

LMBIA

March 19, 2019 meeting minutes

Meeting called to order by Steve Stepien. Members present: Steve Stepien, Steve Hatlestad, Kristi Ties, Tom Rotz, Stan Kittleson, Don Kotila, Todd Kuechle & Kristin Jaquith (Newsletter). Absent: Laurie Boll, Julene Schatz & Robert Hantge.

Minutes from previous February meeting reviewed and motioned to approve by Stan K, second by Steve H.

Treasurer's report submitted by Todd K. A spreadsheet was handed out. Noted not much changed in dollar amounts. Bills from previous meeting approved. New bills, \$200 membership due to MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates. Pay \$2000 to Gabrielson for the tree removal @ Bees & Butterfly's project. Steve H. will deliver the check. We received a reimbursement check for \$1000 from Meeker County for the tree cleanup. Update was given on deposits on membership and advertising. Update given on PayPal, set up as a not for profit to reduce our fees. A print out of paid members will be cross checked by Todd and Steve S. to make sure no one was missed for the Directory. Kristi T motioned to approve, Steve H second.

Updated on Old Business

-Bees & Butterfly's, Gabrielson removed one pile of the wood, they had to remove snow to access the wood. The remaining two piles will be done in the next few days. Steve H will pay Gabrielson, a check was presented to him tonight.

-Website, Kristi T –Adverting page done, wanted input on where to put it on the website. Was decided to be placed on the memberships tab. Will be live in 2-3 weeks. Online member ship is a 2 step process. Add a note to the website stating this, the message that is was successful is very short, some members had a few hiccups. She also posted on FB and on the Website about tonight's meeting change. Steve S would like to post a notification asking for people to sign up to be trained as volunteer boat inspectors. Training date will be available after we have people interested. An official notification on the training for inspectors will go out via email by Steve S. Kristi added Kristin J to the FB page to help post updates.

-Fundraising, Steve H- Advertiser's mostly done, 1-2 left to collect payment. Directory is about ready, just needs to be cross checked. Steve S will email a proof to the board for review. Asked for help taking over the Directory. There are 3 parts, Collecting and maintaining the database, advertisers/advertising, Memberships. Don K suggested making this a 3 person task. This needs to be brought up at a later meeting in the spring/summer to keep on the agenda and revisit closer to August. Steve S will delegate this out. Todd K noted, the database is a continually updated piece throughout the year, as people move in and out, so whomever takes this over needs to be able to update as needed.

-MBO update, Steve H- We had a problem, Rickert's skid steer broke through the ice on the swamp....he has given up for this year. Question remains, to wait and try again next year or move to Plan B. Steve S stated we have a backup plan to use the easement alongside the swamp. We have an open permit with the DNR that this would fall under. Plan B is to modify the permit to go along with the existing easements. Hoping to be done in 30-60 days. No cost is avail as of yet, going forward to get quotes. Steve H- the control structure piece, spoke with Ethan Jensen on this. Presented 3 proposals for the

type of control on the outlet. He will meet with “us” (Steve H, Steve S & Tom?) on Monday 3/25/19 @ his Hutchinson office. A flap structure was discussed as well as a design by? Fortune to put brackets with 4x4 aluminum tubes stacked, bid \$5900. Stan K suggested possibly taking an E Coli sample now if the water is running. It is not typical to do at this time of year, but possibly if we get a large rainfall. Don K offered to help with E Coli testing. Steve S will email on meeting with Ethan. Steve S also present the Original easements to Todd to be placed in our safety deposit box.

-Spring Newsletter, Kristin J asked for articles from each member at least one to be to her by Sunday March 24. Goal to get to Creative Graphics by April 1st. If each member could write something about what they are currently working on that would be great.

-Weed Survey-Stan K, Contract to do full survey at 2pts per acre. Limnopro will do 2 surveys at the original cost of \$2680. In June an AIS 1pt per acre survey and in Aug Aquatic species survey 2 pts per acre. Right on budget with bonus of extra survey. Funding approved by the County AIS grant.

-West Side Landing, Steve H, went to the Township meeting last week, they tabled the discussion until members had opportunity to do research. There was discussion on ownership of the Southside Dock & East Landing. It is listed as a county owned property, not sure “who” manages and cares for it, it is assumed the current land owners. County/Township in process of figuring out who will handle this. AIS taskforce approved of signage, the verbiage needs to be approved by them Steve S –The AIS taskforce will not side for or against the landing closures.

-Comprehensive Plan- Steve H met with Beckville 3 times. They agreed to a sign to be placed at their gate. The Sign states

Property of Beckville Church

Due to the threat of Aquatic Invasive Species this

Property is closed to shore

Fishing until further notice

3 signs proposed @ \$75 per sign 18”x24”. They will also be posting a “realtors box” on an entrance post with AIS posters inside for info and education. Steve S asked the board to buy the signs and posts, Stan Motioned for the 3 signs @ \$75 each for the Beckville grounds. Tom second the motion. Opposed by Don K, fishing is not the issue, it is the transfer of water from minnow buckets. Also wants to clarify that Beckville is 100% clear on the intent. Todd asked if anyone knew about a sign at the DNR dock entrance.

7 day per week inspections – Steve H & Steve S Initially we thought we could hire, however we must use the company through the county. The cost will be \$19 per hour for the 4 days not covered by the county. Don K asked for a motion on 7 day per week inspections. Steve H motioned for 7 day per week inspections @ the DNR landing, 4 Days paid by LMBIA, 3 Days paid by County. Second by Stan, Steve S asked for a roll call vote and all agreed Yes. It was agreed that we must cover peak hours and times to cover the max traffic times. At this point we will not set a budget, it will be monitored month to month to see what are high and low times, Steve S will schedule Inspectors based off his current knowledge of high need times. Meetings month to month will determine where to cut back or add time. Spring may be a high time. DNR coverage starts May 10- Labor Day Fri, Sat, Sun. A notice is needed for hiring inspectors, need to ask county to pad our hours to cover addition of the 4 days to their existing 3 at our

cost. Steve S will handle this. Lake Minniebelle would like to go forward with 7 day per week inspections, 8-10 hrs per day, adding 4 days to the existing 3 already agreed upon at our cost.

NEW BUSINESS

-Volunteer AIS inspector training is available. Steve S made a motion to hire an AIS Inspector and motioned to approve finding up to \$500 to train this inspector, he nominated Kristin J. to be the trainer, she is already taking the AIS classes. This is 100% reimbursable by the AIS grant. Motioned by Steve H, Second by multiple members.

-Annual Mtg will be July 20th @ 10am, Donuts/Rolls & Coffee will be served. Time for a Q & A & Elections. This will be put in the newsletter and directory.

-Replacement for Cliff, did anyone check the memberships to see if anyone volunteered to be on the board? Don suggested waiting until the annual meeting to hold a vote for replacement. Steve S stated with 3 missing members tonight we will not be electing tonight. Topic tabled until next meeting. Stan motioned to wait on selecting chair. Second by? (Sorry it went fast I missed it!) Tom motioned to adjourn, second by Stan.

March meeting minutes submitted by Kristin Jaquith, Newsletter