



Meeting Minutes: 3/7/2020

Attendees: Armas Soorus, Dan Sernick, Dale Downes, Joyce Durdel, Jim Squier, Tim Phillips, Chasity Gouker

Other Person(s) in Attendance: Joe Neumann, Melissa Jacobs

- Called to Order: 10:00 a.m.
- Previous February meeting minutes reviewed: Jim moved, Armas second. February minutes were approved.
- Treasurers report:
 - Reviewed the deposit from Amazon Smile of \$42.41
 - Reconcile books report
 - Reconciles to balance sheet
 - Review of forecasted expenditures
 - Donations are up
 - Membership 17% increase
 - \$10,213 this year; \$8,700 last year
 - Donations 21% increase
 - \$46,000 this year; \$10,000 last year
 - Total increase in revenue is 38% from 24,000 to 63,000
 - **Motion was made and accepted for the Treasurer's report.**
- Project Status:
 - Dale will meet with Nate the week of 3/9 to review projects
 - Dale requested a list of volunteer for the erosion sites
 - Facebook page is active, Dale is working on it daily
- Watershed Management Plan
 - Armas reported on Greg Goudy review of the watershed management plan. The final report is expected to be (including edits) by the end of March. Once it is resubmitted it should be approx. 4-6 weeks for approval. Some suggestions for edits were:
 - Need more river flow rate data
 - Need more detail regarding water quality
 - Edit formatting
 - Watershed Management meeting was 3/6. Approx. 16 people attended the meeting. There was good feedback from the group. Tasks lists were identified.
 - Armas is working on getting monitoring stations active and implemented.

- Grants:
 - We are awaiting reply on DNG FGHP for section II and CRA submitting for funds as well.
 - If this is approved, it will fund the Camstra project
 - Preapproval for \$170,000 was approved.
- Old Business:
 - Natural Rivers
 - Dan spoke with Brian Burry and would like to move forward with a letter requesting DNR designation from the board of trustees. He recommended that the letter should be addressed to the fisheries, and DNR manager.
 - Tim sent an email to Brian on 2/6 stating that the board is in support of a designation by a vote of 5 to 2.
 - A new discussion was had regarding the designation and the writing a letter to Brian.
 - Motion was made that the LMCC requests state designation of natural rivers designation. 8 approved; 0 opposed; 1 abstained
 - Dan will move forward with writing the letter
 - Website Updates
 - Dan will review with Steve and Anna following the meeting
 - Real Estate Info Package
 - This is a work in progress
 - Mike Fisher will pass out to encourage landowners to have proper septic care.
 - New Erosion Survey
 - CRA has agreed to do in spring 2020, costs the same as last one \$8402. LMWCC has approved funds
 - 2020 Watershed volunteer meeting
 - April 17th, 2020 9:30, Mark Tenello is speaking
 - Snacks and food are provided by LMCC
 - Newsletter
 - Recommended to immediately cancel services with Aaron.
 - We will move forward with changing to Jackpine.
 - Chas will get the mailing list from Pete.
 - Chas will move forward with getting the Fall/Winter printed and sent out to members.
 - Chas is working on an electronic newsletter in addition to the printed newsletter.
 - Annual Meeting-July 11th
 - Jim will fill out the application for Crystal Mountain for a donation.
 - John Gouker, of Gouker Fly Fishing will be presenting
 - Updated email list will be done
 - Typically nets an estimate of \$4,000
 - New board members will be formally approved
 - Dues Letters

- New Business
 - Membership and Secretary position open
 - **Pete to do membership**
 - **Chas to do secretary**
 - Upcoming president/vp replacements
 - Armas is interested in the president position
 - Possible new board members:
 - Joe Neumann: **Motion was made and approved**
 - Melissa Jacobs: **Motion was made and approved**
 - Nate to spend time on Stronach Creek as part of the road stream crossing inventory.
 - Culverts are failing on 11 ½ mile road
 - Lake County Community Foundation Grant process
 - Armas attended meeting and talked with LCCF regarding possible opportunities
 - He feels that we would need to show some progress in our current projects before applying for funding through them.
 - Jim shared that Manistee County Community Foundation grant process is currently open.

Next Meeting: April 4, 2020