

**LMBIA April 28, 2020 MEETING MINUTES 7pm
VIA WEB CONFERENCE**

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 March minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting by all. A motion was made to accept the secretary's minutes by Robert and 2nd by Tom

Treasurer's Report: Todd gave treasurers report. The bills Todd presented for payment were:
MN Lakes Rivers & Advocates yearly membership \$200
Kristi Ties \$149.39 for membership mailings (envelopes, postage, copies, etc.)
Jeff Bullert \$10 for LMBIA shirt "ice out" giveaway, Jeff gave at his cost.
Center Bank Safety Deposit Box rent \$15
USPS PO box yearly rent \$74

Membership update: Todd also gave a membership update as of 04/28/2020 we have 172 paid members totaling \$24,939.10. Last year we had a total of 188 paid members.
Also Todd reported, as of 04/28/2020 we have 36 paid **Advertisers** totaling \$2975
Julene asked for a motion to pay these bills and approve the treasurers report and Karen so moved and 2nd by Kristi.

Directory Advertisers: Jeff gave a report that all advertisers have paid with the exception he is waiting to hear from Port-A-Dock and Clark. Julene asked for a May 1st deadline of the Membership count for the Directory and work with Kristin. She is still looking for pictures for the directory. April 29th deadline was set to get all pictures to Kristin. Todd said we should shoot for 190 directories to be printed. LMBIA paid membership is required to receive a Directory.

Sucker Creek Update: Ethan Jensen from the DNR was contacted by his cell phone since the DNR has been shut down. Ethan gave the go ahead to remove the old culvert and replace the new one in Sucker Creek. Jay Rickert Construction will be able to do this within the week. The new culvert has been delivered. LMBIA will be paying for the culvert and Rickert Construction. Greenleaf Township was responsible for old Hwy 22 work. Dan Barka, who rents the land will install the new culvert.

Christensen Land Update: Todd said he will call Vic Christensen. Kristi said she will give Vic a call because she originally set April for a deadline to meet with him.

Clark Weed Treatment: Clark Contract was sent to Don Kotila for signature and returned. Clark has sent back the report and there are three areas of Curly Leaf Pond weed. Don stated that Clark will come back to survey for Eurasian milfoil. Curly Leaf needs to be treated before July 4th. As of now DNR is not working and they make the decision when and what to treat. Julene stated that Governor Walz will have DNR working. She also said that at the May LMBIA meeting we will make the decision on the 16 acres of Milfoil treatment.

Inspections/Don: Julene asked Don about the training for AIS. Don said there are 15 inspectors lined up for Meeker County. Hope to have training done before fishing opener.

MCAL: Tom said that MCAL has not had a meeting since January. He said Kim Kepel is the secretary for MCAL and she sends out the emails for these meetings. It may not be till July. Tom said Mud Lake is using the Weed Harvester.

Newsletter/Articles/Due date: Kristen said the Spring/Summer Newsletter is ready to come back for editing. The "Opt Out" for weed treatment insert letter will be included in the newsletter.

New Business

Ditch Cleanup: Don is uncertain when Ditch cleanup will be done due to COVID. He will keep in touch with everyone thru email.

Elections: Terms up this year are: Don, Kristi, Robert, and Karen. Karen is willing to serve again. Kristi and Robert will not be able to serve. Don has not decided.

West and East Landings: Kristi said the west & east landings will have chains up and anyone using these landings will be redirected to the DNR landing. Greenleaf Township has agreed. Kristi has the keys for the east and Don has the keys for the west. Chains will be up for fishing opener.

May Meeting Online: There will be a Zoom meeting on May 26th. There will be two virtual meetings in May using the web back to back at 7:00 and 7:45pm.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Stan and 2nd by Karen

Respectfully Submitted: by Laurie.