

Board of Directors Telephone Conference Meeting
December 6th, 2006

Present: Tim Nelson, Sally Westby, Louise Soumi, Marj Ryan, Bob Hewitt, Jessee Neihart, Bill Dunn, Fred Morris

Absent: Bob Reid

Meeting: Began around 8:00Pm, adjourned 9:55 PM

Bill Dunn moved to accept meeting minutes of September 2, Sally Westby second. Passed.

Governance Committee discussed changes to by-laws with Tim Nelson submitting amendments to discuss. Need to send hard copies to Louise because of trouble opening files. The last time bylaws were amended was August 2002. Acknowledged concern by some residents of lake over changes proposed at annual meeting, especially over definition of who qualifies as member and concern about outside interests getting control. (See attachment for changes)

Changes: included Size of Board and creating more positions. Consensus was bigger can be better and not all positions have to be filled at all times. If people want to serve, why throw away that energy. Need odd number to prevent ties. Determined 11 to be a good number.

Quorum: to allow executive committee to make decisions where short members at meetings, or smallest quorum. Need to define executive committee-Fred Morris' legal eagles were to ponder this perhaps and need to have language that declares actions under smaller quorum to be official.

Problem with nominating committee: those up for re-election should not be part of the committee.

Staggered terms: Need to have language for terms to fit into a staggered term so those being elected are balance in numbers with those who are not.

Name change: Came to consensus of Caribou Lake Association of Lutsen-will bring to general members.

Discussed how to bring changes to membership before the meeting rather than surprising them at the meeting without notice or chance to ponder changes. Perhaps in newsletter.

Finance Committee Louise reported that changes to bank account for signers was fine with bank. Current balance was \$4178.17 with 87 paid members. Please do not put dues forms on spring meeting notices. Louise received tax forms from Sue for signs sold. 23 signs were sold. Need to look into whether have to file form 990. Bill was was to contact Connie about how taxes where files and other questions. Louise was going to continue looking through boxes to see if any other recommendation or changes need to be made.

Secretary of state info was changed to Marj Ryan's home address.

Advisory Board A road study was scraped because of the \$25,000-50,000 price tag and left to the developer to propose a design.

Environmental Committee Bill and Jesse spoke about how some lake level monitoring might be done. Perhaps Dave Stark could suggest some sort of gauge or “official stick” to be installed or perhaps someone should call Two Harbors DNR to see if there is a way to monitor lake levels. Jesse spoke about how we need to be aware of exotics and need to have that on our lake management plan. Some discussion about coastal grant programs for funds, and when is the right time to apply and how to apply. Bill suggested Karen Evans knows how to get funds. Discussed that Jesse, Sally, Bill and Tim would see how to next proceed with a lake management plan, what to do, how to do, what we need further...

Firewise was also discussed. It is a dry hydrant in place in lake so fire trucks don't have to return to fire halls to get more water for trucks. One will be placed near boat launch with tubes underground out into lake, free of ice and debris. This can service entire lake. Paul Nelson was looking into this and saw it done very professionally on other lake. DNR owns boat launch and would need to give permission. Cost? Some discussion about homeowner compensation for clearing brush from their property and the requirements necessary to get money. Perhaps a central location would be used to bring brush to-a slash pit, like the gravel pit? Noted that the township is leary of firewise. Jesse suggested we ask Paul Nelson what he needs/wants to make this happed and come back to us with a request. Time is of the essence with to make this happen-especially with such a lack of rain this year.

Some discussion regarding creating another newsletter. Marj offered to proceed. Perhaps could hand out writing assignments.

Bob Hewitt noted that he needs to order more trees.

Next conference meeting should be scheduled in February.