

LMBIA Meeting  
Mach 19,2024

Members Present:

Kristin Jaquith  
Brian Kittelson  
Karen Peterson  
Don Kotila  
Curt Wendland  
John Gillard  
Dean Nissen  
Bill Guptail  
Todd Kuechle  
Robert Kruger

Meeting was called to order by Kristin. An addition to the meeting was given by Bll Guptail to add Fundraising Pricing to the agenda.

Approval of the February minutes was motioned by Robert, second by Don. Motion was approved.

The Treasurer's report is attached. Todd informed the board the major activity was AIS checking was switched to an AIS savings CD. There were no new bills. Todd also informed the board that we have records of what everyone pays for memberships and how much extra was included as a donation. Karen motioned to approve the minutes, Bill second. MOtion was approved.

Our Current Memberships, 96 turned in, 52% turned in. Jeff sent out 3 emails to encourage payment of memberships. 78 non members will be sent a reminder also.

Bill reported on Advertising. Dean, John, Bill and Jeff are working on this . There is a list of target organizations to reach out to for donations.

The group will do in person meetings and email. The website will have 12 month opportunities to advertise.

The group would like to raise prices for advertising. (document from Bill). Proposed pricing is about 15-20 percent increase. Website would be 50% increase.

Todd motions to approve the pricing with Brian second. Motion was approved.

There would be a second advertising focused on business membership. We would have Gold and Platinum members. These include a LMBIA membership with the advertising. We would have to have someone run this program. There would be a role for a Website administrator. Bill will help coordinate to get this off the ground and running.

A motion to move forward with the new business plan is needed. Brian motioned to do Bill's Business plan. Dean seconded. Motion was approved.

Brian has been working with the county and AIS.

The proposal is attached. Brian would like us to approve \$24,000 for inspections. We are waiting on Greenleaf to see what they will contribute. Karen motioned to approve \$24,619. Rob second to pay up to 24,619 on inspections this year. Motion was approved.

Township meeting is April 9th for the proposal for paying for inspections. Robert was out voted 2-1 for the township Board Position. He was asked to be the LMBIA board liaison. Kristin motioned for Rob to be township liaison. Brian second. Motion was approved.

MBO 9 Robert talked to John Martin. CRP will be done in the fall for sure. He will talk to the farmer renting maybe this spring. Brian wants to talk about it more.

Lagoon Entrance. Robert met with Scott Lempke, lagoon representative. The Lagoon residents are expecting the LMBIA to give money and DNR

money. Krisitin told Penk's they will get old files to see how they got their funds when it was dredged before. They will try to go to MCAL to ask for a grant. Roger Juergens said there are county funds to dredge the Lagoon. We will help but not with funding. Don emailed Ethan Jensen there is no funding on the DNR side . Joe Norman soil and water no funds.

MCAL would be the best way to get the funds. Kristin said get the bid then we can see how to help them.

Sucker Creek:

Brian, talked to Steve Hatlestad. Steve will get the info and talk to us and then we will see what they will do. Don will be the liaison to Steve for this project. Brian will reach out to Lothka to check the creek. Curt will reach out to try and walk it with him. This project may be delayed till August 1st.

Curt Highway cleaning. We will decide at the next meeting.

Newsletter: Sue Foley is going to be asked to help because she was interested in doing that. Next agenda.

Annual meeting date. What we want to do with it. Kristin talked to Arianna to do a training on Starry Stonewort for people. Volunteers for checking.

Meat Raffles: Approximately \$120 a week depending on rounds sold. We will get a \$4,000 check for the summer. Kristin has directions for how to run the raffle.

Karen Motioned to adjourn, Curt second. Motion approved.

