

**BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR MEETING  
Peaine Township Hall: Conference Room  
September 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM  
Remote Access Call-in Number  
415-464-6800 – Password/ID 49782#**

- I. Come to Order, Roll-Call, Quorum – Mark Engelsman
  - a. Bobbi Welke, Lynne Flannigan, Tracy Paquin, Sheri Timsak, John Fiegan, Craig Turnbull, Alvin LaFreniere, Maeve Green, Lori Taylor-Blitz, Mark Engelsman. On the phone – Mike Weede, Dick McEvoy, Vince Ebersoldt
  
- II. Board Meeting Minutes Approval – Maeve Green
  - a. July 26, 2018
  - b. August 16, 2018 (These annual minutes will require re-approval at the 2019 annual meeting)
  
- III. Reports of Officers
  - a. Strategic Plan
    - i. Alvin recommends we remove the word annual on page three under evaluations.
    - ii. Tracy moved we accept the motion with the change suggested by Alvin. Lynne seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
    - iii. John made a motion to pay the final balance of \$2,500. Maeve seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
  
- IV. Finance Committee
  - a. Lori and Bobbi have identified the amount Lori has secured in grant money. The dollar amount is over \$22,000. The budget has been adjusted accordingly within the Budget Adjusted column.
  - b. We received two specific donations for the Madeline visits which is recorded within the Donations Budget Adjustment line.
  - c. Our MMA account increased significantly due to a large donation from the Hunting family for an exhibit in the new museum.
  - d. An estimate for Fall 2018 construction expenditures totals \$72,821.
    - i. It is proposed that the Society use \$34,884 from the Charlevoix State Bank MMA account, noting that some of the remaining MMA monies were restricted for the new addition or exhibits within the new addition. Therefore, the remaining funding should come from liquidating a portion of the Comerica investment, in the needed amount of \$37,937 or actually \$38,000. Bobbi made this motion, which was seconded by Lynne to liquidate this amount. This motion passed.
    - ii. There is some deterioration on the outside of the post office roof and with the false wall. It has not yet been determined whether there is also interior damage to the wall. Bobbi made a motion that part of the porch work includes reroofing and restoring the post office false wall and roofing. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
    - iii. Vince suggested that instead of renting a storage crate from McDonough Construction, for \$500, we either ask him to donate the crate or find somewhere else to put the items.
  - e. August 2018 Comerica Investment Overview
    - i. At this time, Bobbi is recommending that we do not take a line of credit from Comerica, and instead liquidate what we need for addition expenses, as needed.
    - ii. Lynne suggested that we think about going safer on our investment. Right now we have a moderate risk investment. John is in agreement with Lynne and recommends that due to the short amount of time that the money will be in the account, we move it to a less risky account. The money will be expended in 12-18 months.
    - iii. Bobbi will discuss the Investment with Comerica officials next week.
  - f. Comerica Line of Credit Implementation – this will not be a good option for the Society.

- g. Comerica Investment Holdings- John Fiegen (See item e.ii above)
- h. MCACA mini-grant for professional development (Attachment and two motions) Lori Taylor-Blitz
  - i. Lori was invited to speak on a panel for the Michigan Museum's Association. She will speak on a panel with the other Waterways grant hosts and attend workshops. She applied for a mini grant from MCACA for a scholarship to cover \$750 of the expenses. Mark made a motion to grant Lori \$400 to cover the expenses not covered by the grant. The motion was approved.
  - ii. Mark made a motion to approve the MCACA assurances. Sheri seconded. The motion was approved.

V. Development Committee – John Fiegen

- a. John made a motion that we add Doug Hartle as an honorary board member. Lynne seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- b. John proposed that at our May 2019 meeting next year we have a board retreat.
- c. John would like each board member to come up with the names of 3 people, not current board members, who may be interested in becoming BIHS volunteers.
- d. John would like to see a clear list of priorities that BIHS sets to accomplish each year.

VI. Museum Operations Committee

- a. Lynne has asked Levi and crew to help move heavy items in the museum. Mark made a motion that the board pay up to \$500 for help in moving the large items to Heritage Park. John seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- b. Owen Niles and Bill Schneider have someone coming from Utah to do a dendrology test on their cabin. A small hole is drilled into a log, and they can estimate to the month and year when the log was cut. They have approached Lori to see if we would like a test done at Protar's house. If we have a test done at Protar's we can determine whether the logs at Protar's were Mormon logs. It would be a minimum cost. Mike suggested maybe they could do Protar's and the Print Shop. John made a motion to have Protar's house tested. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

VII. Maintenance Committee

- a. The Miss Bay City is still in the planning stages.

VIII. Director's Report – Lori Taylor-Blitz

- a. Kitty McNamara asked for the Society to request a renewal proposal of the existing tax levy. The proposal had been sent.
- b. Whiskey Point Lighthouse donations total \$1081, and a check for \$541.50 was cut for St. James Township.
- c. Leadership Charlevoix and Sea Grant visited last week. Lori took both groups to the South End Lighthouse.
- d. The front flower bed has been cleaned.
- e. Lori has met with John and Lynne already, and will be meeting with other committee heads to set budgets for next year.
- f. Scott Demel is starting a sabbatical in January. He will be summarizing the archaeological work done on Beaver Island.
- g. The walking tour has been narrowed down to 16 sites.

IX. Good for the Society – All

- a. The South End Lighthouse deal will likely close on October 15.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27.

Meeting Notes Reported by Maeve Green, Society Board Secretary, 9/20/18, with some clarifications provided post meeting by LTB and BW on 9/24-25/18.