

BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1.2.23

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order: 10:02

II. Rollcall

✓ Present	✗ Absent	! Unexcused
✓ Lori Taylor-Blitz Executive Director	✓ George Broder	✗ Sue Screven
✓ Angela LeFevre-Welke President	✓ Joe Callian	✗ Sheri Timsak
✓ Tracy Paquin Vice President	! Vincent W. Ebersold	✓ Craig Turnbull
✓ Jacque LaFreniere Treasurer	✓ Dick Mulvihill	✓ Alan Vicstein
✓ Narhyn Johnson Secretary		

III. Approval of the Minutes from 8.19.22

- A. Correction to the minutes: Narhyn's named spelled incorrectly; change from Nahryn to Narhyn.
- B. Tracy moves to approve the minutes.
- C. Joe Seconds.
- D. Unanimous approval.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

- A. Move the minutes up in agenda to follow Robert's Rules of Order more accurately.
- B. Property Swap Email Vote (7.22.22) review will be added to the President's report.
- C. Changing the bylaws in President's report
- D. Jacque Moves to approve changes to the agenda.
- E. Alan Seconds
- F. Unanimous approval

V. Public Comments

- A. None

VI. Officers & Committee Reports

A. President – LeFevre-Welke

1. Property Swap Email Vote (7.22.22)

- a. I stopped at Wojan Realty and chatted with Ed to advance the paperwork needed for the property swap. He is unable to complete the paperwork before our deadline (The shed arrives on the barge in the next 30 days). He called Barron & Engstrom PLC and asked them to do the paperwork. We will have about a \$500 charge. This needs to get done. I spoke with Paralegal Joan Miller to get the paperwork started. We are going to need a resolution from the board that authorizes Angel or I to sign the paperwork. Since we are not meeting before October, we will need a vote by email.
- b. Angel motions to approve Lori and herself to work on this issue.
- c. All who responded in approval: Alan, Angel, Craig, Dick, George, Narhyn, Sue and Tracy
- d. Motion approved

2. Meeting Dates for 2023

- a. Change language in the bylaws due to them stating we meet on the third Thursday of the month and will reflect us meeting on the first Monday of every month.
- b. Proposal for the Board to meet 6 times a year, every other month starting January 2023. The Executive Committee (EC) will meet on the opposite 6 months starting in February 2023. Notes from the (EC) meeting will be available to board members before our scheduled meeting. This is needed for structure, consistency, and support.
 - i. Alan– Suggests to exempt the date or day of the month in bylaws for future flexibility.
 - ii. Angel–Reminder, the option to call a special meeting at any time during the year is available if we need additional board support.
- c. Agenda and minutes will be sent out in a timely manner so members are able to read, reflect and contribute to future meetings.
- d. Jacque moves: For the Board to meet 6 times a year, every other month starting January 2023. (EC) will meet on the opposite 6 months starting in February 2023.
- e. Joe Seconds
- f. Unanimous approval

3. Officer Appointment

- a. Tracy motions: Narhyn to Secretary position and Joe to regular board member
- b. Joe Seconds
- c. Unanimous approval

4. Property Swap–Update

- a. Eric Hodgson’s property needs to be divided from Daddy Franks for our land swap.
 - b. There is expected to be attorney fees, and other costs. We should split with Hodgson due to this being a win/win for both parties. Angel will head this task, and if there are issues she will reach out to the board for support.
5. Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan–Update
- a. S.B.A. was a COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan
 - b. EC recommends we keep the funds as a cushion, due to it being long term, and low interest. (\$63,000 at 3.25% interest, 30 years, payments \$270/month)
 - c. Angel & Alan are willing to look into moving to a savings account with better rates.
 - d. Jacque motions to keep S.B.A. money
 - e. Alan seconds
 - f. Unanimous approval
6. Capital Improvement Plan–2023
- a. All board members need to think about their priorities in their committees concerning all properties (Print Shop, Marine Museum, Protars, Whiskey Point Lighthouse, Heritage Park, and Beaver Head Lighthouse) for the upcoming year.
 - b. Possible Opportunity to purchase the Northern Islander and Beaver Island Beacon and have it return back to the Mormon Print Shop.
 - i. Alan–Beaver Island association will assist to help this go into the hands of a public entity
 - ii. Craig–Port of St. James could possibly support this
 - iii. Angel motions to allow Lori and her to negotiate with Cynthia Hector-Johnson on the purchase of these entities.
 - iv. Joe seconds
 - v. Unanimous approval
7. Marine Museum
- a. Bobbi Welke has hired a new consulting firm, Fleis & Vandenbrink, for the Parks and Recreation development and has recommended them for planning at the Marine Museum. Angel has met and vets them for our use.
 - b. Jackie moves to approve \$3,500
 - c. Motion to approve use up to \$3,500 for Marine Museum planning with Fleis & Vandenbrink
 - d. Tracy seconds
 - e. Unanimous approval
- B. Treasurer – LaFreniere
- 1. Financial Report: July – December 2022 ([Attached](#))
 - 2. We have been doing very well despite the economy
 - 3. Consider not doing raffle in the future

4. Highlighting donations and grants
- C. Development Committee – ~~Screen~~ Taylor-Blitz
1. End of Year Giving & Membership Drive Update
 2. Raised \$32,889 *above* what the profit and loss statement has come in for end of the year giving for general operational support.
 3. 33 memberships have been renewed for 2023 as of 1.2.23
 4. Will be sending out membership renewal letters in early spring 2023
 5. Current board members must be in good standing to be on the board, by holding a current Historical Society membership.
- D. Museum Operations – Paquin
1. Broadband Consortium Update- Vicstein
 2. All the equipment has been purchased. Link on Upper Peninsula side is up, all equipment for Beaver Island side is on the island. Current and biggest issue is getting the dishes mounted during the winter. Kevin Boyle will configure the ISP. Shooting for March for the project to be completed. All consortium members who pledged funds have contributed.
 3. Dick–Broadband surveys, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) maps state we are “unserved”, FCC maps state we are “underserved”. The challenge to what we are is due January 6, 2023 ensuring we are prioritized for funding. The application is due Jan 30, 2023.
- E. Maintenance Committee – Co-Chairs: Callian & Turnbull
1. McDonough Construction progress - Callian
 - a. Met with Kevin McDonough who has been funded for work at the Marine Museum.
 - b. Screening off the Bob S.; possibility of closing off 3 of the 4 sides.
 - c. Phone lines still on ground at Marine Museum. Joe will talk to the Island TDS contractor and remind them to come to fix this.
 2. Storage Shed
- F. Marketing Committee – Johnson
1. 2023 Marketing Assistant ([Attached](#)) – Charlie VanderClipp
- G. Director – Taylor-Blitz ([Attached](#))
1. Museum Week 2023: July 12th-22nd, Kids Camp: July 23rd-29th, Baroque: July 28th-Aug 5th.
 - a. Kids camp will be in collaboration with Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance (BIPAA): Baroque. Kids will be divided into two groups based on their developmental age. Will do half day with the Museum and the other half with Baroque, then switch groups half way through.
 2. Lori is currently looking for more grants to support our visions and endeavors
 - a. Lighthouse preservation
 - b. Historic preservation for field school
 3. Heritage Park
 - a. Signage project was scratched due to not meeting the grant date.
 - b. Grant funds were not lost, due to us being matched.

- c. Narhyn will pull together a clean up project, date and crew for early summer 2023.
- d. Suggestions for park include: Solar power, lighting, and mass cleaning of many discarded items.

- VII. Good for the Society
 - A. Angel motions to end meeting
 - B. Supported by Alan.
 - C. Unanimous Approval

VIII. Adjournment: 11:10 AM

IMPORTANT DATES	
Museum Week	July 12th -22nd
Kids Camp	July 24th - 28th
Annual Meeting	August 17th

BOARD MEETING	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 2nd at 10:00	February 6th 10:00
March 6th at 10:00	April 3rd at 10:00
May 1st at 10:00	June 5th at 10:00
July 3rd at 10:00	August 7th at 10:00
September 4th at 10:00	October 2nd at 10:00
November 6th at 10:00	December 4th at 10:00