger, Brad Dawes, Jeff Whiting, Ben Lawson and Pete Hare

Ben Lawton called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Approved minutes from August 4, 2016 meeting (Moved: Wayne; 2nd: John)
2. Treasurer's Report- Wayne Rausenberger
 - Wayne reported checking account balance of \$48,614.12, Equipment Replacement and Capital Improvements account balance of \$9,761.12. He further reported that BLSG has paid \$4,000 towards our line of credit (the balance on that line of credit is now \$9,499.30). Finally, he reported that Goshen paid \$11,012 in dues.
 - Jeff Whiting raised the issue of the potential need to reassess the formula for determining how much we ask each town to contribute annually to BLSG operations. We will discuss this at a future meeting.
3. Operations Report- Wayne Rausenberger for Will Mathis
 - Will is winding down his work for the season
 - Kerry White is helping with identification of mosquito species and mosquito density.
 - Will suggests we purchase one palette of adulticide for next season. Motion passed (moved by Ben, 2nd by Pete)
4. Notice of Intent (NOI) for Pesticide General Permit (PGP) coverage—Ben reported that the BLSG received its PGP from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.
5. Other:
 - Ben reported that the BLSG received a grant for up to \$70,000 from the Department of Agriculture.
 - Ben shared a letter from Fred Putman which explains the need to make sure that adulticide application does not negatively impact pollinators. Ben suggested that the BLSG adopt a Pollinator Protection Management Plan. We will discuss this matter at a future meeting.
 - November 15 is the deadline for submitting requests for Integrated Pest Management (IPM) grants.
 - The Northeastern Mosquito Control Association will hold its annual conference December 5-7 in Falmouth, MA.
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. (moved by Jeff, 2nd by John)

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Hare

Secretary