

Approved Minutes

BMLAA Board of Directors Meeting

April 22, 2024

Attending BMLAA Board Members

Matt Hanson, Monette Lundquist, Justin Johnson, Mark Hagen, Zeb Haney, and Pat Sweeney.

Approval of Agenda

Monette Lundquist made a motion to approve the agenda for the April 2024 Board of Directors meeting. Zeb Haney seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the membership.

Member Forum

Zeb Haney, provided a quick update on White Earth State Forest Land Transfer issue. Dave Vipond is putting together a centralized website to keep factual information available to all interested parties. The purpose of the website is to help folks stay informed on the facts and developments around this proposed legislation. Additional discussion was had as to the impacts of how this legislation may impact residents on the lake and activities we all enjoy.

Board strongly encourages all association members to stay up to date with regard to relevant information pertaining to this proposed legislation. The board will send links to the three proposed bills so folks can read and understand the legislation being proposed. The sponsors of these bills will be included with the links to proposed pieces of legislation. BMLAA members should consider sending a letter to their respective legislators communicating concerns and perspectives.

The board has agreed to support education with respect to this sensitive topic. Consensus was reached that the lake association will not take a formal stance on the matter.

Mark Hagen shared data of “ice out” and “freeze up” for Bad Medicine Lake dating back to 1973. From one year to the next, there is considerable variation in freeze up and ice out days. That being the case, a line plotted through Mark’s data illustrates how freeze up continues to get later and ice gets earlier. On average in 1970, the lake froze on the 27th of Nov and thawed on the 22nd of Apr. In more recent years, on average, the lake freezes on the 5th of Dec and thaws on the 21st of Apr. In summary, there are 9 fewer days of ice than we experienced 50 years ago.

Matt Hanson shared three additional topics before the board. First, there will be work done on the boat access in the next 2-3 years, the DNR does not yet know when expected funding will come through. The improvements will impact the parking area, waste water management, etc. The DNR will communicate timelines to the BMLAA board when plans and funding comes together.

Second, the Itasca Mantrap Newsletter will be coming out in May with bios for folks that are running for election to the Itasca Mantrap board. The BMLAA board encourages members to review the newsletter for informing their decisions prior to upcoming elections.

Lastly, the loon study on Bad Medicine Lake will very likely be discontinued. The previous individual leading this study is no longer with the DNR and the newly hired personnel tell us that it’s unlikely the study will continue.

Treasurer’s Report – Monette Lundquist

The AIS Inspection Fund started 2024 with \$2,187.24. A donation of \$1,150.00 has been received in 2024, putting the current balance for AIS inspections at \$3,837.24. Monette estimates the association will end the year with a balance of \$1,470.24. This estimate assumes 2024 donations of \$2,135.00 and Forest Township reimbursements of \$3500.00. It’s important to note that AIS funding dollars will not support expected future costs of AIS boat inspectors at the Bad Medicine Lake landing in coming years.

Forest Township has agreed to reimburse the BMLAA \$2500.00 for 2023 and 2024 for AIS inspections. We’ve requested an increase in Forest Township reimbursements for 2025.

The General Account Fund began 2024 with a balance of \$1,739.63 and has a current balance of \$1,899.35. Membership dues of \$765.00 have been received as of the date of the report, with another

135.00 of dues posting after the printing of the report. Expenses to date include the MN Lakes & Rivers dues of \$260.00 and a charge of \$325.00 by RMB Lab for additional testing.

Matt Hanson has thanked Monette for providing the treasurer's report.

Fall Newsletter Update

There have been no volunteers to share in this work. Due to lack of response, support, and content the BMLAA newsletter will be discontinued.

Road-side Clean-up

The board as agreed to road-side clean-up at 9:00am on May 4th. Matt signed to renew the commitment for an additional 2-year period for Adopt A Highway from Becker County. There were no charges incurred with this renewal. Monette will reach out to John LaFond to inform him of the lake associations

RMB Labs

The board has agreed to continue the 2024 RMB Labs renewal. Matt shared a powerpoint charting the data points of phosphorus, chlorophyll, sekie disk. The data illustrates very little change in the these levels in Bad Medicine Lake over the past 10 years.

Monette Lundquist made a motion to continue the renewal of our relationship with RMB Labs. Mark seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the membership.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Monette Lundquist and seconded by Zeb Haney. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the membership.

Justin Johnson
Acting Secretary