Bass Lakes Area Environmental Partnership

20 October 2022 - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

- Commence: 1458
- Adjourn: 1610
- Location: Lisa Adams' home and Zoom
- Attendees:
 - President: Lisa Adams
 - Vice-President: Tom Shear
 - · Secretary: Heidi Haskins
 - Treasurer: Ruthanne Gilbert (absent; report sent SEPCOR)
 - Director: Linda Irmscher (Zoom)
 - Director: Jeanne Kavanagh
- Agenda:
 - · Schedule Monthly Meetings
 - Probably changes to Lake Association partnership
 - wake boats
 - summer 2023 events (preliminary discussion)
 - · Intro to Lakes information posted and emailed 13 Oct 22 interest?
 - PayPal Venmo option
 - · Little Bass Lake (LBL) DNR continuous Dissolved Oxygen/milfoil control update
 - · Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) grant
 - other grants to apply for

- grant writer identified
- Any Other Business
- Monthly meetings
 - third Wednesday of the month at 1500 at Lisa Adams' home; any changes or cancellations will be coordinated as needed
- Probable changes to Lake Association partnership
 - discussed possible changes; additional discussion tabled
- Intro to Lakes information posted and emailed 13 Oct 2022
 - no feedback or interest yet
- PayPal Venmo option
 - question discussed that since Venmo is through PayPal, would BLAEP be charged by both PayPal and Venmo or only Venmo?
 - Ruthanne investigating viability for non-profits, annual fees and non-profit rates
- LBL DNR DO monitoring
 - DNR won't drive plan but will collaborate
 - will meet with Joe Noehner of DNR in December
 - looking at fish habit grant viability and Aquatic Invasive Species grant viability
 - Erick Elgin indicated he would attend a winter meeting
 - · Lisa working on LBL riparian mailing list
 - try for January meeting with Joe and Erick
- Grants
 - CBCW Grant for 2023 (\$1000-\$3000)

- ads in Bulletin Board news, placemats in local restaurants from Memorial Day to Labor Day, consider ad in Star Newspaper three times over summer, some event with participation prize
- application deadline 16 Dec 2022
- Lisa and Jeanne meeting at 1500 on 25 October to review grants from Grant Watch to see if we are eligible for any
 - Grant Watch membership ends 29 Dec 2022; 90-day membership payment issued by Treasurer.
- Jeanne looked at EarthGives info. There were 33 organizations who participated, collecting \$33k in donations, 6 organizations collected less than \$50, 1 organization collected \$0.
 Discussed that we may consider participating in EarthGives in the future, but not at this time.
- Grant writers are very expensive to hire. We have no volunteers for the position at this time.
- Any Other Business
 - · potential 2023 fundraising events
 - picnic: buy a seat/pay
 - scavenger hunt for kids
 - Saturday snorkel tour in lake
 - stand alone separate event
 - in conjunction with holiday?
 - sell tickets in advance
 - have games such as corn hole competition
 - · cake walk or bake-off competition
 - bake sale
 - meal as part of the event
 - raffle Jeanne looking up raffle rules

- · look up rules for food/donation in relation to sales tax license policy and code
- consider soliciting sponsors for events (i.g. picnic)
 - Dublin, Lake Osceola State Bank, Blossom's?
 - discussion regarding 501(c)3 charitable organizations and sponsorship relationship best practices, rules

- In-progress tasks:

- Assign POC within group for each grant we may be eligible for.
 - Assigned POC conduct provide summary of grant, review to validate criteria met for grant, and generate initial draft of grant application paperwork required.
- · (Lisa Adams) State Representative Constituent meeting schedule
- · Internship development discussion
- Michigan Anglers and Boaters pamphlet acquisition and placement locations.
- (Lisa Adams) Bass Pro Shops Cabela's Outdoor Fund report due upon conclusion of grant period