

BIHS Full Board Meeting Notes
November 11, 2025

- I. Come to Order, Rollcall, Quorum
 - a. Call to order at 4:34
- II. Call for Agenda Additions and Approval
- III. Report of Officers
 - a. Presidents Report – Tracy Paquin
 - i. Board Meeting Minutes Approval
 1. 10/14/2025 Full Board
 2. Motion and passed
 - ii. Executive Director’s contract updated and accepted by Executive Director
 1. Includes C.O.L.A to Lori and raises other employees
 - b. Treasurer Report – Jacque LaFreniere
 - i. October 2025
 1. Total looks like a lot but have to subtract SBA loan
 2. We have \$7342.13
 3. Lighthouse is restricted; everything but operations is restricted
 4. Some of the numbers (5 of them) changed; look at the numbers on the statement
 5. SBA loan went down
 6. Approved Treasurer’s Report: Angel - motion to approve; Joe second
 - ii. Grant Status - Lori
 1. Geographical grant \$5,000
 2. Grant through the DNR - America 250
 - a. Put in \$50,000 to support the nation’s 250 years
 - b. Highlighted the Marine Museum, Native Americans, fishing, and veterans
 - c. Celebrate Incredible Islanders
 - d. \$50,000 for ramp and boat cradle - match for smaller projects
 - e. Banners for light poles picturing veterans - 16 at a time will be displayed
 - f. Could collaborate with Amvets, townships, and possibly Elks
 - g. Decision in March
 3. Museum on Main Street still pending
 4. Impact 100 Grant - Jacque and Lori
 - a. Minimum they give out is \$100,000
 - b. Collaboration between BIHS and the Wildlife Club
 - c. Grant through the Charlevoix Antrim County Chapter
 - d. Beaver Island organizations have never submitted
 - e. Would include fishing pier, roofing of the Marine

Museum

- f. Application opens January 1 and is due by the end of January
 - g. There is a competition/presentation after applications are narrowed down
 - h. Wildlife Club and townships may contribute to the pot
5. MDARD - ask for ramps and roofing; 30% match
6. Under the Umbrella of Arts & Culture with PARC
- a. Came about through Lori's participation in the Fund-Raising Management program offered by the Indiana University Lilly School of Philanthropy
 - b. BIHS met the goal of securing 1-2 new large donors - grant money will be awarded mid-December
 - c. Wendy Brightman, Exec. Director of the Herrick Foundation, invited Lori and Carol to a Zoom meeting to present their concept
 - i. Proposed was a collaborative 3-year comprehensive campaign aimed at sustainability and infrastructure improvements
 - ii. Proposed goals: infrastructure improvements (\$3M total - \$2M BIHS, \$1M PARC); endowments (\$3M total - \$2M BIHS, \$1M PARC) generating ~ \$80,000/year per \$1M for operational support; generic split: $\frac{2}{3}$ BIHS, $\frac{1}{3}$ PARC
 - iii. Look into hiring a consultant, possibly Christie Purdue
 - iv. Carol Burton will help write the grant
 - v. Need board approval to go further - motion for approval by George; Angel second (motion passes)

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Development – Sue Screven, Chair
 - i. End of Year Letter with printer - Lori
 - 1. May have been mailed today
 - ii. 200 letters coming for Board's personal note - Tracy
 - 1. Remote members may provide input by sending personal messages to be included in letters
- b. Maintenance – Craig Turnbull & Joe Callian
 - i. Bob S. ready for the museum - Craig
 - 1. Doors shut for the winter
- c. Marketing – Angel Welke
 - i. PS Rental agreement status - Tracy
 - 1. On pause - there are questions for the insurance company
 - ii. Holiday Social report - George and committee

1. 10 trees to be decorated by community organizations
 2. No caterer - selective pot luck, can be reimbursed for ingredients
 3. Stocking stuffers for kids
 4. Hot cocoa bar by Catherine Meinstma
 5. Mulled wine
 6. George will make a flyer
 7. The carriage will be brought down
 8. Vic will be Santa
 9. Working on music - maybe TUNES
 10. Silent auction
- iii. Property swap on Dan Barron's desk
- d. Museum Operations – Tracy Paquin
 - i.
 - e. Publications – George Broder
 - i. Broadband meeting update-Lori and Tracy attended
 1. BIHS is part of a consortium; it should be connected next spring
 2. \$396/month projected cost
 3. Other organizations may join, which may lower the cost
 4. No action needed at this time
 5. When we get hooked up we will need to buy the equipment in February and amend the budget (about \$1,500)
 - f. Beaver Head Lighthouse – Dave Case
 - i. Report from 10/22 meeting with Peaine Twp - Lori, Joe, Craig, Tracy
 1. Discussion about Peaine buying BHLH or acquiring it
 2. No decision as of yet
 3. Peaine is not interested in managing BHLH
 4. BIHS expressed a lack of interest in owning the property; Joe opposes, he would rather have BHLH and give Peaine the park
 5. Dave is tasked with getting people's opinions
 6. Continue to collaborate for the benefit of BHLH
 - ii. Review BIHS Vision for BHLH - Tracy
- V. Directors Report
 - a. Work with Lu on the 990
 - b. Melissa's last day was 10/29 - parted on good terms
 - c. Jacquet started working on policies for BIHS
 - VI. Good for the Society
 - VII. Adjournment
 - a. Kim: motion to adjourn at 5:50; Joe second (meeting adjourned at 5:50)