

Bad Medicine Lake Area Association Board Meeting September 8, 2017

Board Members Present: Scott Bentson, Mary Lindstrom, Monette Lundquist, Howie Anderson, Linda Anderson, Linda Bentson, Marge Lorentzsen, Marc Shannon, Mary Follett

Board Members Absent: Paul Stadem

Others Present: Kurt and Mari Withnell

President Scott Bentson called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the August Meeting accepted as corrected. Motion by Mary Follett, second Mary Lindstrom.

Treasurer's Report: Monette Lindquist presented the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Linda Bentson, second Linda Anderson, accepted.

Monette sent out a second dues notices to the membership by email but there are still 35 few paid members than last year. The number of members contributing to AIS is also down, probably because of the large balance in the AIS fund. An \$800 check was issued to the Foundation for the Research Project. For 2018 we will be contributing \$2,500.

Township Report

Mary F. asked the Board to write a letter to the Town Board expressing our concerns such as; zoning and land use, illegal dumping, building and sand blanket permitting after the fact by Becker County.

An additional issue is the speed limit on Township roads. Linda A. called the County Sheriff and found that the speed limit on township roads is 55mph, unless otherwise posted. This will be pursued separately from the above set of issues.

Motion by Howie Anderson, second by Marc Shannon to request a joint meeting with the Town Board to approach the Becker County Commissioners with our concerns about zoning and land use, illegal dumping, building and sand blanket permitting after the fact. Carried.

Mary Follett will carry this concern to the next Township Board meeting. Other members are encouraged to attend.

Slalom Course Support Letter

Kurt and Mari Withnell were present to request a permit for the slalom course. Kurt mentioned that Elbow Lake now has a course whose support letter is permanent unless there complaints. After some discussion Kurt requested a permit for 2018 only.

Motion by Linda A. seconded by Marc Shannon to direct Scott to write a letter of support to allow Kurt to secure a permit to have his slalom course in the water over night during the summer of 2018. Carried.

The Withnells thanked the board.

Fall Newsletter

Monette reported that she has received all the newsletter articles anticipated. The newsletter is scheduled to be out by the end of September.

Motion by Linda Anderson, second by Mary Follett to send a check of \$150 to Ryan Sederquist in appreciation of his excellent work on the newsletter. Carried.

Website

Scott reminded the Board that the website is a great source of information, with links to the DNR, County, COLA and other sources of information. Scott charged us all to view the website and come back to our next meeting with comments.

Linda Bentson volunteered to send a letter of thanks to Jim Eisele for his faithful work on the website.

BMLAA By-Laws

Scott suggested that a subcommittee take recommendations from today's read through and prepare the by-law revisions for the Board's approval in preparation for presentation to the Annual Meeting in 2018.

The recommended revisions will be sent to all dues paying members by email, at least 15 days in advance of the 2018 annual meeting.

Members of the by-laws subcommittee are Scott Bentson, Mary Follett and Linda Bentson.

Record Keeping

Hard copies of all records will be kept by the Secretary as well as electronic copies on a flash drive. The Treasurer will keep all financial statements in both hard copy and electronic form. The consensus was that all minutes should be kept for historical purposes.

Directory

The next directory will be published in 2019 on an excel spreadsheet. Presently, only dues paying members receive a directory.

It was suggested that directories could be used to recruit new members, securing contact information before non-dues paying members receive are given a directory. This would be a good way to open communication with potential members.

Next Meeting

April 20, 2018 at the Town Hall at 8:30am.

Adjournment

Monette motion, Mary Follett second. Carried.

