

MWA Board Meeting April 19,2017
4:30 PM Hebard Building Room 1507

President Mary Pat Gould opening the meeting at 4:33 PM

Present: Tom Kovacs,Beth Torpey, Bill Round,Kendall Lambert, Peggy Hollander, David Converse, Sara McKenny

Absent :

Lynn Jenness, Don Henrich,Pat Vana, Gail Lynch, Jennifer Hopkins

Secretary's Report: The minutes were read and discussed (Not a quorum, so there was no voting for approval)

Treasurer's Report: A bill was paid for \$128.00 for newsletters.

MCI News: Tom Kovacs reported on several activities and news from MCI.

- An invitation will be forthcoming for Board to attend a meeting on May 16th at 2:30 at the Hermitage in Quebec
- A 50th year Celebration Cocktail party will be held on May 20th at the Hermitage Club from 5-7 and members of MWA are invited
- The exchange of flags is planned for Friday September 1, at the beach in Magog so that publicity will be available and the MCI president will also attend the Boat Cruise celebration planned for Sunday September 3rd here in the States.
- Also MCI has extended an invitation to the General Meeting on August 5, 2017 at 9:30 am at the Town Hall in Austin, Quebec
- MCI Grant was received

Membership Committee:

A meeting was held that included Jennifer Hopkins, Peggy Hollander and Lynn Jenness and Sara McKenny to discuss membership letters and format. It is important that the membership forms are the same for letters mailed, website, brochure and emailed letters so that the information gathered can be useful to the Treasurer and other committees. Discussion regarding the payments and forms was held and Peggy will be checking into getting this all set up with our Google account.

The format for the brochure was discussed and the consensus was people would like the same format that we have had in the past.

Mary Pat also mentioned that it would be great to have a place on our website and letters that allows people to donate to MWA since many Kingdom Games participants have requested to make donations to MWA. We will include a donation line to our forms and Peggy will check to make sure this is on our website too.

We will be sending out membership renewal letters in all formats by the end of April.

Events and Calendar Preparation: Mary Pat presented a calendar of events

- May 13th 9-12 Invasive Species Workshop – Bluffside Farm
- May 20th MCI 50th Celebration at Hermitage , Quebec
- June 24th Mac Center Annual meeting (4pm) and then Book Signing 5-7
- June 25th Paddle at Eagle Point

- July 4th Derby Parade (Dave Converse and Kendall Lambert organizing)
- July 22 Northwoods Clyde River
- Aug 5th MCI Annual Meeting
- September 1 Flag exchange at Magog
- September 3 Annual Boat Cruise and Flag Exchange on Memphremagog (Lynn Jenness and Sara McKenny will be organizing)

Third Grade Cruises are being held again this year. David Converse will be looking into a GO Fund Me page to help with this. We will need volunteers to help with all of these cruises. Letter will be going out to school soon and the cruises will take place Mondays-Thursdays and it is hoped that there will be 20 students per group.

Board Membership- We need to form a committee for the four board slots to fill and that will be up for election (Emily, Maria, Gail and Don)

Kendall Lambert will be on the nominating committee and we need others to help with nominations to have a list ready for the Annual Meeting. A meeting will be held for Committee formation soon.

President's Report:

A seasonal walking path from Pomerleau Park to the movie theater is in the planning stages. Mary Pat attended a meeting with several local people to discuss this walking path and plans for completion.

Mary Pat suggested that we look into a grant to help prepare private landowners for work that needs to be completed for water quality safety.

The ECHO Summit was attended by Mary Pat , Kendall Lambert and Beth Torpey in Burlington.

The next meeting will be May 17th and will be held in Glover.

Sara McKenny
Acting Secretary