

**Bad Medicine Lake Area Association Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2022**

Meeting Format: The meeting was held via Zoom and was recorded.

Board members attending: Matt Hanson, Scott Bentson, Marge Lorentzsen, Bill Herauf, Monette Lundquist and Mark Hagen.

Association members attending: Lynn Lindow, John LaFond and Karen LaFond.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Matt at 7:05pm.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved after the addition of two items: 1) setting the date, time and place of the annual meeting and 2) setting the date for the spring roadside cleanup.

Approval of Board minutes from September 23, 2021:

Approved with one spelling correction. Motion to approve by Marge, second by Bill and approved.

Confirmation of prior electronic votes:

1) Approval of payment for Fall newsletter (\$263.00), 2) Approval of payment for MNL R dues (\$260.00) both 12/7/21. 3) Approval of SB making request of Forest Township for BMLAA AIS funding assistance starting in 2023. Motion to confirm the electronic votes: Motion to confirm by Bill, second by Scott and approved.

Member Forum:

- Lynn Lindow raised questions about the appropriateness of signage at the public access kiosk. Two concerns were expressed: 1) A sign posted in the kiosk directed wake boaters to remain “200 feet” from shore whereas BMLAA guidelines recommend “middle of the lake” and 2) the same sign was produced by an outside entity (WSIA) raising questions about who and/or what entity, is permitted to post a sign at the kiosk. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that: 1) the sign in question will be removed and replaced with one that is consistent with BMLAA guidelines and 2) the kiosk shall be reserved exclusively for signage approved by the BMLAA board of directors.

AIS Inspection Planning for 2022:

There will be a significant decrease in state funded AIS inspector hours (515 currently budgeted compared to 700 in 2021) and Becker County remains uncertain whether they can hire enough inspectors to cover increased hours at Bad Medicine Lake. BMLAA has an AIS Fund of approximately \$7,000 that could be tapped to increase inspector hours provided inspectors can be found. An email appeal was recently sent to Bad Medicine Lake residents to make them aware of the need for additional inspectors. In March 2022, Forest Township agreed to share AIS costs that exceed those funded by the state up to a maximum of \$2,000 annually starting in 2023. Scott will contact Karl Koenig regarding

the current status of inspectors. It was decided that the board's AIS subcommittee would meet to consider the possibilities before the next board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

As of December 31, 2021:

Total Checking Acct Balance	\$9,591.15
Invasive Species Account Balance	\$7,139.24
General Account Funds Available	\$2,451.91

As of April 25, 2022:

Total Checking Account Balance	\$9,332.32
Invasive Species Account Balance	\$7,139.24
General Account Funds Available	\$2,193.08

A motion to accept the report was made by Bill, seconded by Monette and approved by the board.

Membership Report: Matt and Marge requested Scott send out the 2022 membership renewal form by email. Will consider using Nextdoor app to encourage membership. Mailing membership forms may be done for those requesting. Will add line on the membership form asking for member permission to include their personal information in the Directory.

Member Directory: Due in 2022. There is continuing discussion about whether to pursue a printed or digital format, or both, for the member directory. There was extensive discussion about whether to include Association members only or all lake residents who consent to being included in the Directory. There seemed to be consensus that the Directory not be restricted to Association members.

Building Community at Bad Medicine: The board was supportive of the idea. A variety of ideas were discussed. The suggestion was made that a member volunteer might be found to take on the task of organizing such events. Alternatively, local neighborhoods might sponsor get-togethers. The general feeling was that the board should encourage and promote such events but not assume primary responsibility for organizing them.

2022 Annual Meeting: After discussion of alternatives, the board approved Matt's proposal to hold the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the Forest Township Town Hall starting at 9:00am.

2022 BMLAA Roadside Cleanup Event: Will be held on Saturday, May 21 starting at 9:00am. Many thanks are due to John and Karen LaFond for years of organizing the event. Efforts will be made to involve families and kids. Consideration will be given to rebranding and promoting the event to increase participation. Also, the Board moved to extend sponsorship of the Adopt-A-Highway program through Becker County for two more years. The motion was approved.

Announcements: Lynn Lindow requested to make two announcements:

1) An Aquatic Invasive Species Research Update will be held on June 9, 2022 at M-State Campus in DL under the partial sponsorship of Becker County COLA. Complete information about the conference and registration information will go out to all those on the BMLAA email list.

2) MN Lakes & Rivers is sponsoring a Lake Steward program with the aim of improving awareness of optimal shoreline management and improving water quality and using lake associations to develop examples, assistance and recognition for improving shoreline patterns.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2022, 7:00pm on Zoom

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Marge, seconded by Bill and approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Scott Bentson
Acting Secretary