

LMBIA August 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes 7pm

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

Minutes: July meeting minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting by all. Motion was made to accept the secretary's minutes by Karen and 2nd by Tom.

Treasurer's Report was handed out by Todd to be reviewed by all. He first mentioned that the Beckville Lutheran Church sent back the \$100 that was sent to them for the use of the Beckville Church Picnic grounds in turn for their LMBIA membership dues. Karen spoke up and shared her experiences on other boards that she has served on that we have to be careful when it comes to auditing the Treasure's record. Then Todd explained that someone was forgiven the \$100 membership cost due to health reasons this year. Also he stated that Schmidtbauers receive free membership dues because they donate the printing of the LMBIA newsletters and LMBIA directory free of charge. A motion was made by Laurie to return the \$100 to the Beckville Church and they not be charged for LMBIA membership in the future and it was 2nd by Stan. Don brought up that we should always check that yes in the directory if they have paid their dues. Todd said numerous reminder letters go out to the unpaid members prior to the printing of the LMBIA directory in the spring. So this is being done if their dues are paid. He also said that two membership dues were paid at the Annual meeting. He said years ago owners were used to paying at that time. Todd asked who was in charge of the data base. Todd said he will be going back to check the report totals on a yearly bases and not by the annual meeting to annual meeting as it was in the past. Stan made a motion to approve the treasure's report and it was 2nd by Laurie.

Vice Chairperson Position: Julene asked if anyone would like to come forward to serve as Vice-Chair of the board. Kristi came forward with no other nominations received. Karen made the motion to accept to elect Kristi. Julene asked, all in favor, with no nays.

OLD BUSINESS

Julene explained she sent out the LMBIA by-Laws.

Kristi asked for the updated committee duties. We need person for ads and membership. Stan came forward and asked others to help with duties. Kristi's suggestions were to ask persons what they have interests in. We have a starting point to have a "Lead Person". Todd said now is a good time. Karen gave examples: Reorganizing Job Descriptions: Kristin said she will send out the Job Descriptions. Motion was made by Karen to have a plan and contact Kristi to what needs to be filled and motion was seconded by Tom.

MCAL-Tom said there is a grant that needs to be worked on. Kristin came forward to help write the grants. We need to be in contact with Steve Stepien about these grants.

MBO Outlet dredging report by Julene. She sent out info prior to the meeting. Julene stated that we need to get the dredging done soon. Permits have been approved for the “dredging” and not a “tile” like recommended by Whitcomb Excavating. Stan explained that this is what was suggested in the past and the dredging that was done in the 70s has lasted a long time. Julene explained the permit is good till 12/31/21 to do the dredge. Julene explained the action plan and what was done in 2017. Stan said the original plan was to go thru the cattails and Stan also said we should contact Steve Hatlestad to see if he is willing to get the bids for the MBO project. Stan said Steve H. has the history on this project. Julene said would take over this project and contact Steve H. Don Kotila mentioned that we should not even address the tile proposal. Stan and Karen said that the DNR won’t approve a tile.

AIS- Stan said Clark Survey did a good job on the AIS kill. Limnopro Aquatic Survey is being done this week of August 26th. A grant for the Limnopro survey needs to be verified. Stan said he will call Steve Stepien about the grant on the cost. Stan explained to the board the water quality samples yet to be taken.

Landings-Kristi talked to the Greenleaf Township board about “closing” the east landing. The township board’s response was to go ahead and do the same as the west landing. A blue-tooth lock box and chain will be installed. The 2 lake owners living nearby will be contacted. There was discussion on the east and west landings. Karen spoke up on her concerns as to what was in the motion at the Annual meeting in July. Todd spoke up to explain the risk factors as to how the public sees this issue. Kristi agreed to go back and attend the next Greenleaf Township board to ask to close both landings. Don spoke up and does not want the west landing permanently “closed”. There was a lot of discussion amongst the board members. Kristin J. said the chain/lock on the west landing is already serving the purpose. Todd asked that for clarification we should use “closed” or “restricted”. Karen made a motion that we keep the east and west landings “chained” with “signage” and posted signs to use the DNR access. And that Kristi will keep data on the use of these landings with blue-tooth and lock-box and obtain data for the next annual meeting. Stan 2nd the motion. Julene asked all were in favor and no “nays”.

Starry Stone Wart- Don K. gave his report that he, Kristin and her son were among some of the people that went to area lakes to check for starry stone wart. Lakes inspected were, Round, Manuela, Stella, Erie, Greenleaf, Francis, and Washington. He said none was found.

There was discussion on boat inspections. Todd is going to check with Steve Stepien as to when we could stop inspections. We may be in a contract till the end of September.

DNR Open House-Kristin J. has emailed her notes to the board members. She explained that the open house was more having the people in attendance asking questions and not DNR presenting a program. There was a DNR lady there that was a lobbyist and stressed that education is important. Kristin also mentioned the washing/decontamination stations are being used and that there may be grants to apply for this and to push education on AIS.

Fall Newsletter- Julene asked everyone to get any articles to Kristin by the September board meeting.

Adjournment: At 9:15 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Tom and 2nd by Karen.

August Minutes submitted by Laurie Boll