

Minutes from BLSG Board Meeting, October 19, 2017

Present: Ben Lawton, Jeff Whiting, Kitt Shaw, Mike Blaisdell, Brad Lawes, Wayne Rausenberger, Pete Hare, Steve Kellogg

Meeting called to order by Ben Lawton at 7:01 p.m.

1. September minutes were approved (Moved by Lawes, 2nd by Whiting)
2. Treasurer's report—Wayne Rausenberger
 - a. Equipment replacement and capital improvement checking acct. balance is \$5,792.97
 - b. General checking balance is \$47,139.39
 - c. A "product inventory rider" was added to the building equipment insurance policy on 9/22/17 at the cost of \$577 for the remainder of the policy period ((5/25/18). The state was invoiced for half of the premium (\$288.50)
 - d. Treasurer's report was approved (moved by Whiting, 2nd by Hare)
3. Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws—A careful review of these documents leads the board to conclude that the following steps are required in order to add a new town to the BLSG Insect Control District:
 - a. BLSG votes to add new town
 - b. New town select board votes to join
 - c. Existing member town select boards vote to add new town
4. Discussion on adding Pittsford to the BLSG:
 - a. BLSG needs to determine the "buy-in" cost for Pittsford. This is done by calculating the total value of the assets of the BLSG (Storage building/office, vehicles/equipment and inventory, etc.) and determining Pittsford's portion of that total value.
 - b. We will take steps over the next two weeks to determine Pittsford's buy-in cost
5. Discussion of the addition of Proctor to the BLSG- we will table this until next year. Proctor may be eligible for adulticide applications on a "pay for service" basis in 2018.
6. Budget 2018. Wayne Rausenberger led us through a line-by-line budget proposal for 2018.
7. District Coordinator report- Will Mathis conveyed the following report:

On Wednesday 18 October 2017, the Vermont Department of Health reported:

- **One batch of mosquitoes as positive for West Nile Virus from Whiting (Addison County)**, collected on 10/11/17 and consisting of *Culiseta morsitans* mosquitoes. This was returned from a CDC light trap.
- **One batch of mosquitoes as positive for West Nile Virus from Whiting (Addison County)**, collected on 10/11/17 and consisting of *Anopheles punctipennis* mosquitoes. This was returned from a resting box trap.
- **One batch of mosquitoes as positive for West Nile Virus from Brandon (Rutland County)**, collected on 10/11/17 and consisting of *Culex territans* mosquitoes. This was returned from a resting box trap.

8. We will hold a special meeting on November 2 to review buy-in cost for Pittsford's inclusion in the BLSG.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. (moved by Shaw, 2nd by Hare)

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Hare
Secretary