

Bass Lakes Area Environmental Partnership

18 January 2023 - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

- Commence: 1453
- Adjourn: 1615
- Location: Lisa Adams' home and Zoom
- Attendees:
 - President: Lisa Adams
 - Vice-President: Tom Shear
 - Secretary: Heidi Haskins
 - Treasurer: Ruthanne Gilbert (absent; resignation received 17 Jan 2023)
 - Director: Linda Irmscher (absent)
 - Director: Jeanne Kavanagh
- Agenda:
 - Email Service
 - BLAEP Annual Report
 - CBCW grant application extension to 20 Jan 2023
 - MLSA Conference, 5-6 May 2023 - Keynote Speaker
 - CLMP 2023 registration
 - Debrief: 05 Jan 2023 meeting with DNR, EGLE, MSU
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Close PNC account
 - DASH reimbursement, any other outstanding reimbursements
 - BLAEP credit card
 - Removal from PLM communication
 - Feedback on summer lake meeting

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- Topics for 02 Feb 2023 BLAEP Strategy Meeting, 1300 at Tom & Heidi's house
- Any Other Business
- Email Service
 - bass lakes.aep yahoo account spammed/compromised.
 - Lisa proposed finding email service for non-profits. All board members voted to subscribe to paid email service and agreed that Lisa could establish account at preferred contracted email service if annual fee was less than \$100. If annual fee with preferred service provider exceeds \$100 per year then it will need to be presented to the board for final approval prior to contracting with the service provider.
- BLAEP Annual Report
 - Lisa will draft by end of January
- CBCW grant application
 - Lisa received notification that grant application deadline was extended to 20 Jan 2023. Notification email indicated that grantee selection was still anticipated in March 2023.
- MLSA Conference
 - 5-6 May
 - Keynote Speaker is Ted Rulseh
 - once more information regarding conference presentation topics is published the board will determine if BLAEP representative(s) will attend the conference
- 2023 CLMP registration
 - Lisa will register Big Bass and Little Bass Lakes for 2023 CLMP, as well as solicit for volunteers for this year. Once lake enrollment is complete, volunteers will be able to complete online registration requirements
- 05 Jan 2023 DNR/EGLE/MSU/BLAEP meeting debrief
 - all present board members attended the 05 Jan meeting
 - Lisa will draft notes of the meeting and distribute to the board

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- Lisa will notify DNR representative Joe Noehner that he may proceed with DO monitoring of Little Bass Lake if desired since it is a Cisco fish lake, and offer to facilitate communications with Little Bass Lake riparians if needed. However, the partnership won't move forward as a defined component of milfoil management plan options that will be presented to Little Bass Lake riparians.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Ruthanne submitted via email to Lisa on 17 January 2023.
 - account balances reviewed; electronic files retained with Board President.
 - Lisa and Jeanne to close PNC account.
- DASH reimbursement, any additional outstanding reimbursements
 - Lisa requested reimbursement of \$2060 for 2021 DASH balance that was not fully covered by award of \$6000 Laird Norton foundation grant.
 - original approved board motion was that any portion of completed DASH not paid for by the Laird Norton grant would be a donation to the organization.
 - No board vote conducted regarding converting from donation to reimbursement; discussion tabled pending further review.
- BLAEP credit card
 - board chose to pursue getting a debit card from Lake Osceola State Bank rather than getting an organizational credit card
- Removal from PLM communications
 - At the Dec 2022 Elk Township public meeting, the Elk Township board decided all communications from PLM re: Big Bass Lake will come directly to the township only. If others want information, it will be forwarded through the township.
 - Lisa will follow-up on the reason for this decision.
 - Lisa will provide status update to the Board at the February meeting. Further Board review will take place as necessary at February Board meeting.
- Feedback on Summer 2022 Lake Meeting
 - Lisa received feedback from a Big Bass Lake riparian that the presentation given by an invited guest speaker to the summer public meeting was not well received and had lots of room for improvement

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- the board acknowledges that information was lost in presentation due to lack of communication regarding audio-visual technology capabilities and requirements
 - in the future the board will work to clearly communicate audio-visual capabilities of the venue and requirements of the guest speaker in advance of the event to mitigate potential issues
- 02 Feb Strategy Meeting
 - intent is to make decisions on specific goals, implementation methods and timelines
 - DASH boat is on the table as an implementation method
 - Jeanne will contact the Higgins Lake Foundation for information regarding their private DASH boat program
 - questions will include: permits, diver acquisition, boat specifics, maintenance, insurance, yearly expenses, lessons learned, problems they have encountered, etc
- Any Other Business
 - Ruthanne Gilbert tendered her resignation as Treasurer on 17 Jan 2023 via email to Lisa. She will coordinate with Lisa to get her all files and documents prior to 01 Feb.
 - BLAEP will solicit for any volunteers to fill the Treasurer position.
- In-progress tasks:
 - COMPLETE. (Lisa Adams) Bass Pro Shops - Cabela's Outdoor Fund report due upon conclusion of grant period