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Meeting of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association
Thursday, July 15, 2021 at Bad Medicine Resort

Board Members Present: Scott Bentson, Matt Hanson, Marge Lorentzsen, Bill Herauf, Lia Christiansen, Karl Altenburg, Monette Lundquist, and Justin Johnson

Attendance: 11 members in attendance (including board members)

Board Members Not Present: Mark Hagen

Board Member Introductions

Election of 2021 Officers: Scott Bentson expressed desire to step down from role as President of BMLAA. Matt Hanson volunteered to accept the responsibilities as President. Scott will serve as a supportive director to the President. Bill Herauf nominated Matt Hanson as President and Scott Bentson as Vice President. Matt Hanson nominated Justin Johnson for Secretary. Discussion regarding Treasurer position, Marge Lorentzen has agreed to serve an additional year. Matt Hanson nominated Marge Lorentzen as Treasurer for 2021. **Motion to Approve the Election of New Officers:** Motion, Karl Altenburg. Second, Bill Herauf. Approved by voice vote of attending members.

Motion to Approve the July 15th Agenda: Motion, Karl Altenburg. Second, Bill Herauf. Approved by voice vote of attending members.

Board Reviewed Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2011. Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes: Motion, Karl Altenburg. Second, Bill Herauf. Approved by voice vote of attending members.

Treasurer's Report: Marge Lorentzsen provided a report and update of BMLAA membership at 136 total members. Reviewed BMLAA expenses; Kiosk at the landing \$692.50, Donation to Veronens for 2021 fireworks display of \$750. Funds reserved for AIS projects currently at \$7,139. **Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report:** Motion, Lia Christiansen. Second, Justin Johnson. Approved by voice vote of attending members.

Discussion & Review of Board Meeting Guidelines: Scott Bentson provided some background on efforts to communicate better as a community. Discussed objective to improve meeting efficiency. Scott reviewed document outlining our guidelines that will provide for better communication. E-mail communications will be produced with more lead time to the BMLAA board meetings. Additionally, drafts of the meeting minutes will be posted more promptly following the completion of a monthly board meeting. Once board meeting minutes are approved by the board, minutes will be posted to the BMLAA website within 7 days. Board will welcome feedback and input from BMLAA members through personal forms of communication. Board meetings, beginning July 15, 2021, will allow for member forums which provide for a limit of 3 minutes per member presenting. The open forum session will have a 15 minute time limit during any given board meeting. In order to improve efficiency, the draft agenda will be circulated well ahead of future board meetings. Board meetings will start on time and be run in a timely fashion going forward.

Open Forum: None

New Business:

Waterski Course Application for 2021. Scott Bentson read the 2021 agreement that was drafted to conform with the 2020 Waterski Course Committee Proposal. Scott outlined the conditions for which the approval letter would be provided by the BMLAA Board. Justin Johnson has signed the agreement for placement of the course beginning July 30th and ending August 8th. Tim Holzkamm recommended that the board have a motion to produce a formal letter in support of the 10-day use of the slalom course. Curt Halbakken recommends that the agreement letter be included with the board's approval letter when sent to the Becker County Sheriff's office.

Motion to Approve Agreement and Letter of Approval for 2021 Waterski Course : Motion, Bill Herauf. Second, Karl Altenburg. Approved by voice vote of attending members.

Becker County COLA Membership: 300.00 for an annual membership. **Motion to Approve COLA Annual Membership Dues:** Motion, Marge Lorentzen. Second, Scott Bentson. Approved by voice vote of attending members.

Old Business: None

Announcements:

Zoom Meetings: Board meetings will be held on zoom. Providing flexibility for members to attend from various locations.

See Committee Report: Zeb Haney has requested communication to folks launching boats at the landing, asking for keeping a reminder for boats to keep a respectful distance from shoreline on the north end of the lake

AIS Inspection Planning: Board has received a spreadsheet detailing 2020 inspections and coverage. We have recognized gaps in the inspection time. Becker County has been responsible for specific days where additional coverage would be needed. In 2020, BMLAA board had voted to use part of the AIS fund to support additional coverage. Township joined BMLAA in this effort. Additionally, Becker County had about 500 hours of coverage in banked hours from those not used in previous years. Still, in 2020, this provided less than 50% of coverage overall. Cost for inspectors is \$14/hr. Typically, an inspector would serve a 10-hour day. This amounts to about \$17,000 in total annual inspection costs in the event of full coverage. This raises the question of how the BMLAA can maximize coverage within a budget that can be supported. Reviewed spreadsheet of 2020 data. Scott recommended we form a subcommittee of the board to review data and provide recommendations for the 2022 season. Tim Holzkamm has asked that representation of the board attend the 2022 Township Annual Meeting in March of 2022. We are not expecting to receive any funding from the Township for AIS coverage in 2021, because funds were not requested at the March 2021 annual meeting. A partnership between BMLAA and Township may be of consideration for AIS inspection costs. Peak time for launching boats on Bad Medicine would be from early morning to mid-morning. Marge pointed to the fact that we have funds available still for 2021 that ought to be allocated for additional coverage. Marge, Lia and Scott have agreed to work together to analyze what the need might be and to proposed a plan for supporting the future costs.

D&O Liability Insurance: Policy will renew automatically at \$450. Invoice to renew the policy will be mailed to Marge Lorentzen in Aug of 2021. Directors paid for the coverage in 2020 out of personal funds. BMLAA will pay all future premiums for this insurance coverage.

BMLAF Tree Planting: Tim Holzkamm provided an update. Trees are ordered through the State of MN in the fall for a spring delivery. We can pick the species, Tim suggested red and white pine. Need a deer enclosure in order to protect the trees. Tim recommended something like 3 pines per member per year. Would really serve to protect the shoreline. We would need to form a plan for getting the trees to interested members. Bad Medicine Lake Foundation has not met for some time, no decisions have been made for 2021 or 2022. DNR wants to sell trees in greater volume. Similarly we can have wire and support posts available at the time when folks pick up their trees in the spring.

Fall BMLAA Newsletter: Scott will take responsibility for coordinating articles and encouraging writers to share stories. Lia will assist. We will have a newsletter in the Fall of 2021, as long as the board supports the costs associated. This could be a tool for building and developing relationships and developing a stronger sense of community on Bad Medicine Lake.

2022 BMLAA Member Directory: The directory is produced and updated every three years. Production costs were about 8.00 per publication when the last directory was produced. We may consider an electronic version for the 2022 directory.

August 2021 BMLAA Board Meeting: Thursday, Aug 19th at 7:00pm via Zoom

Motion to Adjourn the Annual Meeting: Motion, Bill Herauf. Second, Scott Bentson. Approved by voice vote of attending members.

Justin Johnson, Acting Secretary
Reviewed and edited by the Board of Directors