

FINAL MINUTES
BMLAA Board of Directors Meeting
August 30th, 2022

Attending BMLAA Board Members

Monette Lundquist, Marge Lorentzsen, Matt Hanson, Mark Hagen, Justin Johnson, William Herauf, and Karl Altenburg.

Approval of Agenda

John LaFond asked the board to discuss a few dates for the Fall Clean-up Day. Matt has added this topic to the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimous voice vote of the membership.

Approval of Minutes for July 2022 Board Meeting

The board reviewed the meeting minutes from July 2022. A motion to approve the July minutes was made by Bill Herauf and seconded by Marge Lorentzsen. The July 2022 minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote of the membership.

Member Forum

Matt Hanson on behalf of John LaFond – Fall Clean Up Day. John had proposed two dates for fall clean up, Sept 24th or Oct 8th. The board decided to schedule clean up for Saturday, September 24th at 9:00am. The BMLAA is responsible for cleaning up the ditches along two sections of County Rd 37; a section starting at Hwy 113 heading south to Red Top Road and a second section from Elbow Lake Road south to the intersection heading east and west. The board discussed opportunities to expand this clean up project to include more of the Bad Medicine Lake community.

Monette Lundquist – 2023 Directory. The board discussed options for changing the format of the Bad Medicine Lake directory. Monette solicited help from other board members for the creation of a newly revised and updated directory for 2023. Printing costs were considered, as estimates requested in 2022 totaled ~\$1500. Mark Hagen offered to help with the updates, as he would be able to work through the exporting of member data from spreadsheet to PDF. Monette should have the most up-to-date database from Marge for the directory, that which has been cross-referenced with the work Wanzek did to provide complete property information on the lake. The board will make every effort to respect the wishes of those who have opted to not be included in the directory.

Justin Johnson – 2022 Slalom Waterski Course. Justin reported a mostly positive experience for the 10-day period from Aug 5th- Aug 15th. Prior to installing the course, Justin was able to connect by phone or in person with eight of the directly impacted residents along the southwest shoreline. The residents were appreciative of the communication and generally speaking, expressed their support for the 10-day permit. Concerns were addressed prior to installation and there were no complaints shared during or after the 10-day period. Time will be reserved during the September 2022 BMLAA meeting for further discussion with respect to the 2020 Slalom Course Proposal and considerations for permitting during the summer of 2023.

Monette Lundquist – MN Lakes and Rivers E-mail. Monette wondered if this information be forwarded to members of the BMLAA. Some think it would be easy to share notices of events and information, while others considered that we ask interested members to personally sign up for e-mail correspondence from the organizations they are most interested in. It was suggested that an e-mail will be sent to lake association members with a number of links and online resources for folks to self-select and sign-up according to their level of personal interest.

St. Anthony Falls Phase II – Donation Discussion

The board acknowledged that the impact from wakeboard boat usage on Bad Medicine Lake has been less than for that of many MN lakes. The work of the SEE Committee, in providing education and suggestions for boating etiquette, has helped with how wakeboard boats are operated on Bad Medicine. The board was in agreement that the study conducted by St. Anthony Falls is important for the health of lakes broadly speaking. Monette Lundquist made a motion to contribute 500.00 to the continuation of the study, Marge Lorentzen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the membership.

Karl Altenburg opened discussion as to why the board would fund this additional study. Matt commented that the decisions about specific boat usage would be made at the state level, not at the direction of a lake association. The DNR will take into account the information obtained from this study and the legislature will need to make any decisions with respect to new regulation and/or changes to boating restrictions. That being the case, the BMLAA board agreed to further support the study in order to obtain good data and to be able to share the information with our lake residents. The board was in agreement with respect to taking the “long view” on preserving the health and quality of the Bad Medicine Lake for generations to come.

Treasurer’s Report

Monette Lundquist presented the Treasurer’s Report before the board. Two checks were written in the past month, Becker County COLA annual dues of \$300 and the annual premium of \$473 to West Bend Insurance for D&O (Directors & Officers) Insurance, non-profit directors liability insurance. General Account funds available are \$2,596.80. Funds held from donations for initiatives to protect the lake from invasive species is unchanged at \$7,139.24. Matt Hanson thanked Monette Lundquist for the August 2022 treasurer’s report.

Membership Report

No changes in membership month over month, as reported by Monette Lundquist.

Fall Newsletter

Matt Hanson will email the lake association to solicit interest for contributing to articles of the newsletter. A robust brainstorming session was shared with a number of great ideas for our 2022 Fall Newsletter. Several of the board members have specific areas of interest that may be worth sharing in short article form. Additionally, the board has connections to a number of folks who would have fascinating stories to share with the lake association members. Continued work will be made in identifying individuals who may be interested in contributing to this year’s newsletter.

Announcements

September BMLAA Meeting (Google Meets) – September 19, 2022 at 8:00pm

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Marge Lorentzen and seconded by Bill Herauf. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the membership.

Justin Johnson
Acting Secretary