

LAKE STATES RESOURCE ALLIANCE, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 15, 2011
GLTPA BUILDING, 3242 GOLF COURSE RD, RHINELANDER, WI

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Langohr called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. He reminded the membership of the Antitrust Statement that governs conduct during LSRA meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT: and signing the Antitrust Statement were:
Orv Langohr, Michael Roiger, Brad Ruesch, John Schnorr, Richard Krupp, Dick Krawze, Gary Zimmer, Dean Pelkey

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jeff Mausolf, Spence McElroy, Gil Wagner, Bill O'Brion, Dick Connor, John Johnson, Dave Newman, Jane Severt

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S Mike Roiger/Richard Krupp to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2011 meeting. Motion carried all ayes.

Discussion followed:

Membership requirements – Schnorr working w/O'Brion on changing attendance requirements of Board members (suggested: must attend 1 out of every 3 meetings to maintain office). Also changing requirements of a quorum at meetings in the bylaws (suggested: quorum is met by a majority of those in attendance vs. majority of total Board Members alleviating attendance issues). When a 501(c)(3) violates its bylaws three times it can lose its 501(c)(3) status. Board Members Dick Krawze and Dick Conner share job responsibilities, are they considered one member or two?

3. TREASURERS REPORT:

M/S Gary Zimmer/Dick Krawze to accept The Treasurer's Report. Motion carried all ayes.

Discussion followed:

Year-to-Year Financial Comparisons - Begin to include financial information from previous year to compare to present.

Raffle results -

Raffle income	\$23,130
Raffle expense	<u>-15,422.74</u>
Raffle profit	7,707.26

Membership Dues Notifications - Orv

This has not been getting done. Sean had no knowledge of this process or materials from past notices that had been sent out. Annual vs. Biannual notices, leaning towards annual at this point more cost effective. Take into consideration

end-of-year write offs for businesses; send notifications before end of year. At this time Sean will determine members that are past due, create a “friendly reminder” letter, get approval from Orv, mail letters to currently past due members. After August meeting, Sean will create and set up an efficient process of sending out: invoice of renewal of membership dues, 2nd notification and a Thank you letter.

Membership Report - Include membership report at meetings specifying members past due so board members could contact members as well with a reminder.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a. WEBSITE: Minutes will now be put on the website.

Raffle winners – Orv will call each winner and get permission to list winners names on the website.

b. UPDATE ON CHANGING TO 501(C)(3): Carried to next meeting, information from O’Brion.

c. NEW MEMBERS – John Schnorr has obtained mailing list from SOPA, which he gave to Sean to add to LSRA’s membership list.

d. PHONE & FAX: – Langohr confirmed the old number has been cancelled.

e. INSURANCE: – Orv working with Bill changing Acuity insurance policy so that it no longer contains workman’s compensation which will result in a reduction in cost. Orv mailed info to Bill on 5/3.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee (Chair – Dean Pelkey, Members – Dick Krupp, Gary Zimmer)

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. RAFFLE RESULTS

Raffle income	\$23,130
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Zimmerman explained Raffle expenses included postage, printing of raffle tickets, and raffle prizes.

b. FOREST SERVICE PLANNING RULE – Dick Krawze reported that Steve Guthrie did very well with his testimony (which LSRA contributed \$50 towards) in Washington DC on May 5th. Dick also heard this from people in Reid Ribbles office. A letter to the Secretary of Agriculture for a 90-day extension on this planning rule was sent out May 11th. As of 6/14 no formal answer has been received from the Secretary of Agriculture. Dick has a copy of Steve Guthrie’s testimony and it is also available on the cspan website.

Dick and Steve will be hosting a forest tour for Reid Ribble on July 20th in Laona. The purpose of the tour is to show properly managed forest lands vs.

mismanaged forest lands. The tour will include a box lunch, a stop at the lumber mill, and various forest locations around Laona. Dick invited Gary to join them. There is a lot of pressure being placed on the Forest Service in regards to their forest management practices. Progress is slow.

Dean suggested a presentation he recently saw about documenting what is being removed from forest lands vs. what is growing, this shows mismanagement.

The ruling that went through 6/14 is causing some conflict. It seems that it was published in the Federal Register but not well publicized to the general public, keeping response to a minimum.

Gary pointed out that one of our country's two Environmental Law Policy firms has recently closed.

c. LIABILITIES FROM CPA UPDATE – Carried to next meeting, information from O'Brion.

d. QUARTERLY SOPA UPDATE: Schnorr, next issue comes out in July.

e. WOHVA WORKSHOPS: - Schnorr reported great turnout at the 8th Annual Wisconsin OHV Enthusiasts Workshop held at the Mole Lake Lodge and Casino. They trained 21 people for their Chainsaw Certifications. A noon luncheon was held for legislatures with Duffy, Ribble, Johnson, Mursau, and the Lieutenant Governor in attendance. First time in 8 years they had this many political figures show up.

Assembly Bill 125 – Schnorr opposed

Assembly Bill 166 – Schnorr supports, this bill will add 2 more seats to the State Trails Council, which will give more representation from a greater area.

Both bills are before the tourism committee at this time.

7. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Logging Congress, September 8-10 in Escanaba, MI – posters and bumper stickers are available at GLTPA.

Trees For Tomorrow has invited LSRA to share booth staffing at the Logging Congress. This would make booth cost for LSRA \$200. Decision at next meeting. Gary will be staffing Ruffed Grouse booth at Forest Fest, August 6, at Trees For Tomorrow and requested LSRA booth be next to Ruffed Grouse so that he could staff both.

8. SET NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN MEETING:

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, August 17. The meeting will be held at Trees For Tomorrow, 519 E Sheridan St, Eagle River, WI at 9:30 am.

Changes to Bylaws – Schnorr, proposals to be sent to Sean and she will send them out before August meeting for member review.

M/S to adjourn Michael Roiger/Gary Zimmer to adjourn at 11:15.

Submitted by: Sean Zimmerman