

**DATE:** September 15, 2023

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Gary Goeman Home

**PRESENT:** Gary Goeman, Lynn Smith, Kim Vele, Winnie May, Julie Janquart

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**I. Agenda Approval**

The meeting was opened by Gary Goeman at 9:01 am. After a brief review, Kim Vele made a motion to approve the agenda as written which was seconded by Lynn Smith and carried unanimously.

**II. Secretary Report**

**A. 8-4-23 Meeting Minutes Review / Approval**

Having received the minutes electronically and there being no questions or corrections, Julie Janquart made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Gary Goeman and approved unanimously.

**B. 6-9-23 Meeting Minutes Review / Approval**

Having received these minutes electronically prior to the 8-4-23 meeting and not addressed at that meeting, Secretary Julie Janquart requested approval of these minutes which was made by Lynn Smith, seconded by Gary Goeman, and carried by unanimous vote.

**III. Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Lynn Smith expressed concern that she had reached out to KME Accounting by phone several times to inquire about the completion of LMA taxes and had not received any follow up call or completed documents. Gary Goeman responded, indicating he would follow up with Mr. Elam on the next business day to learn of its status and/or acquire the completed paperwork.

**A. Accounts / Financial Update**

Lynn Smith distributed account spreadsheets for review. With there being no questions or comments, Julie Janquart made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as written, which was seconded by Kim Vele and carried unanimously.

**IV. New Members (Smith/Janquart)**

Julie Janquart and Lynn Smith reported a total of 224 members including individuals and businesses. Lynn Smith then asked that there be some minor changes to the 2024 membership form. She then suggested that Julie bring copies of the 2023 form to the next meeting at which time the form would be modified by the board. Julie then volunteered to complete edit and print the document for the 2024 membership drive in January.

**V. Weeds-n-Walleye Update (Bauer)**

Michelle Bauer updated the board on detailed planning for the banquet, explaining that she felt everything has moved along very well with there being lots of donations for the ticket raffle, live/ silent auctions as well as 8 \$1,000 table and 2 \$500 Bullhead donors. She indicated that with such a strong response, there will be no expenses for fundraising. With board members volunteering help, Michelle explained that she has friends with fundraising experience and felt she has a handle on things but would ask if help was needed. She was particularly pleased to have 30 online responses to the invite with payments made electronically.

**VI. Donations Requests Updates (Goeman)**

**A. County Campground Boat Launch Project (Tabled from last meeting)**

Gary Goeman informed the board that LMA received a letter from Travis Wollenberg that indicated the project estimated cost is currently at \$27,500. He explained that the county will be writing a grant for DNR funding but after grant sharing is complete the county still needs an additional \$13,750 in donation and thus far have no other confirmed donors. Goeman explained that with the current point in the year the project will be delayed until next spring giving LMA more time to decide the amount LMA can afford to donate.

**B. City Beach Lions Club Pavilion Project (Tabled from last meeting)**

Gary Goeman updated the board regarding the cost of the Pavilion project as being \$32,000 with work beginning on October 4, 2023 with Flannery doing the work. The Lion's Club is donating half of the total cost with the city of Crandon, Potawatomi and LMA each donating \$5,000 for the project.

**VII. Committee Reports**

**A. Aquatic Weeds & AIS (Vele)**

**1. Grant Application Update**

Julie Janquart informed Kim Vele, the new board representative to the Aquatic Plant & AIS Committee

representative and other board members that after being advised by Eddie Heath, Onterra, Grant Reed completed the process of attaining letters of support from key stakeholders to submit with the grant application. Kim indicated that she would reach out to Grant after this meeting to establish a direct line of communication as the new board representative.

**B. Fisheries & Habitat (Janquart)**

**1. Bullhead Reduction Project Summary**

Julie Janquart summarized the completed project including the following details: 41 volunteer application forms submitted, 36 individual drop-offs at the collection site operated for six Saturdays, 20 raffle prizes awarded to participants which included purchased and donated coupons and gift cards from Palubicki's Eats and Treats, Schaefer's IGA and Tamarack Outfitters and an expense total of \$650.00. She then indicated that a more detailed summary would be completed and available to the public on our website under the Fisheries and Habitat Committee.

**C. Outreach (Goeman / May)**

**1. 2023 Membership Project Summary**

The efforts for this year did result in an increase of approximately 15 additional memberships. Gary Goeman then indicated that more focus will be on business memberships next year and that with the new business web page formatted now, it will enable him and other volunteers to show business now their advertising would be posted.

**2. Constant Contact Update** (*Tabled from earlier meeting, was this discussed at last meeting*)

With Mark Truymen not in attendance and information unavailable this topic was tabled again to the next meeting.

**VIII. Art-in-the-Square Booth Planning (Goeman)**

Gary Goeman asked if any board members would be available to work at the booth with Chris Ebben who will be selling apparel to which board members each indicated unavailability. He then indicated that he would check with a few others and he and either Mark Truymen or his son-in-law would do the set up and take down.

**IX. Ad-Hoc Committee / Explore Annual Meeting Date Change (Goeman)**

With Mark Truymen not in attendance this decision was tabled to the next meeting.

**X. Newsletter Articles / Deadline 10-15-23 (May)**

With the deadline for articles established as October 15, 2023, Julie Janquart indicated that she would have articles for the bullhead project and hopefully results of the fall Walleye Survey. It was suggested that another article be written regarding the Weeds-n-Walleye banquet and possible membership. Winnie added that other articles could be included but just let her know.

**XI. Next Meeting:**

Tentatively the next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2023 at 9:00am with the location yet to be determined.

**XII. Adjournment**

Julie Janquart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 am which was seconded by Lynn Smith and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Secretary

12-08-23  
Date