

LMBIA
February 26th, 2019 meeting minutes

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

Minutes from January board meeting reviewed prior to meeting. Motion to approve the corrected minutes made by Steve S , second by Tom .

Treasurer's report submitted by Todd. One additional expense submitted by Steve S. for postage to mail out reminder letters for \$55. Part of the treasurer's report included an update on the membership and advertising recap. One member had used the paypal option on online but it did not carry over. Kristi will reach out via the web page. Motion to accept report made by Stan and 2nd by Robert.

Ethan Jenzen, DNR hydrologist spoke to the group about MBO phases I & II. Several different options are being studied at this time but he would like additional time to present his options in writing and bring them back to board for review. He felt 1 month would be adequate time and would get these recommendations to the board when completed. The board thanked him for his time and the valuable input and look forward to the written recommendations.

Handout on Robert's Rules of order for running a meeting were passed out. Board members had also received an email with meeting Etiquette and ground rules to review prior to the meeting. Don made a motion with Robert 2nd to discuss. Both sets of guidelines were discussed and a motion to run the meetings using both guidelines was made by Don and 2nd by Todd.

Old Business

Update on the Bee's and Butterflies project : previous January minutes were amended via an email vote to hire Gabrielson Tree Service to collect and remove 3 brush piles for a cost of \$2,000. Motion had been made by Steve H. with Steve S. 2nd. Motion carried with all members voting for. Hopefully, this will be carried out within the next couple of weeks.

Steve S. discussed the grant request from BWSR. Last year we requested \$5,000 for AIS. Steve will follow through on the grant request process.

Steve H. reported on Fundraising. All 62 directory add's have been paid. We will have a new layout in the directory. Membership update had been included in the treasurer's report . As of 2/26/19 we have 151 paid members. Reminder letters were mailed out to those who have not paid for this year's membership.

MBO Phases I & II were discussed. Phase I project is ready to be done. Permits and all requirements are completed. Due to the delay in getting the contractor to start the project now, Steve H. contacted 5 addition contractors to submit a bid. None were able to do the project. Steve did contact the original contractor, Rickert Excavating and they will be able to do the project starting on March 11th. Discussion was held as to the necessity of increasing the dimensions of dredging to make this project successful for the future. Additional funds would be needed to make sure of success. Motion by Julene and 2nd by Kristi to authorize payment increase to up to \$13,500 to dredge an area 8' wide and 3' deep. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the MBO Phase II project. Steve S. was ready to pull the necessary permits for this project when it was discovered that the \$40,000.00 cost was an early estimate and that several other governing bodies will need input into this project. We will wait to proceed until we are able to get reports from the Crow River Watershed, soil and water board as well as the report from Ethan Jenzen DNR hydrologist. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Kristin asked for input on the spring newsletter. Plans are for updates on board members job descriptions, MBO project updates, as will as the macrophyte study update. Stan will take the lead on the macrophyte study. Steve S. will submit educational information on AIS. It would also be nice to get some human interest stories on the amount of ice and the swans that have been spotted on the lake prior to ice over. It was decided to try to get the newsletter out for the month of April.

Stan updated the board on the macrophyte study. We would like to again do a whole lake study. Motion by Steve H. with Tom 2nd to do a 2 points per acre survey by Limnopro allowing up to \$3,000. which would be covered by our AIS grant. Motion carried.

Steve S. had submitted via email to board members a comprehensive AIS plan for the 2019 boating season for review prior to the meeting. This is in draft form at this time.

As part of the comprehensive plan, discussion was held on options for closing the west side landing. Final motion made by Kristi and 2nd by Tom to close the west side landing from April 1st to Nov. 1st to trailered watercraft to the main DNR landing when there are AIS inspectors, unless you are a member of LMBIA association and have had AIS training until a reasonable AIS solution has been found. Unanimous vote in favor. This will be the recommendation to the Township board at there next monthly meeting. Steve H. will be the board representative for this meeting.

Other items on the comprehensive plan were discussed. Steve H. made a motion, Robert 2nd, to restrict boat landings on the east side, place signage on all access points (AMA fishing pier, south and east side landings) have 7 day a week AIS inspections and request closing the Beckville church property to shore fishing. Lots of good discussion followed. It was felt that this motion encompassed several different components and that more information was needed. Motion to table the motion to a later date was made by Steve S. 2nd by Stan. Motion carried.

Update on on licensed service providers (LSP) that service our lake show that they have had the appropriate training for staff for removing lake equipment. Kristi brought up the fact they have used divers and this will be investigated to make sure that they have had the appropriate training as well.

Discussion was held as to moving the March meeting date as several board members will be out of town. It was decided to move the March meeting to the 19th at 7:00 pm.

Cliff Willhite announced that he would be resigning from the lake board effective at the end of meeting. We thank Cliff for his years of service to the lake board and invite him back to the meetings as an advisor at any time. We will need to appoint a new chairman at the next meeting and discuss a replacement.

Motion to adjourn was made by Stan, 2nd by Robert.

February meetings submitted by Julene Schatz, acting secretary