

LMBIA

February 25, 2020 meeting minutes(NO Meeting Dec 2019, Jan 2020)

Meeting called to order by Kristi Ties. Members present: Kristi Ties, Stan Kittleson, Don Kotila, Todd Kuechle, Jeff Bullert, Karen Peterson, Robert Hantge & Kristin Jaquith(taking Minutes for Laurie)
Absent: Laurie Boll, Julene Schatz & Tom Rotz Guests: Steve Stepien, Steve Hatlestad

Minutes from previous November meeting reviewed. Remove 2018 Grant approval and motioned to approve with modification. Todd will contact Paul Virnig to again request that 2018 Grant be reimbursed. Also would like to see county AIS minutes to prove they had approved our grant funding request and lost our receipts. Will follow up with an email to the County AIS task force. Suggestion made to request this be added to their agenda.

Treasurer's report submitted by Todd K. A spreadsheet was handed out. General Checking is up & AIS is down, this was due to Inspections for fall. *AIS Fund discrepancy, The money for inspections will be transferred out of general checking and refunded to AIS Funds; AIS funds are an emergency fund, and Inspections should be paid out of General fund, update at next meeting to show transfer* Update was given on deposits on membership and advertising. As of today, 144 members, at this time last year we had 149. We have 29 advertisers. Robert motioned to accept Treasurer's report, second by Karen.

Updated on Old Business

-Committee Assignments-Kristi. Asked for any changes to the document. Todd & Robert need to access it still, Kristi will follow up at next meeting.

-Membership Update-Kristi Database excel spreadsheet, Kristi is modifying to make more user friendly & maintainable. Additional mailings & calls to go out for second round of Dues. 44 contacts need to be made, Kristi suggested sending out a reminder mailer and follow up with phone calls. Julene/Kristi & Stan will do the mailing. Karen suggested we visit each board members "area" to connect with nonmembers. March meeting we will assign each member a list of nonmembers to contact. Also we need to keep track of payment dates, some members "always" pay at annual meeting.

-Directory Deadline notice. Will post on FB page-last call April. Post a FB message about membership as well.

-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.

-Steve H came to talk about Sucker Creek. We need to find out "who" is responsible for the land ownership. Township is denying ownership, we need to know legally who is responsible. Go to Soil &

Water for clarification, on the Llohtka/Township/DNR Who owns the culverts, how far etc. Kristin volunteered to try and connect with Soil & Water.

-Advertisers Update-Jeff. Asked board to review directory & find any connections board members may have. Asked Steve H for help with advertisers. We currently have 57 paid, 24 open and 5 no thank you. Jeff will email & link to the board, please reply all if you are contacting someone. Our Directory Deadline will be by March Meeting. Kristi would like to update the directory, what "info" do we want to include in it. Please bring ideas to March meeting. Examples, AIS page & information.

-Grant updates-Kristin. County AIS -2020 was awarded. 2019 is complete and waiting on payment/reimbursement. MCAL none this year. Steve S stated Lake Improvement grants are available through Soil & Water. We can also ask the Township to piggyback on projects. Karen asked Steve S if he could give a spreadsheet of available grant opportunities we had in the past for future references.

-Don asked about Lake mapping, do we have a contour map etc? No we do not at this time.

-Robert made copies and laminated forms for all members of the Limnopro survey. Thank you Robert! Kristi requested we keep a PDF on file for future references. Stan stated Limnopro did a great job. We will have a Clarke survey this year, the last one was in 2004. Kristi asked what we can highlight from the survey to report back to members. Karen also stated we need to report what is being done shows good news for our lake health.

NEW BUSINESS

-Christiansen land CRP contact. Kristi asked Julene for update from them, nothing new since first email. Correspondence with them again at next meeting or in April. Tabled for March and more information.

-AIS-In our grant we are receiving funds for training. Kristin suggested we look for AIS training we can apply for from MAISRC. An AIS Detectors training is a possibility, but does everyone need this type of training? Kristin will email MAISRC.

-Plans for weed treatments for 2020. Don will look for guidance from Steve S on contacting Clarke and getting this set up. When the Ice goes out we need to email a request for treatment. We survey and then treat. Don will follow up with Steve S to get this set up. Stan asked who gets the current emails, and make sure a current board member is a contact. Also how do we find out who privately pays to treat, Clarke should be able to tell us.

-Inspections-We are approved from \$6500 in our grant for 2020. Last year we spent \$11761.00. We had 11 days in May, 16 June, 18 July & 16 Aug. Our billing for 2020 will go up, they switched providers for inspections. In 2019 \$ 19 hr, 2020 will be about \$22 hr. -Steve S with the new company we may be able to change our hours, and reassess what are the "high risk" times we want inspections. Don asked if we know who is scheduling our inspectors and who do we contact for this? Todd asked if the new company knows we may want to change the hours for inspection of weekdays. We will look to Steve S for input on this.

-Zebra Mussel Traps-Don has them He did them last year and will again this year. Cliff may also want to help, so Don will contact him. Don will strategically place the traps this year, a slightly different pattern than past. 4 by public landing, close to the east west landings, 2/3 in lagoon area. Don and Steve will Plan strategically.

-Spring Newsletter-Limnopro Survey results-summary for members to highlight. Info on Decon stations- look to Tom for info he gathered. Also look into what the DNR is doing for lakes with Starrystonewort.

Karen motioned to adjourn, followed by Stan.

February meeting minutes submitted by Kristin Jaquith, Newsletter