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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011  
TREES FOR TOMORROW, 519 SHERIDAN ST E, EAGLE RIVER, WI**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 10:01 by President Langohr, antitrust statement was read in Annual Meeting and addition of late agenda items.

Members present: Orv Langohr, Dick Krawze, Richard Krupp, Dean Pelkey, John Johnson, Gary Zimmer, Michael Roiger, Brad Ruesch, John Schnorr, Will Erickson (proxy for Bill O'Brien), Dave Newman, Jane Severt

Members not present: Spence McElroy, Gil Wagner

2. **INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

Orv Langohr, Dick Krawze, Richard Krupp, Dean Pelkey, John Johnson, Gary Zimmer, Michael Roiger, Brad Ruesch, John Schnorr, Bill O'Brien, Dave Newman, Jane Severt, Gil Wagner, Spence McElroy

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** from June 15, 2011 meeting.  
**M/S Brad Ruesch/Michael Roiger** to approve June 15, 2011 meeting minutes. Motion carried. All ayes.
4. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Zimmerman included in meeting materials.  
M/S motion carried from annual meeting held previous to Board of Directors meeting.  
**(M/S Dick Krawze/Richard Krupp** to accept summary report. Motion carried. All ayes.)

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **LSRA plan for 2012 –**

Decision to continue LSRA:

Discussion: Roiger – financial concerns, how will LSRA purchase raffle items?

Krawze – Yes continue LSRA, current political arena beneficial to LSRA, for raffle can LSRA rely on same suppliers to provide raffle prizes and pay when we get the money, get raffle tickets out before deer season in November, send notices out for membership dues

Langohr – Check on Raffle License to make sure it is good in order to send raffle tickets earlier

Zimmer – Budget manageable at average \$1500 expenses for two months, there has been a good response to LSRA from various clubs, change raffle prizes from two high priced items to lower priced or donated items such as guns or a kayak consider replacing the ATV(Langohr ATV was for loggers and to encourage ATV clubs to join), more concern as far as LSRA mission and goals, needs to be more active, involved, more PR, take stances on issues with press releases, LSRA needs to take charge professionally and become more effective

Krupp – Yes to LSRA continuing, MI Snowmobile Assoc. terminated membership possibly because of financial situation, rumor of LSRA dissolving affected raffle ticket sales, Krupp no longer MISA representative but will remain member of LSRA

Pelkey – Yes to LSRA continuing, response from MI and MN clubs was that LSRA was primarily focused on WI, LSRA has lost momentum since original members have moved on, LSRA needs to increase its focus

Severt – LSRA continue one more year as a trial period, what does LSRA do? need to raise awareness of LSRA

Krawze – LSRA used to host a spring bash in Stevens Point as a fundraiser

Ruesch – Yes to LSRA continuing but realistically in regards to time commitments of board members what can be done, is LSRA ready to go into the legal arena, need to rely on the organizations represented by board members to help in the cause

Schnorr – It is time to address the fact that LSRA does not have a mission statement or goals set

Pelkey – what is LSRA? education can be a big part with LSRA supporting programs such as Trees For Tomorrow, Tree Haven, industries, off road groups, etc.

Severt – How to reach the younger audience, education especially in the urban green movement, LSRA needs to work collectively with other organizations and be a part of getting the message out

Zimmer – Challenge to each board member to make a commitment or resign but in order for board members to do this they need to know what LSRA is about and for and what goals are set, LSRA needs to be more effective and to partner with organizations represented by board members. Zimmer is willing to do two press releases a month what are others willing to do?

Pelkey – In the past raffle items were donated

Discussion of past LSRA legal issues costing \$90,000

Langohr – A new forest plan is due and LSRA usually does a lot of work regarding this issue which will include postage expenses

Severt – suggested using the LSRA website as a tool

Discussion about many organizations and clubs struggling right now.

Krawze – continue LSRA for another year or two considering the positive political environment at this current time, people are listening and becoming more active

**M/S Dave Neman/Dick Krawze** to continue LSRA with the hope of stepping up and making it a better organization to benefit its members

**John Johnson** to include amendments and add a mission statement. Motion carried. All ayes, with the exception of Schnorr who abstained.

Severt – Suggested the possibility of board members participating in a shortened version of a Strategic Planning Workshop in order to establish a mission statement and goals

**b. Update on changing to 501(c)(3)** – postponed because of absence of O’Brion

**c. Insurance** – Insurance issue is resolved and the board members need to sign the forms

**d. Huron-Manistee National Forest** – Zimmer, the statement will be released in September and basically will be decided on between two alternatives, one, take no action and two, close both zones for hunting and snowmobiling. A draft will be released at which time comments will be accepted and Zimmer is willing to help at that time.

Langohr – if anyone receives any information regarding this please let board members know so action can be taken

**e. Attendance at Logging Congress Sept. 8-9, Escanaba MI, with LSRA display booth –** Sean can attend with Maggie from TFT and staff LSRA and TFT booths keeping staff requirements to a minimum. Cost \$200

Zimmer will not be able to attend but had the LSRA booth up at Forest Fest and stated that it needed to be improved. More info as to what LSRA is, need the mission statement, big sign with JOIN US! or GET INVOLVED! Logging Congress is great exposure for LSRA. The booth will need more newsletters and information for Logging Congress.

Others that will be attending Logging Congress and may be available to help with the LSRA booth: John, Jane, Dean

**M/S Jane Severt/Gary Zimmer** for Sean to attend the Logging Congress, Sept. 8-9 in Escanaba, MI with the LSRA booth. Motion carried. All ayes, with the exception of Schnorr who abstained.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**a. Raffle Prizes for 2012 –** Langohr stated that the winner of the snowmobile made a deal with the dealer for cash instead of the snowmobile and the dealer will sell the snowmobile. Langohr was still waiting on the paperwork to finish the deal.

**b. Membership –** Langohr stated the need to increase membership.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Proposed Amendments and Corrections to By-Laws of LSRA –** Schnorr submitted proposed amendments, see attached, with the stipulation of a unanimous roll call vote for future reference. Schnorr stated that the current by-laws were never ratified and that as they stand membership participation at board meetings is required to vote on amendments that are proposed. Realistically this will never happen, as attendance by LSRA members is minimal if at all.

Discussion: on quorum required of members and if Board members qualified.

Johnson stated that there does not seem to be anything restraining the Board from amending the By-Laws because they were never ratified with a unanimous roll call vote.

**M/S Michael Roiger/Dick Krawze** to ratify the By-Laws with a unanimous roll call vote. Motion carried. All ayes, see roll call.

Zimmerman calls roll call vote per Langohr: Orv Langohr-yes, Dick Krawze-yes, Richard Krupp-yes, Dean Pelkey-yes, John Johnson-yes, Gary Zimmer-yes, Michael Roiger-yes, Brad Ruesch-yes, John Schnorr-yes, Will Erickson (proxy for Bill O'Brion) -yes, Dave Newman-yes, Jane Severt-yes

**M/S John Johnson/Dave Newman** to accept the proposed amendments to the By-Laws. Motion carried. All ayes.

**b. Forestry Leadership Team –** Ruesch stated that Jane Severt wrote an extraordinary letter to Paul DeLong in regards to WI County Forests and WDNR Division of Forestry Strategic Direction (emailed/mailed to board members previously). Severt gave a summary of what she wrote and that no response has been received from DeLong as of this meetings date.

Discussion: Severt County Forest programs being cut while State and DNR are hiring, County Forest programs had been supported until the Forestry Leadership Team was established

Krawze – programs not working, raw material is needed to keep economy rolling, people working, marketing is not the issue

Ruesch – the County Forest is out there getting it done, they are out in the field

Zimmer – does LSRA need to send out a letter?

Severt – letters from groups without direct ties to the departments involved is helpful, is LSRA able to do this?

Ruesch – good idea for other groups to bring awareness to the effects these changes will have on a variety of land users

**c. New LSRA Board Membership List** – Langohr give all updated contact information to Zimmerman with cell phone numbers

**d. Meetings at TFT to include coffee and muffins** – Langohr wanted everyone aware that there are food options for the LSRA meetings at Trees For Tomorrow

Severt – officers can decide what is to be offered at meetings

**e. Minnesota Board Member-Jeff Mausolf** – Langohr brought a card for everyone to sign and he will send it out

**f. Motor vehicle use map-Paul Strong** – Schnorr stated that the new map will take effect at the end of Sept and that next year law enforcement will increase the issuance of citations and making arrests following the map

Discussion: Severt – attended with Joan M. the pre briefing session regarding opening the trails to UTVs for a pilot program, Severt has more information if anyone is interested

Krawze – trails in his area are bermed but users go around the berms, Krawze feels that forest service law enforcement is overdoing it in his area

**g. Quarterly SOPA(July issue) Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest update** – Schnorr stated that the recent SOPA is out and everyone should have received a copy, LSRA committees will review and report back

**h. Election of officers** –

Nominating Committee: Pelkey received no nominations; Zimmer received nominations for President and Vice President

### **Nominations for President**

Zimmer received a nomination for John Schnorr as President

Severt nominates Orv Langohr for President – Langohr declines nomination

Schnorr states that he will accept the nomination for President only if the Board is willing to accept his proposed resolutions (see attached), if the proposed resolutions are not accepted he will decline the nomination

Discussion: Zimmer, yes to the resolutions - clarifies that committees can meet anytime, anywhere

Severt – in regards to time commitments suggested in the resolutions Severt would like more information on the direction, mission, and goals of LSRA

Schnorr – summarizes his position as being frustrated with current trend of LSRA, rehashing and not resolving issues. Board meetings with this resolution would become a summary of the committee meetings

Newman – yes to resolutions

Langohr - calls three times for other nominations hearing none

**M/S Dave Newman/Gary Zimmer** to cast ballot for John Schnorr for President. Motion carried.

All ayes. **LSRA President-John Schnorr**

### **Nominations for Vice President**

Zimmer received a nomination for Bill O'Brion as Vice President

Langohr - calls three times for other nominations, hearing none

**M/S Michael Roiger/Dick Krawze** to cast ballot for Bill O'Brion for Vice President. Motion carried. All ayes. **LSRA Vice President-Bill O'Brion**

### **Nominations for Secretary**

Dave Newman nominated for Secretary

Langohr - calls three times for other nominations, hearing none

**M/S Gary Zimmer/Dean Pelkey** to cast ballot for Dave Newman for Secretary. Motion carried. All ayes. **LSRA Secretary-Dave Newman**

### **Nominations for Treasurer**

Gary Zimmer nominated for Treasurer

Langohr - calls three times for other nominations, hearing none

**M/S Michael Roiger/Dave Newman** to cast ballot for Gary Zimmer for Treasurer. Motion carried. All ayes. **LSRA Treasurer-Gary Zimmer**

## **8. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Langohr – Vilas County shoreline restrictions postponed for 2 years

Krawze – Forestry Tour with Paul Delong was successful, good response from Matt and Paul.

August 9<sup>th</sup> Forestry Tour with Reid Ribble was successful, Ribble is a great resource but has been redistricted and we will now have Sean Duffy, will be organizing a tour for Duffy. Krawze addressed the Forest County Board August 16<sup>th</sup>, will email everyone regarding the National Forest resolution. Need to contact Senator Ron Johnson, Schnorr is able to do this. Gary Zimmer's article was excellent.

Johnson – will be attending a round table discussion with Michigan Governor Rick Snyder

Zimmer – Thank you to Richard Krupp for his time and commitment to LSRA

Severt – reported that the July 1<sup>st</sup> storm damaged 130,000 acres, WI County Forest Assoc. is coordinating with private landowners and companies on the removal of downed timber and timber sales, estimated 2 million cords, ½ billion board feet.

Langohr passes gavel to Schnorr

Schnorr discussed signed MOU w/Forest Service to keep Forest Road #55552 open, \$19,750 grant for repairs on pipeline, Schnorr will assign board members to committees September 1<sup>st</sup>, if you have a preference let him know, members will begin contacting state legislators, congressional offices, including Michigan and Minnesota, the contact information for all needs to go to Schnorr

## **9. SET NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN MEETING:**

October 19, 2011 Location to be determined by Officers

**M/S Michael Roiger/Gary Zimmer** to adjourn. Motion carried. All ayes. 12:15