

Bad Medicine Lake Area Association Board Meeting
April 9, 2016

Board Members Present: Mary Lindstrom, Steve Lindow, John LaFond, Howie Anderson, Paul Lundquist, Monette Lundquist (treasurer)

Board Members Not Present: Barry Bennett, Roger Olsen, Mary Follett, Ryan Sederquist

Call to Order by Mary Lindstrom

Treasurer's Report by Monette Lundquist

*We have received \$1,080 in dues and \$390 for directory ads

*Steve Lindow reported that Forest Township will increase its contribution to AIS inspection from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

*Motion John Lafond to allocate \$1,500 for AIS inspection for 2016, second by Steve Lindow. Carried.

BMLAA Directory for 2016

*Monette reported that Midwest Printing appears to be the lowest bid for printing the directory. The phone numbers of important agencies affecting the lake area will be included in the directory (DNR, Game Warden, County Sheriff etc.)

BMLAA Foundation Report

*The Bernstrom property which the Foundation is purchasing has been appraised, but an additional appraisal process is required by the DNR which will eventually hold title to the property in perpetuity.

Newsletter

*Target date for receiving articles for the summer newsletter is on or before our May 21st meeting. Mary Lindstrom will be the contact person with Ryan Sederquist so all articles should be sent to Mary so Ryan will have clarity about articles.

*Assigned articles: Steve Lindow-AIS; John LaFond-will contact Ray Vlasak for BMLAA Foundation and Deer Hunting Committee articles; Lynn Lindow will write the Forest Township article; Paul Lundquist-loon nesting raft article; Water testing-Jim Eisele will be asked; Steve Lindow-cell tower article.

AIS Report-Steve Lindow

*2016 funding: Becker County will contribute 450 hours; Forest Township \$5,000, The Associate \$1,500.

*Training for AIS volunteers is April 14 and AIS Inspectors in April 26 at the Becker Country Courthouse, 3rd floor.

*Inspectors- it appears at this point the same three inspectors will be hired.

*Volunteers will be helpful for weekend coverage at resorts.

*This spring a thorough AIS inspection will be performed by the DNR.

Cell Tower

- *Board members have received communication from several residents concerned about the aesthetics of a cell tower so close to the north end of the lake.
- *Both Forest Township and Becker County have lake set back statutes which require a half mile distance from lakes. The County Zoning Board will hold a hearing on the proposed location on April 12.
- *The sense of the meeting was that a cell tower was needed but a location not so close the lake was preferred. Several area residents have offered their locations, further from the lake as alternatives.

Loon Nesting Rafts

- *The permits for the two rafts have expired and need to be renewed with the Becker County Sheriff.
- *Paul Lundquist volunteered to repair the raft in front of their property.
- *Monette will put out an email to help locate the second raft.
 - *Motion by Paul Lundquist seconded by John LaFond to secure permits for _____ the two rafts. Carried.

ATV Trails

- *The Long Lost Lake Association is resisting an additional trail in this area. The sense of the meeting was that Forest Township has not had many issues with ATVs to date, so at this point no action needs to be taken.

Water Testing

- *Jim Eisele will continue to do the testing with Steve Lindow as his back up. The testing is for phosphorous which comes from sand blankets and lawn fertilizers primarily.
- *It was suggested that as new people move onto the lake they should be called on, not just sent a brochure, and informed about resources available and proper care of the shoreline.
 - *Motion by Paul Lundquist seconded by Steve Lindow to allocate \$250 to _____ cover the cost for lab testing by RLB Testing. Carried.
- *Jim Eisele does the testing and John Sanger brings the specimens to RLB and they should be thanked when you see them.

BMLAA Website

- *Jim Eisele presently receives the changes and updates the website. Steve Lindow will contact Jim about some changes that did not come through.
- *At our May meeting we will determine which newsletter articles should go on the website

Buoys

- *The Becker Country Sheriff will be at the next COLA meeting to discuss the use of buoys for safety issues. We do not have any at this point on our lake.

Water Skiing Slalom Course

- *Without a permit anyone can put out a course for a day but taken out at night.
- *Leaving the course in the water for a longer time requires a permit from the Becker County Sheriff. A motion was approved by the Board at its October 17, 2015 meeting that the President of the Board would draft a letter annually to the Becker County Sheriff upon approval at the fall meeting of the Board.
- *Roger Olsen agreed to draft a process to follow annually on this issue.
- *Mary Lindstrom will contact Kurt Withnell to secure his proposal for the deployment of the slalom course to be considered at our May 21 meeting.

Road Clean Up-John Lafond

- *It will be held April 30 at 10 pm and we gather at Red Top Road.
- *The LaFonds are heading up the clean up again. Thank you!

BMLAA Annual Meeting-June 18, 9am

- *The sense of the board was that a speaker from the Becker County Forestry staff should be asked.

COLA

- *Steve Lindow, who represents us at COLA pointed out that COLA is a very effective advocate for all the lake associations.
- *In July, COLA will focus on trying to get additional lake associations to join COLA
- *In August, Steve will be doing a presentation on how to use the DNR "Fish Finder" website

Next Meeting-May 21 at 8:30 at the Forest Township Hall. Mary Lindstrom will send out a notice to all board members.