

BMLAA Board of Directors Meeting, May 11, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom

Directors Present: Linda Bentson, Marge Lorentzsen, Justin Johnson, Matt Hanson, Scott Bentson
Association members present: Lia Christiansen

Approval of minutes: The draft minutes of the April 19, 2021 board meeting were reviewed. Marge Lorentzsen moved to approve the minutes, second by Justin Johnson and unanimously approved without change.

Treasurer's Report: As of this date, the BMLAA checking account shows a balance of \$11,064.27. Of that total, the Invasive Species Donations account shows a balance of \$7,355.24 and the General Account shows a balance of \$3,709.03. Payment of an invoice for \$216.00 from Becker County for 2020 AIS inspector services was approved. Payment of 2021 membership dues (\$200) for Becker County COLA was deferred pending an update on their reorganization process. Payment of \$692.50 for the informational kiosk to be installed at the public access was approved upon receipt of the invoice. Use of \$300.00 in memorial funds was approved toward the cost of the kiosk.

Membership Report: As of this date, 78 BMLAA members have paid their 2021 membership dues. A reminder email encouraging membership renewal will be sent to the general membership in the coming week.

Announcements:

- The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association will be held at 9:00am on Saturday, June 12th at Bad Medicine Resort.
- The board is seeking a volunteer for the BMLAA Newsletter Committee. Contact Scott Bentson for more information.
- The BMLAA Adopt-A-Highway spring cleanup was held on Saturday, May 8th. Turnout was outstanding and the task was completed in record time. Many thanks to all participants!
- Veronen's Resort is hosting their annual walk in support of Parkinson's Disease research and treatment on Sunday, May 30 at 9:00am. You decide the distance. Muffins & coffee at 10:00am. Donations to Struthers Parkinson's Center.
- See badmedicine@mnlakesanddrivers.org for the most current BMLAA information.

Reports

- **SEE Committee:**
 - 1) The kiosk for the public access should be delivered and installed within the next 10-14 days. Matt Hanson is seeking volunteers to assist with the installation.
 - 2) The decision was made not to proceed with placement of signage near loon nesting areas based on DNR advice that such signs cause more problems for loons than they solve.
 - 3) Property owners interested in buoys should contact the Becker County Sheriff.
- **2021 AIS Inspection Plan:** AIS inspectors are scheduled to work at the Bad Medicine public access from May 15th through Labor Day (approximately 700 hours). Inspections are initially scheduled for peak fishing times Thursday through Sunday from 6:00am to 4:00pm. If additional inspection hours are desired Monday through Wednesday, the Bad Medicine Lake community will be responsible for the additional cost. For reference, 2 additional 8hr days per week of inspector coverage would cost approximately \$3500 for the summer. Three additional 8hr days per week would cost about \$5300. Sufficient funds are available in the Invasive Species Donation account to cover either of these

options for 2021. To continue AIS inspections at these enhanced levels in the future will require a funding plan. Additional data about daily inspections will be sought from Karl Koenig of Becker County. This matter will be on the agenda for the BMLAA Annual Meeting on June 12.

Old Business

- **2021 BMLAA Annual Meeting scheduled for 9:00am June 12th at Bad Medicine Resort:** After review of the Association bylaws (ART. IV, Section 1) and discussion of the generally improving Covid-19 situation, the likelihood that many BMLAA members have been fully vaccinated and the pending relaxation of state and federal requirements for indoor gatherings, the decision was made to hold an in-person Annual Meeting of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association on Saturday, June 12th at 9:00am at Bad Medicine Resort. Many thanks are due to Don and Helen at Bad Medicine Resort for their willingness to host the meeting.

The board will closely monitor future government health advisories that might apply to the meeting and will follow recommended best practices. Prior to June 12th the board will update the membership regarding such issues as masking, distancing, food, etc. and how they will be implemented at the annual meeting.

Notice of the Annual Meeting will be sent by email as required by the bylaws. Any member may request notice by mail by contacting Scott Bentson at (218) 684-1326. The meeting agenda will be sent out via email not less than 7 days prior to the meeting.

- **Proposed additions/amendments to BMLAA bylaws:** In light of the Association's Covid-19 experience of 2020, it is the recommendation the bylaws of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association be changed to grant the Board of Directors certain limited emergency authority and, more generally, flexibility in the way it meets and conducts business.

The following motion was made by Scott Bentson and seconded by Justin Johnson: "The Board of Directors of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association propose the following additions to the current Association bylaws and recommend to the members of the Association that they vote to adopt them at the Annual Meeting." The motion was approved unanimously. (See attached document "Proposed additions to the bylaws of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association" dated May 11, 2021.) This document will be emailed to the membership along with the Annual Meeting agenda not less than 7 days prior to the meeting.

New Business

- **BMLAA board meeting guidelines:** The board discussed new guidelines for board meetings that are intended to improve two-way communication between members and the board and also lead to greater efficiency within meetings. It is anticipated these guidelines will be put in written form, discussed at the Annual Meeting and fully implemented at the July board meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in July. The date and time of the meeting will be determined after the election of new Directors at the Annual Meeting in June.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Marge Lorentzsen, second by Linda Bentson, approved.

*Appended document: "Proposed additions to the bylaws of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association" May 11, 2021

Submitted: Linda Bentson, Justin Johnson, Scott Bentson

**Proposed additions to the bylaws of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association
May 11, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association proposes the following additions to the current Association bylaws and recommends that the members of the Association vote to adopt them at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

1. Article IV: Membership Meetings, Add New Section 4: Exceptional Circumstances

Section 4. Exceptional Circumstances. In the event of circumstances that may reasonably be considered to pose a threat to the health or safety of Association members if they were to physically attend a membership meeting, the Board of Directors, at its discretion, may cancel or reschedule the meeting, change the meeting location and/or modify the meeting format by giving appropriate notice. This provision shall be understood to include the option to hold membership meetings and conduct Association business by electronic or virtual means.

2. Article V: Directors, Section 3: Directors Election, Add

Should the Board of Directors determine that the Annual Meeting can not be held due to exceptional circumstances, Directors may be elected by means of an electronic or mail ballot that presents the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees to all voting members of the Association.

3. Article V: Directors, Section 4: Terms of Directors, Add

Should the regular election of Directors be delayed, currently serving Directors with expiring terms may serve beyond term expiration pending election of new Directors.

4. Article V: Directors, Section 8: Meetings, Add

The Board of Directors may hold meetings and conduct Association business by electronic or virtual means.

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