

Board of Directors Meeting

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, 2019, Work Commons

President Mary Pat Goulding opened the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Present: Officers: Mary Pat Goulding (president), Dave Converse (vice president), Jennifer Hopkins (treasurer), Stan Chop (secretary) Board members – Marnie MacKenzie, Andy Major, Bill Round, Pat Vana, Beth Torpey, Don Hendrich, Also attending: Members, Valerie Dillon, Gail Lynch Absent: Kendall Lambert

Secretary's Report:

David moved and Pat seconded approval of the minutes for the April 9, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

We are at the end of our High Meadows Grant. Memberships are coming in. Financially we are doing very well. We have been paid for May by the IJC. We have some memberships coming in. We have 34 members at this time.

Side Note:

Beaver have devastated the rain garden. We will wait some time to discuss further action with Robert Gosselin.

Annual Meeting (June 21st)

The Science and Monitoring of PFOA and PFAS. (Hazardous Chemicals in Plastics) will be the title. John Kim will come to speak on this topic. Maybe he can find someone from the private sector to also speak. Mary Pat is suggesting we collect items composed of such chemicals for an eventual art sculpture. We are still hoping Mark Sheldon will be singing at the meeting thanks to Marnie. Mary Pat will look into using the Career Center. We have to pay for two custodians to clean afterwards if we use the center. Gail mentioned using the East Side. Mary Pat will look into using both. We can do a poll via the internet when prices are determined. It would be best to advertise the meeting by 20 May.

The business meeting will be conducted after the talk. The by-laws will be presented at the meeting and voted on at that time.

Let's email the by-laws to the membership.

By-laws:

--- made the motion that if the revised Bylaws are approved, the amended Bylaws be adopted effective immediately for all sections except for Article 6 - Directors, seconded by -----. The motion was approved. Article 6 reduces the number of directors from 12 to 9, if needs be, this shall be accomplished via attrition by the 2020 annual meeting.

Newsletter

Gail talked about Chet Greenwood doing the newsletter but he was having problems with a new computer. Amy Peacock may have something for the newsletter. Mary Pat has some photos that could be used. The calendar of events need to be sent to Gail. 29 June will be the kayak event. 9-noon. The rain date will be the next day. There will be a limit of 10 participants. Gail needs the president's letter.

Gail asked how the newsletter will be distributed. It will be emailed to members or sent via slow mail if requested to do so.

There will be a membership letter emailed to those who have been members but haven't renewed yet. The newsletter will be included.

The newsletter should be on the website.

Membership

Pat spoke to Lydia at NCHS. She said she can work with the students next year regarding a marketing campaign. A time will be set to have memberships due by 1 April.

Jennifer mentioned we need to connect what people marked on their membership form volunteer to an actual activity. There is currently a disconnect between what folks volunteer to do on the membership form and whether they are actually contacted. Marnie volunteered to review the forms and tally who volunteered for what. Those people will be contacted.

Sometime local addresses are not given on the membership form.

The option of pay-pal should to be put on the top of the page.

Scholarship

Don mentioned we had 6 applicants. One scholarship was awarded to Ann Potter who is going to study biochemistry. We'll ask Hillary for a photo of her daughter.

Side-note: Mary Pat mentioned she met with 7 students at their lunchtime at Lake Region. She mentioned they were really engaged in the discussion. Ms. Lori Wolf could be contacted next Sept to possibly include students in the river clean-up campaign in September.

Employee Report was submitted.

Side-notes:

Fees were waived for Prouty Beach. Let's give the chaperones membership forms and a verbal request to join.

Tomorrow evening at the Gateway Center there will be a city presentation. Recreational Economics, Border Patrol, Invasive Species will be presented among other topics.
6-8 pm Light refreshments upstairs.

Andy mentioned that a position dealing with invasive species was cut. Mary Pat and Valerie both wrote letters to the governor and legislature folks about this issue. Andy also wrote letters. Valerie mentioned that cutting that position will cost more in the long run.

Valerie mentioned Angela Shambaugh is developing a webinar session.

Marnie asked if we are going to have a table at the Maxwells. That hasn't been determined.

Ducks Unlimited dinner will be Saturday night at the Elks Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23.