

Bad Medicine Lake Area Association Board Meeting

April 9, 2017

Board Members Present: Mary Lindstrom, Steve Lindow, Paul Lundquist, Monette Lundquist, John LaFond, Scott Bentson, Linda Anderson, Howie Anderson

Board Members Absent: Barry Bennett and Mary Follette

Call to Order: 4pm by Mary Lindstrom

Minutes from Prior Meeting:

*Correction: John LaFond was present

Steve Lindow corrected the budget totals from the Research Project as follows:

- Total cost of year two is \$84,000
- Total cost of year Three is \$104,000

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended by John LaFond, second by Linda Anderson **Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Monette Lundquist

Balance sheet and Profit and Loss Report attached.
coming in now.

The \$1,500 the Board gave to the County for AIS staffing has not yet been spent. No additional funds will be allocated until the County requests additional funds.

The Annual Meeting, Saturday, June 24

Speaker-After much discussion Steve L. was asked to contact the Director of the Research Project by Bemidji State and secure a speaker from the research team as our speaker.

Reports- In creating the agenda for the Annual Meeting we will give limited time for each report and note that on the agenda in advance of the meeting to avoid a meeting so lengthy that people will not return the following year.

Increasing attendance- It was agreed that John and Scott will create a flyer, which will be handed out as Board members go door to door.

We will also hand out AIS and lakeshore guidelines with the flyer.

Steve will ask that The Minnesota Lakes and Rivers website give notice of our annual meeting.

Recruiting Board Members for Annual Meeting

There are four board positions to be filled at the Annual Meeting.

Bob Bianco indicated interest in joining the Board.

Other names suggested:

Mark Shannon- Mary will contact
Martha Sanger- Linda will contact
Todd or Lori Funfar- Mary will contact
Dave Wiest- Paul will contact
Karen LaFond- Linda will contact

John L. moved to create a Nominating Committee, made up of Linda, Mary and Monette. Paul seconded. **Carried**

Newsletter

Suggested articles-

Research Project- Steve
Township Report- Lynn Lindow
Fishing Report- Steve
Recycling- John
Defibrillator – Linda will ask the Veronens
Treasurer- Monette
AIS- Steve
Foundation- Ray Vlasak
Minutes from last Annual Meeting- Howie

Timeline for Newsletter- It needs to go out early to promote Annual Meeting

Articles to Monette by May 4th
Monette sends to Ryan by May 5th
At the Printer by May 27th
Sent by June 10th

Printing

Monette will get price from Precision Printing in Detroit Lakes and will contact Ryan to see if he is still willing to produce the newsletter. If Ryan can not do it Monette will approach the printer to see if they would produce it.

Research Project with Bemidji State- Steve

BSU is writing up the contract with The West Central Initiative who is managing the grant, as neither the Board of the Foundation is able to do so. April 13 West Central is expected to approve the first year funding of \$22,000. To date, \$29,000 has been pledged, but not all has been received by the Foundation, which is a 501c3 and allows donors to be able to take a charitable tax deduction. Each of the following two years will require West Central action as well. Steve will be the liaison with the study and the Board even as he ends his term with the Board

Elements in the study-

- Water chemistry from surface to bottom
- Zooplankton
- Phytoplankton

The study will be comprehensive and determine what cause decreases in water clarity, variances and causes of increased phosphates and chlorophyll among other things.

Funding of the Study

John moved that the Association fund the research project \$800 for each of the three years of the study. Second by Linda. **Carried.**

The share of funding for the three years from the Foundation and Association will be

- year one \$22,000
- year two 40,000
- year three 40,000

The amounts vary depending upon the number and credentials of the graduate students doing the research on site. BSU is contributing to the effort as well including in kind contributions.

AIS Report by Steve Lindow

Steve explained that the \$1,500 we allocated for AIS staffing last year has not yet been spent. There will be two staff people each weekend to allow for accelerating the number of boats from lakes with infestations being decontaminated. The decontamination unit will be kept at either Veronen's or High Pines Resorts

Report from 2016

There was a 9% violation rate.

17% of the boats inspected were coming from "infested" lakes such as Leech Lake, Red Lake, Turtle Lake, Pelican Lake.

Starry Stonewort is spreading. It is far worse than milfoil and creates a mat that boats cannot pass through from the bottom to the surface.

Changes for 2017

A second decontamination unit will be located at Height of Land Lake or the "Four Corners" of Mn. Hwy. 34 and Co. 29. All boats coming from infested lakes will be automatically decontaminated.

The second AIS inspector will allow decontamination to increase

- One day training for Inspector I \$14.50 an hour pay
- Second one day training for Inspector II \$17.00 an hour

Water Quality Report- Steve Lindow for Jim Eisele

Phosphorous trend is going down, possibly due to the septic systems around the lake having been checked and updated as indicated. Also, people are becoming aware of shoreline stewardship and not using fertilizer. The research project will examine the issues of cause.

Water clarity averaged 22.5 feet in 2016, with a high of 40 feet.

Water Skiing Slalom Course-

Paul reported that another informal survey showed a 50/50 split on whether to allow the course. We issued approval last year for Kurt Withnell to have the course for three weeks, and half the length of previous years.

John moved that we not approve of the course for this summer. Linda seconded. **Carried unanimously.**

Discussion -Listening to those who both approve and disapprove of the course, and because Kurt did not abide by our agreement on the length of the course, we came to a conclusion that this year we would not approve. It recognizes the opinion of those who dislike the course, just as last year we approved on the support of those who do approve. Paul will contact Kurt about our decision, and let him know that he can apply for 2018. The Board will approve or disapprove year by year.

Fourth of July Fireworks-

Linda will contact the Veronen's to find out the total cost of the fireworks and how much is covered by donations and report back to the Board. She will let them know the Board is willing to increase the amount of our donations and that we are all grateful for the fireworks that the whole lake enjoys. The few who do not like the fireworks do so because they worry about the environmental issue of the ordinance in the water, but we also know that the resort staff makes every effort to clean it all up.

Renters of Homes on the Lake-

We now know that those who rent their homes need a special use permit from Becker County. We are all to let those who do rent know about the requirement. The county is monitoring the septic systems of several of the frequent rentals to be sure their systems can handle the number of guests.

Loons' Nests-

Lindows have put the nests out. Lundquists will place the permit and fix the covers and anchors.

Road Clean Up- John LaFond Saturday, April 29

Meet at Red Top Road and Co. 37 at 10 am.

Monette will send an email to the members with this information

Those who cannot be present will be given assignments by John Lundquists will do Red Top Road to MN. 113

Use of Association Email List-

We will continue to require Board action before any other group is given the use of the list. The Foundation and others who have a commitment to the lake and community are the only ones which will be considered.

Walleye Survey-

Nets will be put out by the DNR about July 10 for five days. The nets will be marked.

Next Meeting-

Monday, May 22nd at 8am at Forest Township Hall.

Adjournment- motion by John, seconded by Linda. **Carried.**

10:12 PM
04/07/17
Cash Basis

BMLAA
Balance Sheet
As of April 7, 2017

	<u>Apr 7, 17</u>	<u>Sep 30, 16</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1000 · PETTY CASH	24.50	24.50	0.00
1010 · CASH IN CHECKING-	8,063.90	8,782.35	-718.45
Total Checking/Savings	8,088.40	8,806.85	-718.45
Other Current Assets			
1200 · UNDEPOSITED FUNDS	165.00	45.00	120.00
Total Other Current Assets	165.00	45.00	120.00
Total Current Assets	8,253.40	8,851.85	-598.45
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>8,253.40</u>	<u>8,851.85</u>	<u>-598.45</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
2100 · INVASIVE SPECIES DONATIONS	3,705.24	3,665.24	40.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	3,705.24	3,665.24	40.00
Total Current Liabilities	3,705.24	3,665.24	40.00
Total Liabilities	3,705.24	3,665.24	40.00
Equity			
3200 · PRIOR YEAR NET INCOME	4,667.49	4,450.64	216.85
Net Income	-119.33	735.97	-855.30
Total Equity	4,548.16	5,186.61	-638.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>8,253.40</u>	<u>8,851.85</u>	<u>-598.45</u>

2016 AIS Summary

Inspection hours – 720 hours
Total inspections - 1268 (entering -672 exiting -596)
Inspections/hour - 1.76

Violations- plugs in - 3%
Water, mud, plants - 6.25%
Zebra mussels – 0%

Boats entering from infested waters - 17%
Boats from out of state - 1.6%

Boats entering from lakes infested with:

Zebra Mussels-	89	(13.25%)
Eurasian water milfoil-	11	(1.6%)
Spiney Water Flea -	12	(1.8%)
Starrey Stonewort -	3	(.4%)
Silver, Bighead carp	1	(.1%)
Clean Lakes		(83%)

Decontaminations- 18

Funding:

County added more paid inspection hours so did not have to use the \$2500 donated by Forest Township and \$1500 donated by Bad Medicine Lake Area Association. County will add more hours next year but no additional funds, so will use the donations carried over from 2016 to cover the hours added in 2017.

Summer 2017

Inspections start fishing opener and end Labor day weekend.
(Friday, Saturday, Sunday 5:30am to about 6 pm) Monday- Thursday 6am to 10pm)
Two inspectors during busy weekend time.
Decontamination unit Friday-Sunday

Need to hire inspectors \$14.00/ hour
Must be 18
1 day training by DNR (late April or early May)
Background check
Vehicle (no mileage)

