

LAKE STATES RESOURCE ALLIANCE, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
APRIL 20, 2011
TIMBER PROFESSIONAL BLDG.
3242 GOLF COURSE RD., RHINELANDER, WI

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Langohr called the meeting to order at 9:30am. He reminded the membership of the Antitrust Statement that governs conduct during LSRA meetings. Introduced Sean Zimmerman. Sean is the employee from Trees For Tomorrow who will be providing administrative services for LSRA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: and signing the Antitrust Statement were: Orv Langohr, Bill O'Brion, Dave Newman, Dean Pelkey, Mike Roiger, Brad Ruesch, Gary Zimmer, Dick Krawze, Gil Wagner, and Helen (w/Gil).

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Dick Connor, John Johnson, John Schnorr, Jane F. Severt, Richard Krupp, Jeff Mausolf, and Spence McElroy.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S Brad Ruesch/Mike Roiger to accept Jane Severts copy of the minutes from February 16, 2011 meeting. Motion carried all ayes.

(Betty Lutzka had taken incomplete minutes, due to meeting content, these will be on file but are not accepted as approved minutes for the Feb. mtg.)

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

M/S Dave Newman/Gary Zimmer to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried all ayes.

Discussion followed:

Mailing duplications - Orv voiced concerns in regards to the Membership list. Some duplicates were mailed recently. The address information needs to be correct, need to eliminate duplication.

Raffle Tickets – amount of returns, updating approach when tickets are sent out-keeping it simple, suggested to get raffle tickets out before Christmas to take advantage of snowmobilers coming to the area for the holidays.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a. WEBSITE: Dave Newman reported that the website is updated and everything is correct, Ann will call Sean in regards to website management. Suggested to track amount of hits on the website and eventually add more info to the home page.

b. UPDATE ON CHANGING TO 501(c)(3): O'Brion was in contact with accountant John Kopp. There is a list of steps that need to be completed to become a 501(c)(3). Some of the items on this list include: making bylaws current ie. voting by proxy, voting in regards to teleconferenced meetings when members are in a different location and other new procedures. LSRA will be an educational non-profit entity. This needs to be followed through on.

Discussion of Bill O'Brion and appreciation of all that he has done in regards to researching the non-profit information, setting up accounting system, getting books in order, and transitioning the new administrative duties. Thanks Bill!

c. OFFICE CLOSURE: Changes with the new contact info: mailed out postcard with address change, website is updated, Rhinelander PO Box is in use; phone number has been forwarded to Orv. Items from storage unit have been moved to the basement at TFT, Betty kept the office equipment as per agreement, Betty will close internet account with Hughes net-just waiting for her to confirm action, Bill O'Brion will go through the display booth and make sure that it is updated.

M/S Gary Zimmer/Mike Roiger to close the Rhinelander PO Box in June when renewal is due. Motion carried all ayes.

d. NEW MEMBERS: Orv reminded all the importance of recruiting new members to increase income, recruiting members to become board members, teleconferencing so that more can participate in meetings, possible future email outreach.

e. PHONE & FAX:

M/S Bill O'Brion/Brad Ruesch to cancel phone account with June billing. Motion carried all ayes.

f. TREES FOR TOMORROW GOLF OUTING: June 3, 2011

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports but there was discussion regarding committees. Compile a list of current committees listing chair and members of each.

Nominating Committee (Chair – Dean Pelkey, Members – Richard Krupp, Bill O'Brion)

Membership Committee (John Schnorr)

Raffle Committee (Chair – Orv, Members – Richard Krupp, Dean Pelkey, Bill Schumann)

Bill O'Brion suggested adding a Legislative committee. Dick Krawze suggested working together with other similar interest groups in regards to the Legislative committee and would be willing to be involved on this committee.

Further discussion: Bill, define what LSRA is, what direction LSRA would like to go, for recruiting and existing members this information in addition to the longevity of LSRA and what LSRA can do for its members and others, must keep membership list current and accurate, track membership renewals, if LSRA decides to be an educational non-profit set up an Education committee, Bill and Gary-education vs. legislative non-profit, Gary suggested getting groups together for a Legislation Day/meeting in Madison to

educate elected officials, Dick stressed meeting directly with elected officials and not their aides, Dave concerns on how to market LSRA/what LSRA is doing for people, especially other states/teleconferencing to include those in other states to be involved.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. TICKET SALES: Bill O'Brion reported Raffle Income, at time of meeting, of \$17,345.00 and will send out final amount via email ASAP.

Discussion about other fundraising activities such as: dinner, eBay sales of donated items from members.

b. IRON COUNTY MEMORIAL ATV RALLY: Not sure why this was on the agenda.

c. FOREST SERVICE PLANNING RULE: Dick Krawze expressed confidence in the representation by Reid Ribble & Sean Duffy, also disgust in the proposed Forest Planning Regulations that were recently published and can be found on the forest service website (fs.fed.us/planning section/link to print), this proposal will open years of litigation and needs to be stopped, May 5th hearing in DC will be attended by Steve Guthrie as the LSRA representative to testify, for more info contact Dick Krawze.

M/S Gary Zimmer/Brad Ruesch to contribute \$50.00 to Nicolet Hardwoods, LLC (attn: Lynn Karl, 100 Mill St, Laona, WI 54541) for travel expense for Steve Guthrie to attend hearing in DC on May 5th. Motion carried all ayes.

Further Discussion on Forest Planning Rule: Bill this is national regulations, basically complicated, unknown new terms like sustainable landscaping, riparian standards. General opinion is to keep existing regulations. State land commission project with state treasurer/17,000 acres in Wisconsin, Tom Tiffany and Jeff Mursau, good people in Madison, Sean and Dick will remain in communication in regards to legislative actions and opinions.

d. CPA UPDATE: O'Brion, all is good.

e. FOREST SERVICE PROPOSAL: see above(6c) discussion.

f. AWSC CONVENTION REPORT: Orv, DNR wants besides boat washing stations, stations for off-road vehicles/ATV/snowmobiles, responsibility with each forester, expensive to do. Dean would like to see training in regards to requirements for storm water permits, how the regulations for parking lots and roads will effect trails, forestry trails, usage in regards to ATV, off-road, etc.

g. ATV CONVENTION REPORT

h. HURON/MANISTEE UPDATE: Gary Zimmer, ongoing, in process, slowly jumping through hoops.

i. QUARTERLY SOPA UPDATE: O'Brion, SOPA needs to comment, post on website and be more active with standard comments and information so people are aware and informed. Save SOPA as a PDF and put on website. Brad Ruesch, question as to how LSRA represents variety of opinions? Discussion summation: mostly answer black and white with occasional grey areas included in comments.

j. WOHVA WORKSHOPS: No report.

Discussion about getting information out, increasing participation/commitment at board meetings, teleconferencing, Feb. meeting good wake-up call.

7. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

M/S Dave Newman/Brad Ruesch to not participate in a Three Lakes High School printed advertisement. Motion carried all ayes.

Dick Krawze would like LSRA to send a thank-you to Mike Monte of Pioneer Express in Crandon for printing free posters for the raffle. Helen announced that Lonna is a member of the user group for state trails, she was recognized in Sun Prairie for being involved for 30 years, she is now on the council and would like to expand the council.

8. RAFFLE: Drawing of raffle tickets:

1. (snowmobile) – Lakeshore Snowmobile, Manit. WI
2. (ATV) – Brian Stefonik, Eagle River WI
3. (trailer) – Ottawa Forest Products, Inc., Ironwood MI
4. (gun) - John & Linda Brantmeyer, Townsend WI
5. (bowls) - Dan Kress, Stratford WI
6. (print) – Cleveland Snohawks, Orv

(raffle tickets will be kept at TFT for one year)

9. SET NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN MEETING

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, June 15. The meeting will be held at Trees For Tomorrow, 519 Sheridan St, Eagle River.

M/S Mike Roiger/Gary Zimmer to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Sean Zimmerman