

Bad Medicine Lake Association Board meeting

Via Zoom

August 7th, 2020 at @ 2 PM

Scott Bentson Presiding

Board directors present: Scott Bentson, Linda Bentson, Justin Johnson, Matt Hanson, DeDe Krieg, Paul Stadem, Marge Lorentzsen

Association members present: Jim and Jill Eisele, Steve and Lynn Lindow, Tim Holzkamm, Linda and Howie Anderson, Jim Luttrell, Shari Dosland, William McKeown, Debby Bonem, Paul Dovre, David Wiest, David Dosland.

Announcements: Due to Pandemic there was no annual meeting. The 2020 BMLAA annual report is now posted on the Bad Medicine Lake website.

Secretary: Minutes from July 10th 2020. Motion to approve July minutes by Linda Bentson and seconded by Marge Lorentzsen. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: See Treasure's report. Total amount \$11,335.06(AIS \$7,355.24, General fund \$3,979.82). Motion to approve treasure's report by DeDe Krieg and seconded by Justin Johnson. The treasure's report was approved. Currently there are 139 members. No funds removed for AIS inspectors at this time due to the fact we had 800 hours banked and funding from the Forrest Township of \$2500. We will be invoiced once these funds run out.

SEE committee: Matt received one email regarding speed of boats going in and out of boat landing, will follow up. Matt continues to work with the DNR regarding the kiosk at the public access for SEE information. Lake Association will need to fund cost and the DNR and Becker County need to approve the location. Cost will be around \$1-2,000. The SEE committee will meet in the fall to discuss if there needs to be any revisions on the SEE handout for 2021. Concerns expressed about jet skiers being out later then they should. Continue concern about impact of wake waves discussed. Discussion held regarding if there should be buoys place in sensitive lake areas and AMA. The association would need to purchase about 7 buoys and we would be responsible to store them but would not be placing due to liability. Sheriff would need to visit lake before to decide if they are appropriate.

Old Business:

- 1) Bylaw changes that normally would be done at the annual meeting need to be revised due to the pandemic. We are using Zoom and technology to conduct business. Discussion about how do we go about getting approval for the bylaw changes when there isn't any bylaws that take into consideration of how the pandemic is affecting how we are conducting business at this time. Discussion held about openings on the board and the terms that expired or will be expiring. Do we vote by mail or appoint someone to fill in till we can hold annual in person meeting? How do we amend these laws? The annual report proposed that 4 bylaws needed changing; we did discuss this at the last meeting. Would mail ballots be better for record keeping? There was no strong objection from people present at this meeting. The bylaw states that there needs to be 25% of association present in past to pass when voting occurred in person.
- 2) Water ski course: At July meeting plan B was approved. After that meeting several concerns were voiced regarding plan B. Curt Halbakken offer to chair a committee that was independent of the board to look for a better option that would allow more input from the lake residents. He would come up with several plans with the help of a committee of 3-4 people who wished to be anonymous. Curt did send out an email updating residents of the findings so far. Discussion of this email included concerns that not all comments sent in were visible to residents (which would be anonymous), that we should encourage residents that aren't on email to send in written suggestions for Curt. This is still a work in progress and any feedback should go to Curt. Question about how many people were contacted. Scott

forwarded Curt's email to all residents that were in the BML data base and approximately 50 responded. An Idea was discussed that even if board approves a plan we should still reevaluate it in a year to see if it was a right fit for BML. The board will vote on the committee findings at the September 11th meeting.

- 3) Newsletter: We will be doing a fall newsletter, Scott will email us regarding and we will discuss at the September meeting.

New Business:

- 1) U of M St. Anthony Falls Laboratory wake research project. This is a crowd funded independent study looking at the impact of wake waves from different watercrafts on lakes. BMLAA fountain did donate to this project and so have several lake associations in Minnesota. They have received donations from out of state too. This study is still looking for donations from other lake associations and from individuals, they need approximately \$98,000. This is a tax deductible donation. A motion to donate \$1,000 to the U of M St. Anthony Laboratory wake research project was made by Marge Lorentzsen and seconded by DeDe Krieg. The motion was passed.
- 2) Night Sky Heritage (international dark sky project): this project is looking to keep wilderness areas as dark as possible. SEE committee will inform residents of.

Next meeting: September 11th at 2pm

Motion to adjourn by Marge Lorentzsen and seconded by Linda Bentson. Meeting adjourned at 3:40.

Submitted by DeDe Krieg