

**LMBIA January 26, 2021 MEETING MINUTES 7pm  
Via Zoom due to COVID-19**

**The Meeting** was called to order by Chairperson Julene Schatz. Members present: Laurie Boll, Kristin Jaquith, Tom Rotz, Stan Kittelson, Todd Kuechle, Jeff Bullert  
Absent: Robert Krueger, Don Kotila, & Karen Peterson. Special Guest: Ariana Richardson. Guests: Jay Hoekstra

**Minutes:** The November minutes were reviewed. No changes reported. Tom motioned to accept, Stan 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

**Treasurer's Report:** Todd reported on 129 paid members which 9 were paid online. He received the \$10,142.37 check from Meeker County. Julene mentioned to Todd the bill she sent for \$165 for membership postage. Todd said he has it and will pay her. Motion by Tom to approve the treasurer's report and Stan 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All were in favor.

**Guest Speaker Ariana Richardson:** Julene invited Ariana about the County wide Decontamination Station. Ariana stated that it's looking very likely for a Portable Decon Unit. She will let us know in March when to schedule for this unit. Lake Minnibelle will get the Decon Unit 60% of the time. The county will run the program. Lake Stella and Washington will share the other 40%. She mentioned that Lake Manuela is connected to Lake Minnibelle. Julene asked for grant money for the Decon Unit staffing at \$18,000 for all 7 days a week or \$12,000 to \$13,000 for Monday through Thursday. Ariana said that the County will cover the cost of Level 1 and 2 staff on Friday through Sunday. Our LMBIA will pay for Monday thru Thursday. She said we should find out more by early March from the County.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Tom Rotz stated he has been trying to get a hold of Joe Norman. Julene suggest we should put a hold on of purchasing our own Decon Unit which was our original plan. Stan spoke up and said let us try the portable County Unit. All were in favor.

**Membership Drive/Dues:** Julene stated with membership at 129 and it was at 135 in January of 2020, maybe we should wait on a 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing on dues. All were in favor. Todd asked who will be checking off the paid members in the directory. Todd said he will contact Kristi Ties to handle the directory and check off the names.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Water Quality Report:** Stan contacted Limno-Pro and water sampling will cost only \$2200. This does not cover the cover divers and he will get back to them. Also he will check who Lake Washington hires for diving.

**Advertising for the Directory:** Jeff asked about doing the Directory advertising through Pay pal and credit card. His plans are to start next week. Motion was made to approve this proposal by Robert Krueger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd.

**MCAL Grants:** Kristen reported 2021 grant dollars of \$5000 and \$6500 from MCAL to be used for Zebra Mussel Education.

**Next Monthly Meeting & Adjournment:** Julene said the Bon-Fire has closed. We will meet on February 23rd via Zoom. Motion to adjourn was made by Julene and Tom so moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan.

**Respectfully Submitted: by Laurie Boll**