

Welcome and call to order

**Agenda** was approved

### **Member Forum**

Jesse Krasean discussed web options for donations and membership management.

This technology would allow for a subscription option.

The recommended provider is Blue Hat Design (WordPress website). This would include "Stripe" for payments/transactions.

Yearly fee: \$80 +2.9% +\$0.30

\$500 to set up

The suggestion was made to review other lake association donation page.

Email from member list would be an extra feature/cost

It was noted that we still have other channels such as Nextdoor.

Other member discussion:

BMLAA dues are relatively low compared to other associations. Typical dues are \$25 to \$40.

This would amount to about \$200 cost given last year membership - Katie

This system would allow subscription (automatic renewal)

### **October 2025 Minutes** Approved

#### **Treasurer's Report**

\$1,279.20 bank balance (AIS \$657, General fund \$622)

COLA Dues check has not yet been cashed

There are 141 properties represented in the 2023 Directory.

Last year AIS monitoring hours of 450 at \$15/hr = \$6750

Forest Township's AIS contribution was requested to cover 50% not to exceed \$4k

Usually start AIS monitoring on fishing opener: 9-May-26

Last year membership: 107 individuals

Discussion about increase in the price of dues or campaign to increase number of members.  
insurance renewal expected to be \$450

Practically, membership goes annual meeting to annual meeting

Bylaw say that our fiscal year is 1-Jan to 31-Dec

MN Lakes and Rivers (cost to host website) cost is \$295

If each property donated \$50, we would have \$7,050, or enough funds to cover AIS monitoring

#### **BMLAA Annual Meeting**

Date: Karl is only available 6-june and 27-june

Board recommends 10am on 27-June at Forest Township Hall

Currently there are 9 members

Speaker ideas:

AIS monitoring

Emerald Ash Borer

DNR Fisheries

Someone from White Earth

Water clarity cost will cost \$450 this year. Board approved paying this cost.

**Agenda items we did not get to:**

- Review list of possible board activities
- Identify volunteers to lead activities

The date selected for the **next meeting: 14-May**

Minutes submitted by Mark Hagen