

**BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR MEETING
Peaine Township Hall: Conference Room
April 19, 2018
7:00 PM**

- I. Come to Order, Roll-Call, Quorum – Mike Weede
 - a. On the island: Patrick Cull, Alvin LaFreniere, Sheri Timask, Lori Taylor-Blitz, Angel Welke, Maeve Green, and George Anthony
 - b. On the phone: Bobbi Welke, Mark Engelsman, Lynne Flannigan, John Fiegen, Guest: NMU Professor Scott Demel, PhD
 - c. Called to order at 7:02

- II. March 15, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes Approval – Maeve Green
 - a. Angel made motion to approve, and Sheri seconded. The motion was approved.

- III. Reports of Officers – Mark Engelsman
 - a. An email quorum was passed supporting the airing of an episode of Destination America: Haunted Case Files featuring Beaver Island for the Paranormal Investigation performed in the Print Shop in May 2017.

- IV. Special Report
 - a. Dr. Scott Demel, NMU Field School Proposed Activities (Attachment)
 - i. The NMU class will be on the island May 20 through June 16. The museum studies class will do two exhibits in the museum. One will be a Mormon exhibit and one will be a Woodland exhibit (AD 900-1000). This year's field school will be focusing on the print shop and Protar's. At the print shop, they collected about 50,000 artifacts/year. Students are writing articles for the BIHS newsletter. At Protar's, they will focus on mapping the homestead, it will be mostly survey. The students will start by documenting the grounds and mapping the layout. On the ground they do a shovel probe survey, which is minimally invasive. Based on results, they will do a couple of test units to see if there are intact features below the surface. The President of the University is coming to Beaver Island the first week of June.
 - ii. John made a motion to approve NMU coming to Beaver Island, Mark seconded. The motion was approved.

- V. Finance Committee – Bobbi Welke
 - a. March 2018 Cash Flow Report
 - i. Investment Statement: Comerica is overall still anticipating positive equity and bond returns for 2018 as the global economy continues to grow. These returns, however, will be more muted than during 2017 because of higher

- volatility resulting from greater political and economic uncertainty and rising interest rates.
 - ii. We have received taxes from St. James township. We have not received tax funds from Peaine yet.
 - iii. Patrick made a motion to approve financial report, and Angel seconded. The motion was approved.
 - b. Staffing Support Proposal
 - i. Courtney DeRuiter will be the summer assistant. She will be here the first week of May through the last week of August.
 - ii. Lori will be interviewing a person for the internship.
 - iii. A motion was made to approve the staffing support proposal with the caveat that we look into the maintenance and cleaning portions before hiring.
- VI. Museum Operations Committee
- a. Gift Shop Trade Show
 - i. Lynne and Lori are going to two gift shop expositions.
 - b. The Elder Speaks: The Next Generation
 - i. Mark will mail copy to Lynne
 - ii. We will meet in June to discuss edits and changes.
 - c. B.I. History Map Update
 - i. Bobbi has a copy of an 1852 Mormon map.
 - ii. A proof of the map will be sent for approval.
- VII. Maintenance Committee
- a. Mike will repair Marine Museum steps.
 - b. He is working on getting permit for putting Miss Bay City on footings. Copper will be put on the rudder.
 - c. Mike, Bobbi, and Vince will have a meeting to discuss the addition on April 30.
- VIII. Marketing Committee – Mark Engelsman
- a. Summer Updates
 - i. Lori printed 750 brochures promoting the Water/Ways exhibit.
 - ii. Mark is working on map for solicitation.
 - b. Walking Trail
 - i. Lori submitted a grant proposal to Great Lakes Energy for signage.
- IX. Director’s Report – Lori Taylor-Blitz
- a. NCMC is going to come in May. They have developed a list of potential projects.
 - b. Lori would like board members to be present when exhibit is assembled, so when it comes time to tear down, we know what to do. Exhibit will be arriving Jun 22, and leave August 6.
 - c. Vernon shipwreck artifacts are on the island. Lori will go in Marine Museum to stage display.

- d. The Society received grants for rental fees at community center. Angel made a motion to approve \$1440 to cover rental fees at community center and audio video fee, so Lori can close out grants. Patrick seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
 - e. The toilet at marine museum is a concern for docents. There used to be an electric toilet in the basement.
 - f. Lori has a draft for the new Web site. She is hoping for a May 1 launch date.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.