

LMBIA BOARD MEETING March 20, 2018

Members Present: Tom Hess, Cliff Willhite, Laurie Boll, Robert Hantge, Stan Kittelson, Steve Stepien, Steve Hatlestad, Linda Larson and Julene Schatz
Absent: Todd Kuecle and Kristi Ties.

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

February 20, 2018 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 Linda seconded it.

Treasurer's report: Todd was absent so no report was given. Bill of \$419.26 was turned in by Steve Stepien for his costs for attending the AIS Summit III Conference on Feb. 28th thru March 1st. Tom asked for a motion to approve this bill and Stan K. so moved and Steve H. 2nd seconded it.

OLD BUSINESS

MBO – DNR is requiring a new permit for the MBO dredging project. We will miss our window of opportunity to complete the project this year so it must be postponed till 2019. Legal documents with Vic Christensen have been drafted and sent for review and signing.

Gate for the West Greenleaf Township Boat Landing will be taken care of by Cliff and Stan. They are getting a "Closed Sign" made, purchasing a chain and installing posts with an estimated cost of \$135. Tom asked for motion to approve this cost and Steve H. so moved and Julene seconded it.

Web Site Suggestions for Kristi were that we should include Lake Minnie Belle Lake # assigned by DNR. A list of the LMBIA Board Members and their E-mails. Also inform the change of the monthly board meeting time change from 7:30 to 7:00 PM.

Membership and Advertising in Directory report was explained by Steve S. and Steve H. Steve S handed out the chart to everyone to compare from past years. The number of members is down from last year but it's early and a lot of members are not back from down south and also pay at the Annual Meeting. The dollar total is up due to the \$100 per member dues. Steve H. stated that Advertising for the Directory is up considerably at \$4660. Advertising is complete for the directory. Laurie brought up that lake member Jeff Bullert had contacted her and is willing to help the board get set up with members being able to pay membership dues by

credit card. She contacted Todd by phone prior to the meeting on this. The board will check with Todd at the next meeting.

AIS Contributions: There was some discussion on what we as a board would do if we get Starry Stonewort. The cost would be in the 6 figures. There needs to be early detection and be prepared to treat with herbicide treatment cocktail from DNR. Other concerns brought up were Zebra Mussels. Education is needed for our members and the public that use public waters.

AIS Summit III Report was given by Steve S. Don Shelby was a guest speaker. He spoke about the theme into the future “Self-grounding Groups”. **Stan** brought up about his water sampling that he sends in that why couldn’t R&B test for Zebra Mussels. Board thought that would be a good idea and Stan said he would check. **Steve S. said a Video** tape of the AIS Conference will be available to view.

Butterfly Project is on schedule as stated in the previous January minutes.

Guide Book and “**Government Affairs**” position was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Proactive Response is needed to be ready to respond within 7 to 10 days if need be to treat Starry Stonewort and Zebra Mussels. **Cliff brought up that the Zebra Indicators** will go out as soon as the ice is out and docks are out in the water.

Summer 2018 AIS weed control plan with Clark: Tom will be talking to Clark on AIS weed plan treating 25.5 littoral acres minus acres previously approved by DNR from private landowners.

Spring Newsletter needs to have an “**Opt out AIS Notification**” if a lake owner wishes not to have AIS treatment in front of their property. Stan brought up that a “Post Intercept Survey” of ALL the weeds in the lake is needed. Tom will talk to Rob Olson about the native species.

Newsletter Editor: Marilyn Buboltz is asking for a new newsletter editor to replace her. Steve H. thought it should be a board member or some talented person. Deadline for anything to put in the newsletter needs to get to Steve S. by April 15th for a May 1st mailing.

Beckville Church Landing Inspections: Suggestions were given to have handout at the landing for the fishermen. Steve S. thought it would be good to have a Meeker County deputy come out and patrol the lagoon. For the DNR boat landing there is a "Boat Inspection Contract" in place with Anchor Dock and AIS for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Steve S. will do Thursday boat inspections.

Spring Roadside Cleanup will be taken care of by Stan, Linda and Laurie.

Annual Meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday which is July 21st with again Pork Chops furnished by B&B Sports. Steve S. said he will check if Jeff Forester will be the guest speaker.

Board Members Terms are up for Tom, Stan, Laurie and Julene. Tom reminded everyone that he will not rerun but will help as an advisor.

Board Sponsored 4th of July Fireworks: There was discussion to have a 4th of July Fireworks. No definite date has been set since the 4th lands on Wednesday. A possible site is at the Beckville Church grounds. No LMBIA funds will be used. A request for donations we be in the spring newsletter. Julene made a motion to move to proceed into locating a site and asking for donations. Robert seconded it. It was voted unanimously to go forward on searching for a site for the Fireworks.

Beaver Trapper Jon Peterson is available year around. It was suggested that he should have an ad in the directory and the newsletter

Monthly Meeting Time Changed from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Tom asked for a motion to approve the time change and Julene so moved and Robert 2nd it.

ADJOURNMENT: Tom asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cliff made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Stan seconded it.

March Minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Boll.