

**LMBIA July 14, 2020 MEETING MINUTES 7pm  
@ Bon-Fire Bar and Grill**

**The Meeting** was called to order by Chairperson Julene Schatz. Members present: Laurie Boll, Jeff Bullert, Robert Hantge, Kristin Jaquith, Todd Kuechle, Karen Peterson, Tom Rotz and Kristi Ties. Absent: Stan Kittelson, Don Kotila

**Minutes:** The June minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting by all. Corrections made and reprinted for the file. Julene asked for a motion to accept the corrected secretary's minutes, Karen so moved and 2nd by Todd. All were in favor of the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Todd gave the treasurer's report. No copy was handed out. He will have the report ready for the Annual meeting on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>. Bills he had were MCAL-\$20, Clark-\$3623.06. Kristin said some of the Clark bill will be covered by the grant. A copy of the bill will be sent to Adriana. Todd said two more membership dues came in the mail. Julene asked for a motion to approve and pay these bills for payment, Karen so moved and 2nd by Don.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**July Annual Meeting:** will be July 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at the Beckville Church picnic grounds. Outdoors do to social distancing. Bring your own chairs, no food and beverage, and get gift certificates was discussed. 2-\$25 Bon-Fire Bar & Grill and 2 Park View Bar & Grill gift certificates will be in the drawing in addition 2-\$25 CASH and two Lake Minnie-Belle

T-shirts by Jeff Bullert for the drawing. Julene will bring 2 tables and chairs.

Copies of 2019 Annual Minutes and Treasures report will be prepared by Kristi to hand out.

**Speakers:** Todd will explain to the members where their membership dollars are going.

Kristi will talk about the subject of the **Lock-Box** that was discussed at the 2019 Annual Meeting. She will cover what was discussed when she met with the Greenleaf township board in February 2020. Jeff brought up that we should address the **Projects** that we've been working on.

**Elections:** Terms up this year are: Don, Kristi, Robert H, and Karen. Karen is willing to serve and Robert Krueger has come forward to be on the ballot.

**Speakers and Sound** system will be picked up by Don Kotila from Wally Pikal's son.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MBO9 Project:** Karen has been working with the new owner, John Martin on the Chuck and Pam Anderson land. Karen wants someone one to go with her, John and Don to Meeker SWCD.

**Christensen Land Update:** Julene had contacted Vic by email concerning his decisions on his CRP reenrollment. She said no word from Vic since he met with the Meeker County FSA considering reenrolling in CRP.

**Grant Dollars:** Kristin mentioned that we have 1,000 grant dollars to use on AIS. Suggestions were to have a larger AIS sign on Beckville Church picnic grounds.

**In-Kind Hours:** Julene brought up the spreadsheet for tracking in-kind hours by date.

**Next Monthly Meeting:** will be August 25th the 4th Tuesday.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion request by Julene to adjourn and Kristi so move and 2nd by Todd.

**Respectfully Submitted: by Secretary Laurie.**

## 2020 ANNUAL LMBIA MEETING

Lake Minnie Belle Improvement Assoc. @ Beckville Church Picnic Grounds

Saturday July 18, 2020 @ 10:00 am

**WELCOME:** After everyone was registered and seated, Chairperson Julene Schatz welcomed about 50 people to the Annual LMBIA Meeting. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing the meeting was held at the Beckville Church Picnic Grounds. ,

**Annual Meeting:** Julene called the LMBIA Annual Meeting to order. Secretary's minutes from the July 20, 2019 Annual meeting were handed out to everyone as they arrived to review. Julene asked for a motion to approve the Secretary's report and LeRoy Affolter so moved and Steve Vasek 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Todd Kuechle explained the Treasure's report which was in the handout to all present. He explained that it appears that the dollar balance is up due to receiving grants for projects.

Expenses: AIS costs are up to treatment. Lake survey by Limno-Pro was \$7500. He stated that we currently have 179 paid memberships. Dues are \$125 (\$75 are dues and \$50 is specific to AIS account for future emergencies such a Starry – Stone Wort. Julene asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Pete Peterson so moved and Cheryl Kittelson 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

**Election of Board Members:** Kristi Ties and Robert Hantge terms have expired and they have chosen not to run for reelection. Both Don Kotila and Karen Peterson's term also have expired and they both have agreed to run again and be on the ballot. Robert Krueger has come forward to be on the ballot. Julene asked for nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received. The names on the verbal ballot were: Robert Krueger, Don Kotila, and Karen Peterson. Julene asked all in favor of unanimous vote for Robert Krueger, Don Kotila and Karen Peterson. All present agreed.

**AIS Activities:** Don Kotila explained that 10 Zebra Mussel traps are put out on the end of the docks around the lake each spring for members to monitor. Don said that Steve Stepien organizes the diving for Starry-Stone Wort. Treatment of Curly Pond weed is done in late May. Later a sonar check is performed for success of treatment. DNR is the one that determines where the 2.7 acres are to be treated. Native plants cannot be treated. Six acres of Eurasian Milfoil were treated in East Bay and in the Lagoon. Don asked for any questions from the floor. None were received.

**Boat Inspections:** Julene Schatz gave current the boat inspections report to control AIS 7 days per week, starting May 8<sup>th</sup> on fishing opener thru the present time in July. \$1,697 total boat inspections which 529 boat during the week and 1,168 on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Water Quality:** Stan Kittelson gave the Water Quality report. Stan said that when water quality readings were taken in May, the Secchi-disc reading was only 19

feet. The Limno-Pro Survey found 17 native grasses. This survey had not been done since the 1980s and should be done every 10 years. There were no questions from the floor.

**MB01 Project** report was given by Julene Schatz. She explained the dredging of the outlet. It took some time to get it done. Then there was the issue of the culvert under old Hwy 22. Then in December there was a collapsed culvert on the farmland. Come spring Rickert Excavating came to complete the project. Dan Barka, who farmed the land, completed the installation of the culvert.

**MB09 Project** report by Karen Peterson: This is an erosion issue south of the lake on John Peterson's land he purchased from the Andersons. She has contacted the Meeker Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to see that Steve Stepien had started to get a grant for this project. She said that (CRP) the Conservation Reserve Program is an option for the landowner. Karen said we are just in the start-up stages of this project. She asked for questions from the floor. None were received on this project.

Julene came to the floor to thank everyone for coming and asked if there were any questions: **West and East Landings** Rich Westlund's had a question about the Greenleaf township response to closing the landings. Kristi came forward since she attended the meeting to address the closing of the Greenleaf landings with the lock-box issue. She explained the landings will have the lockbox starting fishing opener till the end of September and then be open during the winter for ice fishing.

Then she read off the February minutes: *-(Kristi went to the December 10th Greenleaf township meeting to share with them the vote from the annual meeting. She told them that it was the position of the LMBIA members that the township should close the landings. She also shared with them that the current approach was to use a lockbox with a key for residents. The west landing has 8 users set up where there are primarily 3 that use it frequently. The east landing has 3 users set up with 1 primary user. There was a resident from the west landing present that the township asked what residents in that area would want. They did not want the landing to close. The township decided that they liked the current approach and wanted that to continue for future years. Kristi also told them that for the winter the chains would be taken down and reflectors added to both sides of the posts so snowmobilers would see them.)*

Another question from the floor came from LeRoy Affolter expressing his concern of the large trees on 612<sup>th</sup> Ave making visibility around the curve very dangerous

for walkers and traffic. He hopes the board can do something about this problem. Julene said she will talk to the township board.

Robert Jergens asked if the board would be having dumpster day in the future. Julene said it would not. It was expensive and people can bring items to the county dump themselves. Julene asked for any more questions. No more received.

**LMBIA Newsletters and Directory:** Julene thanked the Schmidtbauers for the printing of the newsletters & directory at no charge.

**Gift Certificate Door Prizes:** Jeff Bullert conducted the drawing via the computer membership sign-in when arriving. Drawing of 4-\$25 Gift Cards took place. Given were 2 each from the Bonfire & Parkview. 2-\$25 Cash prizes were given. 2 Lake Minniebelle T-shirts were also in the drawing.

**Adjournment:** Julene asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and LeRoy Affolter so moved and someone from the floor seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Boll

**Post LMBIA Board Meeting followed the Annual Meeting.**

Chairperson, Julene Schatz called the meeting to order. Absent were Tom Rotz, and Robert Hantge. Present: Laurie Boll, Julene Schatz, Jeff Bullert, Kristi Ties, Stan Kittelson, Todd Kuechle, Kristin Jaquith and Karen Peterson. Julene asked for nominations for Chairperson. No one came forward so Julene agreed to serve as Chairperson. Julene Schatz asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Kristin was nominated as Vice Chairperson and she accepted. Julene asked all in favor, all agreed for Kristin to be the newly elected Vice Chairperson.

Julene asked for nominations for Treasurer. Todd was asked by all present if he would take the treasurer's position again. He so agreed to remain as treasurer.

Laurie made a motion that Todd be the treasurer and Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

Julene asked Laurie if she would remain on as Secretary and she agreed. Julene made a motion that Laurie be the secretary and Karen 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Karen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd. Next LMBIA monthly meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Bon-Fire Bar and Grill.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Laurie Boll