

BMLA Minutes
9-26-2021
Noon

President Rich Halvorsen called the meeting to order.

Jim Z moved to approve agenda, Barb Fischer seconded, motion passed with no objection

The second version of minutes submitted were approved.

Feedback from the General Membership meeting held in August at the public landing was positive. The food was good and members had no problem paying for the amount over what the association hosted.

The BMLA is looking for additional members to join the board. The spring Aerie will include an open invitation for all interested parties to submit interest. Those interested should contact any board member for consideration.

Kathy read the August 14 minutes and asked for approval. Barb Fischer moved to approve, Rich seconded and motion passed.

The board reviewed officer duties and referred to the packet on pages 7 & 8 are current. Rich will set up a drive on the BMLA website for current information and data. Sub-committees were discussed and the following committees and duties were claimed and confirmed:

AIS: Brian Livingston, Rich Halvorsen
Aerie: Barb Fischer
Social: Linda Zawacki, Julie Mickelberg
Restore the Shore: Kathy Nevins
COLA: Burney Fischer
Loon Rep for COLA: Barry Guptil, Barb Fischer
Channel Markers/Buoys: Rich Halvorsen, Brian Livingston
Water Quality: Burney Fischer
AIS: Dave Meirey
Land Trust: Burney Fischer
Technical support: Rich Halvorsen

Big Mantrap is on the Hubbard County Crucial Lakes list. We are one of 5 lakes listed. Brian will update the COLA list. Qualifications are over 10 acres, shoreline restoration support, fish development, fish food development.

The board nominated the following slate of officers Barb Fischer moved to approve, Linda Zawacki seconded and the motion passed:

President: Rich Halvorsen
V-President: Jim Zawacki

Treasurer: Linda Zawacki
Secretary: Julie Mickelberg

The board discussed the appropriate voting for board members and association members. There was discussion about needing differentiation. It was determined that future board member voting will be addressed in future by-law revisions and votes remain one per property.

Treasurer's Report:

Linda reported that this fiscal year funds are down in income due to a change in our fiscal year. We are also down about five members in count. Financials were attached.

Julie moved to approve the report, Barb seconded and motion passed.

AIS Report:

We currently have 75 members contributing to this fund. Steve, the inspector, stated he found milfoil. People will send, and should continue to send, photos of suspect plants. Inspectors report all findings to the county. We discussed the importance of Nick, at Hubbard County getting accurate and timely information, including photos. Annual data and statistics run through October. As the 20-21 data is collected we can then establish a chain of communication from the County to the board regarding any finds. Again, the essential element of management is to have information ASAP passed to Brian if ever anything is found or suspicious.

Membership Drive & Map:

There are a total of 201 parcels on the lake. 3M accounts for 15, DNR for 14, Boy Scouts for 3, 33 owners account for more than 1 parcel. We have a total of 127 owners on the lake with only about 75 members. The County data base is not easy to convert for a last name comparison. They were in the process of that conversion and someone will call to figure out if the conversion is complete.

TO DO LIST:

As a board, we wanted to set goals and determine what sets our lake association apart. These items are not in a prioritized order.

1. History Project: Julie will talk with Cindy Fegley about organizing several boxes of information, photos, clippings, etc. for our association.
2. Website: Rich would like to add and change a few things. He has contacted Craig Naar to assist with a few updates which will allow us to use more features of the website.
3. Welcome Committee: Julie, Kathy and Linda to address off line
4. Logo Contest: we took this off the list for now
5. Looner Recognition: We discussed that the original crew is resistant to being identified so we shifted to recognizing the Loon PROGRAM instead. Julie will take the lead in designing and budgeting for this. This would be a sign at the public landing letting guests know and reminding residents how important our loons are to BML.
6. Homeowner List/Directory: Barb will take the lead in the list and Rich will take the lead in the map.

7. Decontamination Station at Emmaville: Rich and Brian will fill in Nick at County about some concerns with personnel at the landing as well as our interest in having a decontamination station closer to the public landing.
8. Remove
9. Remove
10. Brian will address in October
11. ?
12. Merchandise Survey: Discussed developing a logo/decal for a fundraiser. Other lakes have done this and it has been quite successful.

Closing discussion:

Upcoming meetings ... May 7th? June 11th.

Motion to adjourn ... Brian, seconded by Julie. Motion passed.