

**LMBIA MARCH 31, 2020 MEETING MINUTES 7pm
VIA WEB CONFERENCE**

Due to the Coronavirus and Governor's executive order temporarily closing the Bonfire and the need for social distancing the March meeting is held virtually using the web.

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

Minutes: The February minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting by all. A motion was made to accept the secretary's minutes by Robert and 2nd by Kristi.

Treasurer's Report: Todd did not have a formal report ready. The one bill Todd presented for payment was \$663.75 for the cleanout of the MBO Outlet Project from Rickert Excavating. Julene asked for a motion to pay this bill and Laurie so moved and 2nd by Stan.

Membership Dues & Advertisers Received: Todd reported that he has received about an additional 20 membership dues in the mail since the 2nd reminder was sent. Two members did pay their membership dues online. Todd said he received one letter from a home owner of a back lot upset about the increase to \$125 and then not being able to use the west landing access. Don Kotila said he will try to contact this person. He also said four businesses have sent in their checks to advertise in the directory. The Meeker County sent the \$11,195 grant check toward \$8000 Eurasian Milfoil treatment, \$3000 AIS detection and \$195 for AIS training.

Directory Advertisers: Jeff reported that he still has not heard from about 17 advertisers that did advertise last year. Kristi offered to contact Back Yard Reflections, Dick Burgart from the Bonfire, Weed Puller and Clark.

Sucker Creek Update: Kristen said she tried to contact the Soil & Water office for clarification, on the Llohtka/Township/DNR on who owns the culverts in sucker creek. She was unable due to the office was closed due to the coronavirus.

Christensen Land Update: Todd and Laurie have not contacted Vic Christensen to date. Julene wants us to reach out to Vic.

Clark Weed Treatment: Don has been in contact with Clark and they are considered an essential business and they will be coming out to the lake as they have in the past as soon as the ice is out.

Inspections/Any Updates from Steve Stepien: Don said he has spoken to Steve and he had not heard from the new company. We will be discussing this in April.

Newsletter/Articles/Due date: Don will write about Zebra Mussel Traps, Julene on Sucker Creek, Stan on the Limnopro Survey, Tom will do an article on a Decontamination machine. And a deadline was set for April 15th to get articles to Kristen so she can complete the Spring/Summer Newsletter.

New Business: Kristi brought up the topic of the directory and newsletter cost. There was discussion specifically to offer to pay for some or all of the expense for the printing of the newsletter and directory to Creative Graphics since they are likely feeling the pain of a drop in business due to the COVID-19 virus. Robert brought up the issued that our income may be down due to the directory advertising. Todd thinks membership may be about the same as last year. Kristi made a motion that she will contact them to find out what their cost is and if they need some reimbursement costs, then she will get back to the board via email for a decision. Karen 2nd the motion.

Web service was disconnected just as Julene informed everyone that there will be two virtual meetings in April using the web back to back at 7:00 and 7:45pm

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Julene via text message and 2nd by Laurie

Respectfully Submitted: by Laurie.