

## FOECLA

### Board of Directors Meeting

September 26, 2016

President Carl Heltne called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. at Anne Torrey's residence

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

**Excused Absence:** Fred Haueter

#### **Consent Agenda Item:**

- Minutes of August 8, 2016 meeting

Motion by A. Torrey to approve, seconded by J. Krook. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

In absence of treasurer President C. Heltne reviewed report previously emailed by F. Haueter. Of note is an increase of 45 members since last year; an increase of over \$6000 in membership contributions; Fund contributions have increased by \$4,495. The bank account balance as of August 31, 2016 is \$ 32,663.21 which is an increase of \$7,949.43 over last year.

Motion by T. Eastlund and seconded by J. Krook to approve. Motion carried.

#### **LEEP Update:**

T. Eastlund reported that last LEEP day was held September 20, 2016. There were 21 students and many volunteers. The reason for fewer students this year is due to the unusually small class size. C. Heltne asked about the status of a volunteer coordinator. T. Eastlund responded that this has not yet been resolved and no decision has been made. Posting of openings for volunteer and paid coordinator have been placed in various public locations and may be included in January President's letter.

#### **Vatten Paddler:**

D. Scharlemann motioned to continue same financial support of \$500 for next year's event. T. Eastlund seconded. Motion carried. C. Heltne will communicate our support to the Barnes Town Board.

#### **Approval of Board Guidelines:**

D. Scharlemann noted following concerns:

- Article I: Current name of organization not stated
- Article IV Section 2: Unclear language related to dues
- Article VII: Active member needs definition or else term needs to be deleted
- Article VIII: Uses "his" when referring to malfeasance
- Article IX Section 1: The intent of the sentence with the word "pecuniary" is unclear
- Article XI Section 3: States we will not otherwise attempt to influence legislation. Needs review and clarification.

C. Heltne requested members review and send any other concerns to him. He will forward on to R. Carlson to review and edit. C. Heltne will bring revised guidelines to the board's spring meeting for final review. Will then be taken to Annual Meeting in July for membership approval.

**Town of Barnes 2017 Calendar of Events:**

Calendar dates were due on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and payment is due on September 30<sup>th</sup>. However, we will still attempt to get our events included. With this in mind dates were reviewed as follows to be placed in the Barnes Calendar of Events:

- Beer Tasting Social date is June 24
- Annual Meeting is July 15
- Educational Event is August 19
- Will add April 10, 2017 Board meeting and delete October meeting
- 2017 Board meetings will be:
  - April 10
  - May 8
  - June 12
  - July 10
  - August 14
  - September 25

T. Eastlund moved and A. Torrey seconded that we participate in the Barnes Calendar of Events for 2017. Motion carried.

**Educational Event Topics for August 19, 2017:**

C. Heltne requested ideas for the summer educational event so that the program can be planned in advance. D. Scharlemann shared suggestions from this year's attendees as follows:

- Program on raptors
- Program on Loons
- Expand on this year's program about wild edibles

Other suggestions from board members included:

- History and future of logging
- Gordon MacQuarrie, his life and writings.

C. Heltne will send out survey to board members with goal of finalizing speaker in January.

**Annual Meeting July 15, 2017:**

General discussion of meeting format and content. One member received feedback that Round Robin was "same as previous years" and should not be repeated this year. Another suggestion was that we have a couple short presentations after meeting, also opinion expressed that Round Robin format works well. Random comment that we should consider a future joint event with the Historical Society on topic such as Native American history; wild rice; sugaring; logging.

C. Heltne will send out survey to board seeking input on format and possible topics.

**E-mail Musings:**

C. Heltne wants to continue with these periodically. The following schedule was agreed upon:

- November: T. Storm
- January: F. Haueter (topic will be tracking wolves)
- March: A. Torrey
- June: T. Eastlund will ask Franco Pagnucci for article

D. Scharlemann, A. Torrey, C. Heltne will meet in early winter to compile the January President's Letter to membership.

**Stop Tom Tiffany Ad in Vilas County News Review:**

Motion by D. Scharlemann and seconded by J. Krook to contribute \$100 towards cost of publishing this article in *Vilas County News Review*. Question raised regarding potential implications related to our tax exempt status and our bylaws.

Motion will be voted on electronically after C. Heltne obtains more information from Carol LeBreck which will be communicated via e-mail.

**Highway Roadside Activity:**

D. Scharlemann reported that one more pickup needs to be done this year and she will do it.

**Attendee Survey Results on 2016 Education Event:**

D. Scharlemann reported the following:

- In total 33 people attended, including board members
- 11 surveys were completed
- 8 people heard about event via website and e-mails
- 6 heard about it from a friend
- 1 person heard through advertising
- 10 people liked the length of program
- 2 people wanted later start
- 1 person requested be held on a week day
- 8 of the 11 respondents were members
- 3 of the respondents were non-members

Some comments about the food and D. Scharlemann will pursue other options for next year.

**Follow-up comments on LEEP Needs:**

C. Neff reported that at this time there is no need for paid staff. Sue Jansen and Beth Hansen-Love are accepting accountability for some of the operational tasks. She stated we now have a sustainable model and staffing is adequate for the foreseeable future.

C. Neff reported that Sue Jansen volunteered to assist with updating the website.

**Ordinance Task Force Subcommittee:**

Draft minutes of August meeting distributed by T. Eastlund. E-mail from Larry Trotter that had been previously e-mailed to the board, was reviewed. Lengthy discussion and numerous viewpoints regarding current ordinance, need for revision, process to review, reminder that the ordinance can only be changed by the Barnes and Gordon Town Boards. T. Eastlund also distributed document titled "10-5 Ordinance Task Force Charges".

Motion by B. Possin and seconded by D. Scharlemann that the Board directs the task force to:

- Design educational brochure
- Continue work on replacing roadway signs at all entry points
- Monitor the Barnes and Gordon Town Boards' actions related to the ordinance
- Endorse the talking points document that was previously approved
- Inform membership via the President's Letter and E-mail Blasts that the Ordinance has not been changed and is still in effect

- Explore enforcement options

Motion carried

Second motion by D. Scharlemann and seconded by A. Torrey to direct the task force to:

- Research and develop a structure and process that could be used to revise the current ordinance. This would include a skilled, unbiased facilitator, and involvement of content experts.

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Possin, Secretary