

BLSG Mosquito Control Board – Minutes 11/10/15

Attending:

Board: Ben Lawton, Wayne Rausenberger, Pete Hare, Jeremy MacLachlan, Jeff Whiting

Applicators: Mort Pierpont and Will Mathis

Guests: Jay Michael

Ben Lawton called meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

1. Treasurer's Report-- Wayne Rausenberger
 - General Checking account has a balance of \$48,026
 - Equipment Replacement and Capital Improvements Fund has a balance of \$400.28
 - Wayne sent bill of \$15,073 to town of Salisbury for the 2015-2016 assessment
 - Wayne expects a check in the amount of \$7,375 from town of Brandon this week
 - It was noted that the per day rate (85 cents) was the most economical way for renting airgas tanks for light traps.
2. Report on work with the Town of Pittsford- Will Mathis
 - Will has one more area to survey and then the Pittsford map will be complete.
 - Will will create a spreadsheet of relevant data and information for Pittsford.
 - We discussed the possibility of Pittsford joining the BLSG or contracting out to the BLSG.
3. Proposal to Amend the By-Laws
 - Wayne has proposed amending the By-Laws such that the necessary quorum to conduct BLSG business would be reduced from five to three. Lacking the necessary quorum to amend the By-Laws (6 of 8 members), the proposal was tabled (Moved by Ben Lawton, 2nd: Jeff Whiting).
4. BLSG Budget for 2016
 - Wayne Rausenberger presented the budget proposal for 2016 of \$78,350, which represents a \$8,950 increase for 2015, \$5,000 to go to Equipment Replacement, Capital Improvement Line Item.
 - The motion to pass the 2016 Budget passed (moved: Pete Hare, 2nd: Jeremy MacLachlan).
5. Year-End Reports
 - Will Mathis (Larvicide) will submit a Larvicide Report to Ben Lawton by December 15.
 - Mort Pierppont will submit an Adulticide Report to Ben Lawton by December 15.
 - Mort reported that the 2015 season has officially ended and that he has winterized all BLSG equipment for long term storage
 - Work that Mort will do this winter includes: downloading GPS information, moving hand-held radios to warm storage, reporting usage to State for all applicators, taking inventory, and meeting with landowners to establish "no spray" zones.
6. Election of Officers for 2016
 - Without fanfare or campaigning, the following slate of officers was presented and approved:

- i. Chairman: Ben Lawton
 - ii. Vice-Chairman: Jeff Whiting
 - iii. Treasurer: Wayne Rausenberger
 - iv. Secretary: Pete Hare
 - Moved by Pete Hare, 2nd: Wayne Rausenberger
 - Board Action: Checks exceeding \$500 in the BLSG Checking account must have two signatures. The approved signers of the BLSG checking account for checks in excess of \$500 shall be Ben Lawton (Chairman, Jeff Whiting (Vice-Chairman), Wayne Rausenberger (Treasurer) and Elouise Crane (Bookkeeper).
7. Approval of October 8, 2015 minutes
- After three edits, the minutes were approved (moved: Jeff Whiting, 2nd: Wayne Rausenberger)
8. Meeting with State Department of Agriculture, Legislators, LFICD and BLSG
- Ben Lawton reported that this meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 24 in Montpelier from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 - Ben will attend the meeting, along with Wayne and Will Mathis

Motion to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. was approved. (Moved: Pete Hare, 2nd Jeff Whiting)

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Hare
Secretary