

Full Board Meeting 6/3/2025

ATTENDEES

Lori Taylor-Blitz, Angel Welke, Tracy Pacquin, Jacqueline LaFraniere, Sue Screven, Alan Vicstein, George Broder, Joe Callain, Craig Turnbull (via zoom).

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

At 4:00 a quorum is established.

Agenda is approved. Motion Jacque/second Sue.

Minutes of the last meeting are approved. Motion Jacque/Alan second.

New Business

Angel reported that the summer rental properties are almost fully booked, Flights on Island Airways are filling up, and there has been a lot of boat activity. Finances at the BIHS are tight because of government cuts but revenue should begin coming in as the season progresses.

Lighthouse Update

Lori and Tracy met with Maria and Heather from the Peaine Township board to discuss their interest in purchasing some of the land surrounding the south end lighthouse. There had been some concern because they did not contact the Historical Society before approaching the county.

County supervisors visited the Beaverhead Lighthouse and were happy with the progress being made. / The person in charge of the Grand Traverse Lighthouse

has offered her assistance setting up the lighthouse for tours and her experience with the GTLH marketing and visitors. / Nine Design Homes is still donating labor and some materials to complete the interior repairs to the BHLH. / Alan congratulated the volunteers for the great job they have done!

Other Topics Discussed

1. The employee and volunteer manual is still in progress.
2. The property exchange with Eric is still underway.
3. Our current budget is pretty tight.
4. The gift shop is looking great!
5. The Marine Museum budget will be impacted by the cost of the new floor and the painting of the "Miss Bay City".
6. Broder reported that the overall wages related to the Northern Islander will be reduced due to new staffing.
7. A staff overview will be done by the EC committee.
8. There will be a "Music on the Porch" event on Friday, June 6 at 7:00.
9. The new admission charge of \$5.00 at the museums has been going smoothly.
10. New signs are being made stating the admission fee, to be on the sandwich boards outside of the museums.
11. We discussed ordering hoodies to sell at the museums. They seem to be a popular item at other island venues. We will order 100 hoodies with logos for \$15 each, and sell for \$40 to \$50. Motion by Alan/second Sue.
12. Members have free admission to both museums.
13. Docent appreciation breakfast will be the morning of June 9.
14. We are hoping to place the Northern Islander for sale in both of the Marinas.
15. Angel thanked Lori for the wonderful work she is doing and reassured her that we are there for her.

Treasurer's Report

New memberships have been slowly coming in. Lori is pushing for a newsletter to go out soon to possibly help with increasing donations. There will be information included about the climate of funding to better inform the public

about our financial situation. Motion to approve report by Jacque/ second Alan.

Marine Museum

Kevin is to pour concrete to prop the foundation in early June. / The ramp is closed on the back deck and down. / The railing between the Bob S. and the museum is rotten and needs to be fixed. / Joe Callian suggested we consider using Dave Schwartzfisher for future upkeep projects on the Society buildings. / Paint is peeling near the archive door. / The wood under the siding near the porch of Print Shop needs replacing.

We estimate there has been \$300,000 worth of donated labor over the last 8 years!

Director's Report

Last year we received \$41,500 from the state of Michigan. / The LEO grant went to someone else. / Kid's Camp enrollment is at 48 with room for 2 more kids. / It will take place at Holy Cross Hall because the floor in the school is being repaired. / David Hill will put on his play during Museum Week. / There will be a reception held in the pollinator garden during the Sustainability Fair.

There will not be a formal meeting in the month of July due to a very busy schedule.

The annual meeting will be held on August 21, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 Motion by Jacque/ second Tracy.

Submitted by Sue Screven 6/22/25.