

Bass Lakes Area Environmental Partnership

3 March 2022 - Meeting of the Board Minutes

Commence: 1005

Adjourn: 1120

Location: Lisa's house and Zoom

Attendees:

- President: Lisa Adams
- Vice-President: Tom Shear
- Secretary: Heidi Haskins (absent)
- Treasurer: Ruthanne Gilbert
- Director: Jeanne Kavanagh
- Director: Linda Irmscher
- Invited Guest: Eric Calbro, EGLE

Agenda:

1. Benthic mat project update
2. T-shirts - Tom & Heidi
 - a. orders
 - b. long- and short-sleeves
 - c. bookkeeping
 - d. distribution/shipping costs
3. Organizational questions from Ruthanne
4. Treasurer set-up using Google Docs, etc - Ruthanne
5. Annual Report
 - a. draft
 - b. financials
 - c. donor list
6. Summer 2022 Lakes Meeting
 - a. Keep same dates?
 - b. Separate from lake association?
 - c. Mason-Lake Conservation District speaker on shorelines
7. Dock hop/boat parade
 - a. BLAEP fundraisers?
 - b. Organized through lake association/donate proceeds to BLAEP?
8. AOB

Meeting Notes:

1. Eric Calbro provided a high-level summary of the proposed benthic mat project
 - a. Eric submitted a one-page proposal for a GLRI (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative) AIS subsection grant
 - b. Proposal includes benthic mats, DASH and re-vegetation

- c. Preferable sites ~15 ft X 15 ft and 100% EWM
 - d. The full proposal is due within the next few weeks
 - e. If awarded, the funds will be available Oct/Nov 2022
 - f. MSU and Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council are also involved with this proposal
 - g. Eric is also working with the EPA
 - h. Summer 2022: survey lakes, chose sites, perform preliminary vegetation survey
 - i. If the grant is awarded, the project will physically start summer 2023
 - j. Lisa asked if our chances of including LBL are reduced since Tip of the Mitt is involved (and may be providing some funding?) and would favor lakes in the more northern part of the Lower Peninsula. Eric did not think that would be an issue.
 - k. Note: In a separate 2/24/22 phone conversation with Erick Elgin from MSU Extension, Lisa shared this concern
 - i. Erick also believes it is possible LBL will not be included
 - ii. Other alternatives are herbicide treatment with consideration for Cisco breeding time and location, and DASH
 - iii. Erick volunteered to contact Joe Nohner (MI DNR Fisheries Division's Habitat Management Unit) to see if there was any information available on herbicidal treatment of AIS and Cisco reproduction
 - iv. Lisa will contact Mark Tonello (MI DNR Fisheries Biologist) to see if he can provide insight and support as we move forward with this project
2. Tom provided an update on BLAEP t-shirts
- a. Tom and Heidi made a \$75 donation to pay for the upfront art cost
 - b. They met with Kathy Nugent from O'Keefe's Reef on Feb 11 and ordered 82 shirts
 - c. Heidi's update: Tom and I placed the order for long sleeve, short sleeve and ladies short sleeves. Specific info is in the MFR (below), and Tom knows the rest. For the t-shirts, I did summarize the actual cost per shirt and made two pricing recommendations. They are in the attached MFR. I recommend it be a discussion point and voting item at the meeting next week so that we can process the sales once the shirts come in. I asked Kathy to give Tom a call when the shirts are done, and he'll pick them up. The hardcopy of the pre-order/interest spreadsheet is in the Bass Lakes AEP file that I'll leave with Tom.
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- MFR dtd 24 Feb
2022 - SUBJ_Initial T-**
- d.
 - e. Heidi/Tom will send all t-shirt paperwork to Ruthanne
3. Ruthanne found our organization's charity status is 509 A2
- a. This likely has to do with reporting of money
 - b. Ruthanne will continue to investigate
4. Ruthanne has loaded the accounting books into Quicken and has started loading some documents to Google Drive
- a. Jeanne will give Ruthanne all receipts since the start of the organization
 - b. Lisa and Ruthanne will go to PNC Bank, remove Jeanne from the account and add Ruthanne
 - c. Meeting minutes of the vote to accept Ruthanne as Treasurer and move Jeanne to Director will be required by PNC
 - d. We may switch from PNC to LOSB sometime in the near future

- e. **Ruthanne** will check with LOSB on free checking and PayPal
 - f. All communications to Ruthanne will go through basslakesaep@gmail.com; this email is linked to the organization's Google Drive account
5. **Lisa** will save the DRAFT Annual Report as a pdf file and re-distribute to board members for feedback
6. Everyone agreed that we should keep the same lake meeting dates (Saturday before Father's Day and second Saturday in August)
 - a. Although they can be held on the same dates, BLAEP Lake meetings need to be separate from lake association meetings
 - i. Separate start/end times
 - ii. Separate agendas
 - iii. Separate meeting minutes
 - b. **Lisa** will contact Mason-Lake Conservation District(Jerry Kass, Dani McGarry) to determine availability of speaker for either the June or August lake meeting
7. The topic of the dock hop and other fundraisers was tabled for a separate board meeting
 - a. **Ruthanne** will check with Abby Sisson about the requirement for a LARA permit for previous dock hops
8. Any other business
 - a. **Lisa** will schedule monthly BLAEP board meetings through October
 - b. Lisa relayed her discussion with Representative Scott VanSingel at the Elk Township Hall on 25 February 2022 re: wake boats and the cost of AIS control
 - i. **Lisa** will forward her email to VanSingel to the board members
 - c. Renewal of annual \$50 MLSA membership is due by 1 May 2022
 - i. Ruthanne made the motion to renew, Jeanne seconded, all voted in favor of renewal
 - ii. **Lisa** to provide MLSA user name and password to Ruthanne
 - d. Score-the-shore: \$30 non-refundable registration
 - i. BBL and LBL need to be mapped according to instructions
 - ii. Citizen scientists need to be scheduled for the survey
 - iii. Should be performed between July 4th and Labor Day holidays
 - e. **Heidi** needs to send the Conflict of Interest information to Ruthanne so she can sign the necessary form and return to Heidi
 - f. **Heidi** needs to provide meeting minutes/MFR indicating that Ruthanne was voted in as our new Treasurer per PNC requirement
9. Post-meeting Notes:
 - a. **Lisa** will schedule the MSU Mobile Boat Wash at BBL boat launch
 - i. Scheduled for Saturday July 2
 - ii. Ron Monroe (DNR) contacted for required permit
 - b. GLE is soliciting applications for community grants
 - i. The board voted electronically (via email) to submit an application
 - ii. The application will be the same or very similar to the application submitted in October 2021
 - c. Renewal of the annual \$44 BLAEP PO Box was approved electronically (via email)
 - i. **Jeanne** will take care of it for this year

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Adams