

BMLAA Board of Directors meeting, September 11, 2020 at 2:00pm via Zoom

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

Association members present: Curt Halbakken, Glen and Mary Follett, Lynn Lindow, Donna Wallicek, Paul Dovre, Barb Christiansen, Tim Holzkamm, Howard and Debby Bonem

Announcements: The Fall newsletter will be mailed to BMLAA members in early October. The newsletter will also be available on the BMLAA website.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the August 7th meeting minutes by Marge Lorentzsen, seconded by Justin Johnson, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Total checking account balance is \$10,395.99 (AIS \$7,355.24, general \$3,040.75). No invoice has been received yet from Becker County for AIS inspectors at public access. A few more memberships have been received. A couple of duplicate membership fees were received and changed to donations to BMLAA at the members request. A thank you was received from Veronens for the BMLAA donation for their July 4th fireworks event. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Paul Stadem, seconded by Linda Bentson, motion approved.

SEE Committee Report: Matt Hanson provided an update on SEE projects. A kiosk at the public access has been approved. The final placement will be decided after the docks are out. Volunteers are needed to help with building the kiosk and it is hoped it will be ready to install next spring. Buoy update: The Becker County Sheriff must approve buoy locations. They would need to be purchased, placed, removed and stored by BMLAA. There are many different types of buoys available for purchase. The plan is to test buoys in 2 initial locations in 2021, probably in the North Bay near Paul Stadem and near the bay by the public access. Locations will be discussed with residents in those areas. The SEE Committee will have a fall meeting that has not yet been scheduled.

Old Business: Slalom Course Committee Proposal: It has been a summer of conflict regarding the slalom ski course. This issue has been the main topic for the board this season. Prior to this board meeting, board members had a Zoom conference with Curt Halbakken on 9/8/20 to discuss, clarify and ask questions about the proposal. Members of the Slalom Course Committee were: Curt Halbakken (chairman), Paul Stadem and Wayne Gudmundson.

The committee received email responses from 57 lake residents who expressed their thoughts, feelings and suggestions about the slalom ski course on BML. The board thanked the committee for taking on this difficult task and analyzing resident input to come up with the proposal. It is clear the Slalom Course Committee strongly believes its proposal offers the best path forward to a reasonable, but limited, opportunity for a slalom ski course on Bad Medicine Lake that has the potential to adequately balance the needs and desires of both property owners and skiers.

Discussion during this meeting with lake members present included: 1) General expressions of appreciation to the Slalom Course Committee for the proposal as a resolution to the conflict. 2) Expressions of disappointment and/or dissatisfaction with the proposal: that limiting skiing to 10 days was unfair to slalom skiers, that it should have restricted skiing during early morning and late evening. 3) Questions were raised about various details in the proposal including: the time of day slalom skiing should be permitted, why the planned 2021 course overlapped the slalom course used in 2019 and before, what were the specific responses from which conclusions were drawn, how course locations

were chosen and if there were more potential courses on Bad Medicine. It should be noted that course locations were selected to have minimal impact on AMA areas, resorts, popular fishing sites, etc.

After discussion, a motion to accept the Slalom Course Committee's proposal was made by Paul Stadem, seconded by Marge Lorentzen and passed by a 6 to 1 vote of the Board of Directors.

New Business: None

Next meeting: TBA April 2021.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Marge Lorentzen, seconded by Linda Bentson, adjourned at 3:13pm.

Minutes submitted by DeDe Krieg