

LMBIA September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes 7pm

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

Minutes: August meeting minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting by all and corrections were made. Motion was made to accept the secretary's minutes by Robert and 2nd by Kristi T. The 2019 Annual Minutes were reviewed by everyone prior to the meeting. Robert made a motion to approve the Annual minutes and it was 2nd by Karen.

Treasurer's Report Todd sent an email to the board members on what bills he had received and that need to be paid since he wasn't going to be present at the meeting. Todd has the final bill from the AIS inspector which was \$3,230 and \$300 to reimburse Steve Hatlestad for the DNR permit that we had to pay again for the MBO project dredging that he requests approval for payment. Tom sent two items also that need approval for payment: \$300.85 for the annual website & email expenses and \$667.76 for the landing rerouting, chains, posts, lockboxes, padlocks and reflectors, both bills totaling \$968.61 payable to Tom. Tom made a motion to approve in his email to pay all 4 bills submitted and it was 2nd by Karen.

OLD BUSINESS

MBO Dredging Project: Steve Hatlestad came to the board meeting and gave an update on the project. Three bids were received. The lowest bid was received of \$14,600 from Rickert Excavating. It is documented in February 2019 minutes that the board had approved a payment of \$13,500 for dredging back in March. This failed due to equipment going thru the ice and cattails. It's estimated that 800 cubic yards of spoil will now be removed and hauled to Reiner pit which is located east of MN highway 22. Steve H. said Rickert should be starting next week. Funds previously approved in the amount of \$5000 are available from MCAL after completion of this project. Tom informed everyone that this is the maximum amount from MCAL. The balance will be paid from LMBIA funds. A motion was made by Kristi to approve this \$14,600 to complete the dredging by Rickert Excavating and 2nd by Laurie. Julene asked all in favor, with no nays.

Committee Assignments & Updated job descriptions: Prior to the meeting, Kristi sent an email of the typed up current job descriptions provided by Kristin. Kristi printed her Excel spreadsheet she started for everyone to view. The board has many new members and there is a need for updated committees and job descriptions. At the meeting Kristi updated her Excel spreadsheet as everyone came forward to what duties they each volunteered for. Kristi will combine the two documents and bring the updated Excel spreadsheet to the next monthly

meeting. Karen did bring up the idea that in future we should move toward doing the directory/membership on the LMBIA website. There was discussion that there are still many lake members that don't use the website and like to have a hard copy in their boats.

Fall Newsletter: Julene and Kristin asked that all articles and pictures for the fall newsletter be sent to Kristin by October 7th. By the end of October the newsletter should be finalized to be mailed in November.

AIS & MCAL Grants: Kristin informed everyone that the AIS and MCAL grants applications for the 2020 year have to be in by October 17th. Tom and Kristin will work on the grants. AIS- Stan sent in his information for the board by email. RMB Labs have not computed the summer Lake Monitoring samples yet, but he should have the results at the October meeting. Limnopro has not sent the results of the Lake Survey yet, but he should have the results in October.

Butterfly Project: Stan reported that he had planned on cutting and kill some of the stumps sprouts on the Butterfly berm, but didn't make it. The leaves are turning. It can wait till spring. Josh Pomier from Pheasants Forever reported that the timeline is to mow and apply herbicide in September and in 2020 another herbicide and mowing application.

Emails to past board members: There was a lot of discussion as to who should be sent a copy of the email minutes after board meetings. Some past board members wish not to be informed anymore. It was decided by the board to keep Steve Stepien on the email list since he has been extensively involved in past and future projects and grant applications. If anyone else requests a copy from a current board member before it is posted on the website, then they can forward it to them.

Boat Inspection data: Kristi will gather the Bluetooth data on the landings till November 1st. She plans on attending the Greenleaf Township meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of November.

LMBIA Membership Dues: Discussion on where the dollars are coming from for the boat inspections. Some are thru grants from the county and the balance is paid by LMBIA funds. The number of inspection days and hours were increased considerably in 2019 compared to 2018. For 2020 the board can apply for up to \$12,500 from the county. Kristin said that Ariana Nicholson, the County AIS Coordinator informed her that we need to show what we do and should show that we do education of AIS in our application. Tom spoke up on the research he is working on. Decontamination Machine for the future at the public DNR access would be costly but very much needed. Considering these issues the board decided to raise the LMBIA dues. Robert made the motion to raise the annual membership dues to \$125 and 2nd by Laurie.

Adjournment: At 9:00 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Karen and 2nd by Robert.
September Minutes submitted by Laurie Boll