

## LMBIA BOARD MEETING January 16, 2018

**Members Present:** Tom Hess, Cliff Willhite, Laurie Boll, Robert Hantge, Steve Hatlestad, Stan Kittelson, Todd Kuechle, Julene Schatz, Steve Stepien, Kristi Ties. Absent: Linda Larson. Lake owners visiting were Tom and Sharon Rotz.

**President Tom Hess called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.**

**November 2017 Secretary Minutes** were previously read by all with corrections made. Tom asked for a motion to accept the Secretary's report and Cliff so moved and Robert seconded it.

**Todd Kuechle gave the Treasurer's report.** Todd handed out both the December and January Treasurer's Reports to everyone to review. Todd reported that he opened the checking account for AIS funds previously approved at the November 2017 board meeting. He also mentioned that Center National Bank does not require three signatures on the accounts. The board agreed unanimously that Todd Kuechle and Laurie Boll will be the two designated signers on the accounts at Center National Bank.

**Outstanding Bills** we received. Kristi brought up the cost of \$49 for approval for the LMBIA email web site. Steve S. had the \$570 bill for the AIS dive at the DNR public access back on September 2017. This AIS bill will be reimbursed by the county. Steve also submitted a bill of \$257.30 for Ramsey Printing, Post Office, and for paper. And he had a \$49 bill for the LMBIA Advertiser mailing. Tom asked for a motion to approve the outstanding bills and Kristi's proposed \$49 email web site cost and the treasurer's report and Steve H. so moved and Cliff 2nd it.

**Official LMBIA Board Member Appointment:** Julene Schatz has come forward to fill in as board member vacated by Tim Plehal.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Former Anderson 16 acres Clean-Up and Reestablishment of cover (New name: "The Butterfly Project"): Board has to come up with about \$2000 and MCAL grant will reimburse \$1000 toward project. Tom has contacted Josh from Pheasant Forever at the SWCD office on the timeline for the project:

#1. **Get bids for the June 2018** removal of volunteer trees. Hire someone to till the soil, chemical/herbicide treatment for weevils, volunteer weeds and knapweed.  
#2. **Spring/Summer of 2019** hire someone to seed the native grasses and forbs, do a mowing and removal of grasses in the boot stage in mid-summer. Tom mentioned nearby Dan Barka would possibly do the mowing.

#3 **Maintenance of Cover in 2020** and beyond when needed: Tom mentioned the name Tim Barberger a habitat consultant for Maximized Habitat could possibly be hired to do maintenance work.

**West Boat Landing:** The Greenleaf Township board agreed that the west township landing access can be closed on weekends and holidays. We as a board need to install a gate and sign. Stan and Cliff volunteered into getting the gate and sign.

**MBO Project cattail dredging:** LMBIA is asking for a grant for \$5000 from Greenleaf Township and Meeker SWCD for the dredging. Tom, Steve S, Todd and Laurie will contact with Vic Christensen, son of Teodes Kathryn Christensen and with William Dolan our attorney to draw up a “Release / Non Liability Agreement” to be able to dredge out these cattails.

**AIS Meetings:** Tom mentioned the up-coming AIS meeting, the Aquatic Invasive Species Summit III on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> thru March 1<sup>st</sup>. Tom asked if there were any other volunteers to go. Steve Stepien will be attending the conference. .

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**AIS Fund Raising/Pull tabs:** Tom will talk to Dick Burgart if they are willing to have pull tabs at their establishment for AIS fund raising. Todd will check with Sheldon Wallmow who takes care of pull tabs at the Legion to what is involved.

### **Grants, DNR, County AIS and MCAL:**

Tom and Steve are working on funding of grants from DNR and MCAL for AIS. We have received a \$12,000 AIS grant from the County, a \$5000 from MCAL .

### **LMBIA Board Positions and Duties Implement Book:**

Tom brought up the need for a LMBIA Guide Book. This would be a guideline to describe the duties of each board member’s position. The need is there because it would help new elected members know what the duties of each position are. Tom asked everyone to bring a description of their position for this Guide Book.

**Public Landings Boat Inspections** are the County’s Responsibilities, which include checking for zebra mussels, water-quall sampling, diver at public landing.

**New Position on Board:** Tom sees a need to create a new “**Government Affairs Position**” which would be someone to interface with township and county.

**Spring LMBIA Newsletter** is planned for MAY. Topics to mention should be the Butterfly Project, the Gates at the West Township landing. New board members needed for terms up for Tom Hess, Stan Kittelson, Laurie Boll, & Julene Schatz.

**At the February 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting the DNR Fisheries will discuss the Northern Pike slot limit size. Meeting will start at 7:00 PM.**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Tom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Julene seconded it.

January Minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Boll.

