

# **LMSA Annual Membership Meeting**

## **Meeting Minutes**

June 15, 2019

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the LMSA Annual Membership Meeting was called to order by President, Mike Becraft. He introduced the Executive board members.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were available to members and reviewed by Sandy Alinder. There was a motion and second from the floor to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jim Bond reported on the Financial Report available to all members. He introduced the Assistant treasurer-Kristine Christensen and their roles in working together. He reviewed the income and expenses for the annual report. There will be directory expenses next year. Report approved by members.

### **Becker County Museum Update**

Becky Mitchell, Executive Director, was introduced by Mike Becraft. He spoke of the opportunities for children's education available. Becky informed the members of the capital fund campaign to "Re-imagine" what a museum is. She discussed the current state of the museum and how documents need to be moved and stored in different areas due to storage and mold concerns. She displayed architect renderings of the planned building attached to the Community Center and how they will share some space and resources. She encouraged members to share their history and stories of the Shoreham area with the museum.

### **Becker County Update**

John Okeson updated the members on the airport expansion project. Phase II is being completed this year and final completion slated for Summer 2020. The new jail is complete and occupied. This saves the County money on re-housing inmates in other facilities.

#### **Road projects**

- there will be a major project from the Legion Campground to County 6. This will improve storm water management and create a multi-use trail system along Little Detroit Lake.
- In 2021, County 22 will have overlay applied to the road.

Becker County will be moving toward single-container recycling.

New County Administrator is Mike Brethorst

On Winter Patrol issues, he reported no break-ins. There was a large amount of snow and a few open doors.

### **Lakeview Township Update**

Phil Hansen spoke on behalf of the township. The 3 supervisors allocate funds. The majority is on roads in the township. He discussed the Fern Beach project to remove brush and trees leaning over the road to increase safety. Boat trailers make it difficult to mow. The compost sites are under surveillance and running well. He is able to share license plate numbers with the sheriff's department for commercial dumping or arson. Phil discussed Clean-up Week. Street signs over 18 years old have been replaced and the old ones are available for bid at the township hall. He encouraged anyone interested in becoming the township clerk to apply. He answered questions about road resurfacing and concerns from members about speeding. The digital signs that move around the lakes collect data and he will be sharing that with the sheriff department.

### **Pelican River Watershed District Update**

Tera Guetter spoke on treating curly leaf pondweed and flowering rush. They are working with the DNR to plan for future treatments. Lake Melissa will be in a research study, looking at the zebra mussel impact on the walleye population. They are working to develop a readiness response for AIS, including the DNR access points. She discussed a cost share program available to help homeowners purchase plants to protect water quality. She reported the DNR is looking at removing dams, including Bucks Mills, and adding rock rapids. The PRWD wants to assure that carp cannot swim upstream. She invited members to a trip on August 15<sup>th</sup> to Lake Koronis to see the effects of starry stonewort and Aqua Chatauqua.

### **Activities Chair- Carolyn Becraft**

Carolyn talked about the strength of the Association depends on having volunteers. She thanked the volunteers. New clothing is available for purchase and last year's clothing is on sale. The lending library is full and she thanked Mary Mahoney for the children's books. The boat parade will be counter-clockwise this year. Head judges for the boat parade are being selected and awards will be given out. The office also has tram passes available for purchase for \$100/season or \$20/trip. She introduced Judy Hatlie, who gave an update on the Home Tour for 2020. Committee members and homes are needed. She thanked Judy Knudsvig for maintaining the memory garden. Carolyn distributed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to indicate when they can help.

### **President's Updates-Mike Becraft**

- Mike spoke about the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge "Wild Wednesday" events.
- Lake Sallie Fishing Pier-it was damaged by ice. There is a local group that raised money to restore. They were successful in obtaining funding and it will be placed this summer.
- **Buoys:** Mike obtained the permits from the Sheriff's Office. The buoys are in place on Melissa.
- **Food Pantry Drive, Labor Day-** Mike will again work with the Becker County Food Pantry to have the truck at the Office. He encouraged monetary donations also, as the pantry is able to purchase items for a portion of the cost.

- **Vandalism:** Sandy Beach Estates has gas lines cut on 3 boats recently. He requested members to keep an eye out for future problems.
- **MAISRC-Mike** brought the 2018 Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center report. Last year, after Becker County declined funding from both the Township and Association, the Association donated \$2000 to the research center. The county again has money for the inspectors that they have been able to hire. Mike reported that the Board and the Beach Captains felt that \$2000 allocated for AIS efforts should go to the MAISRC for 2019. He asked for a motion for \$2000 to donate to MAISRC. Motion approved by members.
- **Becker County Museum-Board and Beach Captains** request \$1000 for the capital fund project. Discussion on the amount needed for funding. Lakeview Township donates annually to house documents. Jim Bond expressed interest in holding a fundraiser for more money. Motion carried.

#### **Vice President's Update-Susan Roberts**

Susan thanked the Beach Captains for their work. She indicated we have 7 new beach captains. Beach Captains were elected as listed.

#### **Database Update-Wanda Roden**

Mike thanked Hans Tronnes for the many years he worked on the data base. Wanda has taken over after his retirement. She reminded everyone of the importance of having correct information for the new directory next year. She saw very few winter newsletters returned. She spoke of the new on-line opportunity to pay dues annually.

#### **Open Discussion**

Carole Schornack asked Brad Wimmer to give an update on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for Lake Detroiters Association next weekend. He highlighted the planned events and related there will be a video for sale.

Discussion on hiring someone to patrol for speeding. It was recommended that a formal letter be written to the County Commissioners. Mike offered to work with Phil.

**Elections-**Mike announced that Mary Rotter has agreed to act as Secretary with the retirement of Sandy Alinder. She will stay on, working with Marsha on Facebook and the website. Mike called the Beach Captains forward to elect the 2019 Officers

President-Mike Becraft

Vice President-Susan Roberts

Secretary-Mary Rotter

Treasurer/Asst Treasurer-Jim Bond and Kristine Christensen

#### **Adjournment**

With no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1145am

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Sandy Alinder

June 17, 2019