

Bad Medicine Lake Area Association Board Meeting

June 8, 2018

Board Members Present: Scott Bentson, Monette Lundquist, Mary Lindstrom, Mary Follett, Linda Anderson, Howie Anderson

Meeting called to order by Scott Bentson.

Review of Minutes from May 4th Meeting

Motion to accept by Linda Anderson, second Monette. Carried.

Treasurer's Report- Monette Lundquist

Monette reported that dues are coming in well and 97 have paid. Normally about 30 pay at the annual meeting. She estimates that 125 memberships will be the total. Because the quorum for conducting business is based upon the number of members in advance of the Annual Meeting, 25 people present will be a quorum. Monette and others expressed concern that we have a significant amount of money in the AIS fund but some of that will be used this summer it appears to pay AIS inspectors.

Forest Township Report-Linda Anderson and Mary Follett

There will be new gravel on many of the township roads this summer.

There will not be a Verizon cell phone tower at the north end of the lake.

The Township presently has not policy for treating roads to keep down dust and the Township board is going to revisit their policies about treating roads and announce them at their annual Township meeting in March of next year. The last time the Township did a road treatment primarily for dust control was on Red Top Road, and the residents were asked to pay for 50% of the costs. The Town Board is leaning toward using an assessment to pay for such road treatments so everyone benefitting pays a portion of the costs.

Tim Holzkamm is drafting a letter in support of deploying a decontamination unit at the public access. Tim felt that there should be a full slate of staffing before we seek to buy or secure a decontamination unit.

Next Door Network

There are now 83 members and the on line bulletin board is used often. BMLAA can use it to communicate with its most active members. Monette reported that some members have not been able to get access because they are connected to other Next Door networks where they are permanent residents.

AIS

Today is the AIS Summit sponsored by COLA. Steve Lindow is attending. The Board should have been more proactive in finding AIS inspectors. We could have used Next Door to advertise for staff. We will ask Steve Lindow to report what he's finding out on the AIS staffing issue. COLA is another avenue for finding staffing.

COLA: Howie and Linda Anderson

Research by COLA Board members determined that the self-service “decontamination” units did not meet AIS killing standards, and are, in the words of one COLA Board member, “not much more than a glorified shop vac.” They also cost \$25,000 or even more.

The County is focusing all the contamination units in those lakes in the south of the county that are infected with AIS in order to check boats as they leave to prevent them from spreading AIS to non-infected lakes like ours.

COLA is a valuable ally in keeping our lake pristine, as the number of lake associations for which it speaks is considerable and can influence county and state agencies upon which we rely.

OLD BUSINESS

Revised By-Laws

We discussed the proposed changes which Scott will share with the membership through the newsletter.

Article IX of our by-laws requires a Board resolution with proposed by-laws revisions to be presented to the members, and we can do this at the Annual Meeting which can adopt the changes.

The Foundation insists that the BMLAA is not a corporation. The word “corporation” is in the present by-laws and in the Sec. of State’s document establishing the BMLAA we are called BMLAA, Inc. The Board has never filed a tax return, and the Foundation is the 501c3 which can offer tax deductions for contributions to our shared work. Monette has spoken to the IRS and we are likely “inactive” in their system. We will report to the Annual meeting that we are not a 501c3 organization as we offer the aerial photographs of the lake as a fund raiser.

Fund Raising by Selling Aerial Photos of the Lake

After significant discussion motion by Mary Follett, second by Linda Anderson that We proceed to sell the aerial photographs at the Annual Meeting and beyond with the proceeds being used as the Board sees fit. Carried, with Monette dissenting.

Spring Newsletter

Monette sent the articles to Ryan and he will attempt to get the finished product to us by Tuesday. Mary Follett suggested that we send the newsletter electronically as well as in printed form.

Motion by Linda Anderson second by Mary Follett that: we send the newsletter by email and in printed form this year, indicating that we are in transition this year and next year will send the newsletter only electronically. Carried.

We will have printed newsletter available at the Annual Meeting.

Spring Adopt a Highway

The Board directed Scott to sign an agreement for a new two year commitment with the County to continue the road cleanup. Saturday, June 9 was this years clean up.

John LaFond graciously agreed to continue to organize the effort.

New Business

Agenda for the Annual Meeting

Review of Finances, as required by the by-laws will be carried out before the Annual Meeting by John LaFond and another volunteer and they will report to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

The 25 % *quorum* required will be 25 people, given the 97 dues paying members at this time. Monette will bring the list of members and be read to receive other memberships at the Annual Meeting.

Presentation of the By-Laws revision will be led by Scott.

Nominations and Election of Directors: The slate presented will be:

Jane Gudmundson

Dede Krieg

Howie Anderson (second term)

Marge Lorentzen (having completed Barry Bennett's term she will be up for a full term)

Nominations from the floor will also be allowed at the by laws require.

Foundation:

Year two of funding the lake research project have been secured. The West Central Initiative, which is the fiscal agent for the Foundation requires that the full funding for a project needs to be received in March of the summer the project is to be conducted.

Year Three of the project is presently \$28,000 short of full funding, and Scott has indicated to the Foundation that we, as an Association will be proactive in helping to secure the funding for year three.

Lake Research Project

Rick Koch, of Bemidji State, and director of the project will be the keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting. We hope that the presentation is interesting and compelling enough to enhance interest in the project. Scott will call Rick and talk to him about the presentation. The "ask" for year three of the project will follow immediately after Rick's presentation.

Food for the meeting:

We will plan sandwiches, chips, donut holes, orange juice, water, coffee and any bars people are willing to make for approximately 100.

The agenda will include approximate times for each presentation and Scott will attempt to move the presentations along while giving members time to participate

and ask questions. Questions about specific reports can be asked following the formal meeting.

Possible Issues Which Might Come Up:

Wake boats which have come too close to shore and damaged docks and taken a boat off its lift and jet skis coming too close to shore and fishing boats.

As a recreational lake all we can do is request that people be considerate of their neighbors. If boaters are asked to comply to the 150 foot margin from docks and rafts and do not, they could be reported to the DNR or County officials charged with policing the lakes.

July 3 Fireworks

Motion by Mary Follett second by Mary Lindstrom to make a donation of \$750 to Veronen's Resort to help with the cost of the fireworks. Carried.

Motion to Adjourn by Mary Lindstrom, second by Monette. Carried.