

Tainter Menomin Lake Improvement Association, Inc.

(TMLIA)

Monthly Meeting

Room 58, Dunn County Government Center

Date: January 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

6:00pm

### **Introductions and review of the agenda**

People in Attendance –

Ron Verdon, Amber Georgakopoulous, Nels Paulson, Dick Lamers, Ben Hartenbower, Liz Usborne, Michael Tomasek, Lindsay Olson, Chris Gaetzke, Cathy Usborne

Negotiate Agenda -

Mike Tomasek did confirm there was a quorum with respect to Robert's rules and the poor weather.

Approval of Minutes – November 8, 2016 -

Membership report correction noted by Liz Usborne. The correction was that Mike Tarr brought in new members instead of Mike Kneer. Motion made to approve made to approve the minutes by Ron Verdon, second by Amber, and passed with unanimous approval.

### **Arthur Kneeland for [St. Valentine's Day Hustle Fat Bike Race](#) -**

Arthur introduced himself and started explaining the [Alleycat style](#) bike race. Arthur broke down what was required for TMLIA's participation, including showing up to "The Market" at 10am and setting up a table at one of the informal checkpoints on frozen Lake Menomin. At each table, some type of challenge must be completed to continue. The challenge can be cerebral to something silly, physical, or anywhere in between. Arthur did mention that most of the contestants are cold, tired, and fatigued and that making something remotely difficult might be more challenging for the participants considering the race and weather.

Amber asked if there was a disclaimer for media use of any of the content created by TMLIA and Arthur mentioned that there might be, but not complete and mentioned considering adding that to our challenge as a note or disclaimer. Our logo will be added to the event shirt if we participate, too. The event as a whole runs from 10am – 5pm on 2/11/17. From 10am-1pm at "The Market", then the race is from 1pm - 5pm, and finally a bonfire afterwards. Locations around

Lake Menomin were discussed, but the course isn't formally set. Arthur finished painting a picture of the event and answered some final questions that were asked including that the course will be decided by the end of the month and commitments will be needed by month's end. The actual challenge that we decide to do isn't needed by then. A sub-committee was formed with Mike Tomasek, Liz Osborne, and Nels Paulson. Chris asked what we had left in merchandise and Liz mentioned that some items. Nels asked for a budget and the group recommended \$100. Motion made by Mike Tomasek for a \$100 budget for a sub-committee to provide promotion for the race. The motion was second by Amber and unanimous approval was had.

### **2017 Budget comments and questions**

Ben printed the Budget and passed it around to all in attendance. Ben then went ahead and discussed some of the numbers in the Treasurer's report and the 2017 budget. Dick took time to speak of having a fundraiser or some other method of raising money. Dick's point was to find a way to reach the proposed Budget by raising more money and finding a way to get there. Liz's counterpoint was that we shouldn't spend more than than our projected Budget for at least this budget cycle. The board discussed different ideas around the Budget with some looking to balance the Budget and others looking to keep it as is. Fundraising ideas were generally thrown around, too, for figuring out how to fill the gap.

### **Vote to approve 2017 Budget**

A motion was made to approve the budget as initially presented by Amber, second by Ron, and unanimous approval was had. The Environmental Budget was then presented for an alteration from \$500, which was just approved moments ago, to \$1800 as an amendment since the request missed the budget deadline. The board then discussed mileage reimbursements and the conference costs themselves. A motion was made by Mike Tomasek to move \$300 for the general board budget to the Environmental budget, then raise the Environmental to \$1500 as a whole. Further discussion was had on the motion, but Mike then withdrew his motion due to further discussion. The discussion was tabled until we could resolve the Insurance Policy issue below. <Secretary's note, the rest of this section occurs after the Insurance Policy discussion was had> A motion was made by Liz Osborne to transfer \$1000 from the General Budget to the Environmental budget. The motion was second by Ben and unanimous approval was had.

## **Insurance Policy discussion**

Liz recapped the email that was sent to the board for the insurance policies that we carry and general discussion was had amongst the board. Mike Tomasek volunteered to gather information around what coverage we actually need or would want to have then present a recommendation in February. If the board approved of a policy design, then Mike would come back with three proposals and a recommendation in March from at least three brokers.

## **Meeting Evaluation**

Ben - 5

Lindsay - 5

Cathy – 5 (Board should better understand Robert’s Rules with the recent leadership change)

Dick – 4 (Agreed with Cathy)

Nels – 4 (Missed not having committee reports)

Amber – 4 (meeting was inefficiently accomplished)

Ron – 4.5

Chris – 4 (agree with comments above, especially Nels’ comment)

Mike – 4 (Agreed with Nels’ comment and recommended that we keep the pace of the meeting on track)

Liz – 4 (Need more practice with meetings and organization of the meeting)

## **Wrap-up**

Dick Lamers plugged the Red Cedar conference and shared some articles including

An [article](#) from The Dunn County News regarding the treatment of septic waste

An [article](#) from the Milwaukee Wisconsin Journal Sentinel regarding pollution from cow manure

An article from the Food, Land, and Water team that is part of Wisconsin Land & Water

Kate Edenborg, who was unable to attend tonight, did leave us with [this report](#) for review.

A motion to adjourn was made by Liz and second by Chris with the meeting being adjourn without objection.

## **Upcoming events –**

March 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 Red Cedar Land, Water, and People Conference

**Next Meeting:** February 14, 2017 Room 58, Dunn County Government Center