

## FOECLA

### Board of Directors Meeting

June 12, 2017

President Carl Heltne called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Barnes Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Denny Scharlemann, Cris Neff, Carl Heltne, , Thom Storm, Ted Eastlund, Jim Krook, Anne Torrey, Kevin Shriver, Barbara Possin

**Excused Absence:** Bob Hershey, Fred Haueter

**Consent Agenda Item:**

- Minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting

Motion by A. Torrey and seconded by D. Scharlemann to approve. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Report previously e-mailed by F. Haueter indicates \$42,000 cash on hand.

Motion by T. Eastlund and seconded by A. Torrey to approve. Motion carried.

**Communication Committee Report:**

- C. Heltne reported that he, D. Scharlemann and A. Torrey met to review and update organization's brochure. Planned revisions include following categories of information:
  - Why become a member
  - Activities
  - Public policy and education
  - How to join and support

Revised brochure to be agenda item at next board meeting for approval.

- Committee requested budget variance of \$95.46 to pay for signage with a total cost of signage \$1457. Following clarification was provided
  - Signage for adult education event is \$36 over budget
  - Annual meeting signage \$94 under budget
  - Beer social is \$304 under budget since there is no charge to organization for the beer
  - The canceled Vatten Paddler race results in a refund of \$500 to organization
  - The 7 signs for the 3 events will cost total of \$1457 and some of the signs can be reused with use of stickers to modify key information

Motion by C. Neff and seconded by J. Krook to authorize budget variance of \$95.46 to pay for new signage. Motion carried.

### **Bylaws and Annual Meeting:**

- C. Heltne reported that he has a meeting with Ron Carlson on June 28<sup>th</sup> to revise bylaws. Plans are to have them ready for review at next board meeting with approval at the Annual Meeting on July 15, 2017. C. Heltne reported that minutes from last Annual Meeting were inadvertently not mailed 30 days in advance of Annual Meeting as required in current bylaws. C. Heltne will seek guidance from Ron on how to proceed since mailing through postal service is expensive and current bylaws currently not updated to allow for electronic communication.

### **Beer Social Event June 24, 2017:**

- A grid created by T. Eastlund for placing flyers in area businesses and public meeting places was reviewed and assignments made. C. Heltne will pick up signs after the event.
- Displays at the event will include LEEP manned by C. Neff and FOECLA manned by T. Eastlund and C. Heltne

### **Annual Meeting July 15, 2017:**

- Meeting to be chaired by F. Haueter and C. Neff in President's absence.
- Speaker at event will be Keith Crowley, on "The Gordon MacQuarrie Legacy"
- Flyers promoting the event will be made by A. Torrey by the end of June
- Exhibits at the meeting will be:
  - AIS and BAISS Boat: Lee Weisner
  - LEEP: C. Neff
  - FOECLA: B. Possin
  - Conservation Club will be invited
  - CBCW: Sally Pease
  - BAHA will be invited by T. Eastlund
- C. Neff will order refreshments from Maki's Restaurant and request fruit along with muffins and breads instead of pastries. D. Scharlemann noted that we always have great amount of food left over so should order less.
- A. Torrey will take the printed posters to T. Eastlund's house.
- Road signs for Annual Meeting will be placed week of July 1st by D. Scharlemann.
- C. Heltne will take care of on-line communication.

### **Emily Stone presentation co-sponsored with Barnes Area Book Club:**

- Flyers completed and were distributed to members to post in area businesses
- Poster display assignments were made

### **AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Update:**

- T. Eastlund and C. Neff gave update on current status. They reported Lee Weisner noted 8 new locations of CLP(Curly Leaf Pondweed) including the Eau Claire River between Middle ECL and the Lock & Dam. This suggests it may also be in the Eau Claire River below the Lock & Dam and maybe in Lower ECL.

- T. Eastlund will notify Lower ECL Shoreline monitors and see if an informal survey can be conducted of Lower ECL and the river downstream from the Lock & Dam within the next 2 weeks
- T. Eastlund and C. Neff stressed need for more volunteers to help with surveillance/shoreline monitoring, pull CLP or be deckhand on the BAISS pontoon boat.
- They reported the BAISS pontoon boat will be busy removing CLP daily M-F on Middle (boat landing location) throughout June and beyond.
- There is a need to recruit more from Lower ECL for enhanced surveillance and for "pulling parties" and to be a volunteer deckhand on the BAISS pontoon boat.
- CLP has matured much faster this year due to warm winter and less snow cover.

#### **Vatten Paddler Race:**

- C. Heltne reported that Town of Barnes has cancelled the race this year.

#### **Water Ski Ordinance:**

- Lengthy and spirited discussion of potential options
- Unanimous decision following motion by J.Krook and seconded by K. Shriver to have attorneys from Dorsey Whitney Law firm who have offered to assist pro bono and have no conflict of interest, draft a letter on behalf of the Board.
- C. Heltne and K. Shriver will meet with the attorneys and request the letter include an appeal to logic and encourage the Town Board seek input from the community. To assist with seeking input letter will include offer from FOECLA to assist in paying for an independent valid professionally conducted survey of property owners.
- Draft letter to be brought to July 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for approval.

#### **LEEP Update:**

- C.Neff reported another successful program and planning underway for next year's program that will begin in September.

#### **Public Policy:**

- Need for someone to attend meeting June 19<sup>th</sup> of the Duluth Superior Foundation and Bayfield regarding potential for grants and funding sources. J. Krook volunteered to attend.

#### **Musing Contributions:**

- C. Heltne and the Board commended T. Storm for recent contribution
- C. Rusch has volunteered to write Musing for June and will e-mail to C. Heltne

#### **Future Board Members and Resignation of Treasurer:**

- With F. Haueter's resignation decision to pursue purchasing a professional accountant's time from local firm. D. Scharlemann will explore options and report at next meeting.

- Names of a couple individuals were brought forward to consider for board openings. C. Heltne will contact and interview them, and will attempt to include another board member in the meetings.

**Surplus of Funds:**

- C. Heltne asked board to reflect on our current situation in which we have excess of funds and are now able to support programs that align with our mission and/or services and amenities currently not available that would benefit residents.

Motion by K. Shriver and seconded by J. Krook to have C. Heltne ask Ron Carlson to facilitate a meeting in October for the Board to discuss challenges and explore future options. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Possin, Secretary