

NOTES FROM May 8TH 2020 BMLAA BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present: Scott Bentson, Linda Bentson, DeDe Krieg, Jane Gundmundson, Marge Lorentzsen, Marc Shannon, Justin Johnson, Matt Hanson, Paul Stadem

1. Due to COVID-19 the board meeting was held via Zoom.
2. Minutes from the Sept 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed. One revision was needed to reduce COLA dues to \$300. Moved by Marge, 2nd by Linda to approve minutes as corrected.
3. Treasurer's Report Marge Lorentzsen
 - a. The 2019 Year End Treasury Report was reviewed - Moved by Linda, 2nd by Marge, Approved
 - b. Current Financial Status - Moved by Marc, 2nd by Paul, Approved
 - i. Checking Account Balance \$10,797
 - ii. Invasive Species Donation Balance \$7,355
 - iii. General Account Funds Balance \$3,442
 - c. Membership – 2020 Members – 67 who have paid 2020 Dues(177 last year but many renewals coming in).
 - d. MN Lakes and Rivers dues were due and paid at \$300. This is the service that supports the BMLAA website. Moved by Matt/2nd by Justin
 - e. The family who donated to the memorial fund recommended the board determine who to best use the donation. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Based on feedback something tied to fishing would be best.
4. Annual Meeting Discussion
 - a. Due to COVID-19 a June meeting may not be possible to ensure the safety of attendees. A discussion was had whether to cancel, postpone or hold virtually (Zoom). With virtual meetings being used all over the globe successfully a tentative decision was made to hold the meeting virtually. Attendees will be able to attend on Zoom or by calling in on their phone. The tentative date of the meeting is June 20th with more details to be sent if we can safely hold the meeting.
5. Spring Newsletter – Due date is May 18th for board members to get their topics to Jane. Each board member took 1-2 topics to contribute to the newsletter.
6. Communication – All BMLAA
 - a. BMLAA Website Update – The website has been updated and looks great. Thank you to the Doslands for taking on this project.
 - b. Nextdoor – Other lakes use Nextdoor/Facebook as a community piece. Feel free to share your love of Bad Medicine on Nextdoor, introduce yourself, ask a question, etc...
7. Lake Study Report - This is the final report from the past several years of studying the lake. With COVID-19 an in person meeting is unlikely. Scott will reach out to see what the research team would suggest. A Zoom meeting (webcast) is a possibility.
8. SEE Committee – The committee had a good meeting on May 2nd.
 - a. The members wanted it stated the committee is an informational and educational based group, they are not an enforcement group. The goal is to improve boating behavior through recommendations.
 - b. Information – The committee is building a sheet(2 sided) of recommendations based on both DNR and Bad Medicine specific recommendations.
 - c. Communication – This information would be emailed to home owners on the lake. The committee will also work with the resorts to see if they will hand out at check in.
 - d. Concerns – Past concerns were reviewed and almost all are addressed on the information the committee is putting together.

9. AIS Inspection Hours – Due to COVID-19 Becker County has had a hard time hiring inspectors. At the meeting it was discussed there would be no weekend coverage. However, after following up after the meeting the county was able to find an inspector to work weekends during the summer. The county thanked the BMLAA for its support of helping to find inspectors.
10. Low Wake/No Wake Zones – A map will be sent out showing the sensitive areas of Bad Medicine Lake with recommendations for slow speeds in these areas. This also follows the DNR’s recommendation all boats operate at 200’ minimum from shore. While this is not a law, it is the recombination of the DNR.
11. Decon Topics
 - a. The cost of a decon unit with transportation is \$25-30,000. The BMLAA could try to raise funds to pay for the unit. The county would need to approve as they would have to staff it.
 - b. Mandatory Decon of high-risk boats – The Township could propose a water surface ordinance to the DNR which would mandate boats coming from other lakes would have to have a Decon before entering. This ordinance would be aimed at boats with internal ballasts which cannot be inspected.
 - c. Scott will reach out to the County to see if they would be willing to give an expert opinion on these topics for the next meeting. We could also ask the DNR for their professional opinion to review.
12. Waterski Course – In Sept 2019 the course was approved with the understanding the skiers would propose locations to move the course. A map of proposed locations was reviewed and concerns were raised about some of the potential placements. The board asked Justin to discuss the proposed locations with property owners who lived near those areas and report back to the board on if any of the locations had support.
13. Tree Planning/Restoration – Due to COVID-19 the tree planning project had to be canceled. The goal is to plan for spring 2021.
14. Adjourn – Moved by Marge, 2nd by Jane, Approved.

End of Minutes