
Full Board Meeting

October 26, 2023

Attendees

Lori Taylor-Blitz, Tracy Paquin, Jacque LaFreniere, Angel Welke, Sue Screven,
Alan Vicstein, Craig Turnbull, Sherie Timsak, George Broder, Joe Callian

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 by Angel Welke.

Minutes of the Executive meeting on September 11, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

Lori's contract was reviewed by the board and we agreed to give her a 5% pay raise, 3 tanks of gas for island transportation, 3 books of airplane tickets from Island Airways for her personal use and 3 weeks of paid vacation time. Motion for approval by Jacque, seconded by Joe. Approval was unanimous.

Discussion about seeking new board members. The consensus was that the maximum number of 15 board members is more than is needed. The effort to seek out new board members will be Angel speaking with Crystal Meyer, Chris Harris, and Kim Bosquet. Lori will speak with Cat Irmcher.

The treasurer's report dated 9/30/2023 was given by Jacque. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Tracy, seconded by Joe.

2024 Budget /Angel

Some items discussed:

Sales of and commercial ads in The Northern Islander and Beaver Beacon have added revenue to the BIHS and are projected to continue into 2024.

Volume 1 of the Family Histories needs to be reprinted.

The "Broder Book" is in progress and George will keep the board posted about it.

Grants received are recorded under different categories such as “public” and “government” for bookkeeping purposes.

The estimated tax revenue for 2023 was higher than the actual amount and was adjusted for the 2024 budget estimate.

Jacque made the motion to approve the budget for 2024. Seconded by Sue.

Director’s Report/Lori

a. Marine Museum Update:

Pilings are here for deck, concrete mixer is broken causing delays.

Sign for Masini Memorial Deck has been ordered. They will donate \$2,200 towards purchase. It will be installed after construction.

Flag pole to be left up over winter to avoid wear and tear caused by removal.

We are looking for grants to cover repairs to the roof and decks. Funding will be in 2025, work done over the next 2-3 years.

Port-o-John is clean and ready to be stored for the winter.

Levi is lined up for plowing, not sure who will be shoveling walkways.

b. Miscellaneous:

Still looking for an electrician to fix the mini-split. Will ask Johnny B.

Glass in coastguard lookout station still needs to be replaced, may be put back in Gull Harbor.

Holiday Event planned for Dec. 16. Ideas discussed include ornaments for kids (at another location) to decorate, trees to raffle, cash bar, food, dressy event, white elephant sale, and the cost of \$20 per person and possible family price. Residents could bring holiday collections for display, sleigh ride photos.

Denny is cleaning on Mondays.

End of year giving has raised substantial funds.

We are hoping to raise BIHS membership numbers next year.

Charlevoix county will help pay for the lift used in painting the south end lighthouse.

Lori will send a thank you note to Levi for his lift.

We have 500 subscribers to the Northern Islander and 24 advertisers.

\$8,700 in advertising fees will cover the cost of the first Beaver Beacon.

Amy has been instrumental in selling ads.

Expected release time for the first edition is 30 to 45 days.

Discussed the possibility of getting Beaver Head lighthouse back in BIHS Stewardship.

Lori will keep the board posted about the progress for grants.

Motion made by Angel, second by Jacque.

Museum Operations:

POS System costs \$39.95/month, do we have cash price/credit price.

The equipment is free. Concerns expressed as to whether docents can operate.

It does not track inventory. Decision was made to see if "Square" might be able to perform the same tasks.

Tracy proposed getting office help for next mid-May to mid September. Up to 20 hrs. per week for a general assistant. Cheryl Bauers will take over docent planning and the bookstore management as part of her paid position.

Possible plan could be employee in the am and docent in the pm.

Assistant will perform tasks such as balancing drawers, making deposits, and entering data in Quickbooks.

Tracy proposed getting a plaque for docent dest in honor of Charlie Creaser.

BI WildlifeClub has asked about the possibility of installing a fishing pier at the Marine Museum. \$5,000 has been donated towards it but the total cost is expected to be from \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Parking issues, insurance, garbage and maintenance was discussed.

The problem of the stop sign being blocked on the north side of the BIHS building was brought up. The state police are studying the problem.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

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