

## **OSAKIS LAKE ASSOCIATION (OLA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING**

**DATE:** Mar 18, 2021

**TIME:** 6pm

**LOCATION:** ZOOM

**BOD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bruce Magnus, Doug Schmidt, Stephanie McKee, Chris Lawin, Gary Barber, Mike Helwig, Maria Farnsworth, Tammy Hase, Troy Thomas

**QUORUM:** Nine of fourteen BOD members present exceed the quorum criteria.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Secretary report

**RESOLUTION:** Motions and Motion Seconds were made by board members on approval of the minutes from the previous board meeting held on Mar 4, 2021. The minutes from that meeting were unanimously approved. File: 03-04-21 OLA BOD Mtg Minutes.pdf

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Treasurer report

**RESOLUTION:** Motions and Motion Seconds were made by board members on approval of the treasurer's report sent out by Stephanie earlier on Mar 18, 2021. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Our treasurer, Stephanie McKee, gave a summary that we have roughly \$44.6k in our account, with roughly \$19.6k of that dedicated to the bog fund as of 18-Mar-21. That is a slight change from the previous report with a correction of the amount dedicated to the bog fund.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Communications protocol (internal and external)

**RESOLUTION:** Motion for approval that our incoming president, Bruce Magnus, should now have bank signature authority on the accounts associated with the OLA. And our outgoing president, Gary Barber, should now be removed from the same accounts. Motions and Motion Seconds were made by board members on hand and was approved unanimously. Action – Bruce Magnus

**RESOLUTION:** Motion for approval that our future newsletter and other correspondences be delivered and available in a digital format, with an effort to eliminate printing it in the future. Motions and Motion Seconds were made by board members on hand and was approved unanimously.

Bruce Magnus discussed finalizing the letter he sent out to the board for review to property owners on CLP. Suggested edits were made and the letter has been set for digital distribution in the days to come. Bruce also discussed having signage printed up and put along the lake side roads making people aware of CLP and encouraging OLA membership. All suggested edits to Bruce's proposed sign are expected back to him by end of day Friday Mar 26, 2021.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Annual meeting update

**RESOLUTION:** Motion to allow a budget of \$400 for food and other associated expendables for the meal that is to be served at our annual meeting was put forward. Motion Seconds were made by board members on hand and was approved unanimously.

The annual meeting is set for Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>, currently planned is happy hour 4-5:30, meeting at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. Originally the VFW could allow 125 people to a function like this due to Covid, but that has now increased to 185, this may change again in the future. A free will donation sign and some of the dinner details were also discussed.

Using "32 Auctions" for our online auction fundraiser was discussed. Doug has the current list of auction items. A discussion of board members helping in any way to get additional donations was discussed. Also having a general donation button on the auction site was talked about. Doug is going to send out a letter to the board members that he has used for soliciting donations.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Web based membership dues payment system update

**RESOLUTION:** Motion to allow the committee of Doug Schmidt, Bruce Magnus, Mike Helwig and Chris Lawin to move forward and finalize the website based and mobile visa processing for the OLA. Motions and Motion Seconds were made by board members on hand and was approved unanimously.

Quite a bit of discussion took place on new information on options associated with getting a credit card system in place for the OLA. It was agreed this committee would have a conference call on Tuesday Mar 23, 2021 @ 10am with the Heartland vender to keep the ball moving forward.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Curly Leaf Pond (CLP) Weed

We have a contract with Lake Restoration Inc. to start treating CLP as discussed in the previous meeting. At this time, the DNR has given us an unofficial approval to receive the \$5K grant associated with this treatment. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) applications are in for Todd and Douglas counties. Positive communications have been had with both counties; we are optimistic to receive funding from both of these sources.

These treatments will not include the 150 feet closest to shore. Bruce Magnus sent out the needed information (forms) to get your personal shoreline treated.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Website and social media updates

Bruce had a meeting this past week with a local company to discuss the possibility of changing our website host and go with a different web designer. Fees for continuing with our current web site host were discussed. They have a proposal to us for \$2200, which is the discounted fee for a non-profit. Chris Lawin (our website lead) had some questions and wanted to look at a couple of things before we committed.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Membership drive

Tammy Hase (Chair) commented that more is to come on this soon. It will important to be ready to have a push as we head towards our annual meeting.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** OLA high school scholarship

**RESOLUTION:** Motion to put forth a \$500 Osakis High School college scholarship this year was put presented to the board. Motions and Motion Seconds were made by board members on hand and was approved unanimously.

**AGENDA TOPIC:** Bog fund and annual membership fee

**RESOLUTION:** Motion to have a membership vote at our annual meeting to raise our annual membership fee to \$75 annually, to eliminate that \$25 of this membership fee has to be directed into the bog fund and to ask the membership to use some of the funds that are currently in the bog fund to treat CLP. Motions and Motion Seconds were made by board members on hand and was approved unanimously.

The bog fund looks to be pretty well funded at this time. The latest concerns from the OLA are more focused on AIS (CLP). It has been proposed that we reclassify the membership fee to go into one general fund or perhaps a lake conservation fund, not \$25 of the membership fee going directly into the bog fund. It has also been proposed to raise the membership fee to \$75 annually. And lastly, it has been proposed that we ask the membership to use some of our bog fund to treat CLP. We need to be prepared to show the costs and benefits of this at the annual meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Fund raising vis pull tabs has been pushed as a topic for a future meeting
- A group in Miller Bay has drilled a core sample this past winter, not much more is known about the results from the board members on hand at this time.
- Our next zoom meeting has been set to be at 7pm on Thursday Apr 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Unanimously at 7:45pm

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Mike Helwig; Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY BOD:** Year: 2021 Month: 04 Day: 08