

Beaver Island Association
Supporting Environmental and Economic Sustainability

Annual Meeting Minutes
Monday, JULY 21, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Beaver Island Community Center

Election of Directors & Financial report

Peter summarized current BIA board membership (see attached). Nominations and Elections followed:

- Taffy Raphael, Pam Grassmick, and Bob Tidmore were re-elected for a second three-year term by acclimation
- Nominees for 3 year terms through 2017: Keith Brothers, Mark Engels man, and Andy Kohls (moved and seconded)

Financial Report: Bob Anderson

- Bob presented financial report fiscal year 7/1/2013 to 6/30/2104 (see attached), moved and seconded, approved.

BI Birding Trail Dedication – Pam Grassmick & Beth Leuck

[See PP presentation used by speakers – get from Beth]

- Acknowledgement of Pam’s leadership of this initiative by Beth. Recognition for Doris Larson for bringing in artists group for fundraising.
- Summary of outcomes of launching the trail.
 - Attracting new people to Beaver Island (e.g., visually impaired youth and 13-member staff) because of the Birding Trail
 - Website launched in February 2014. Hits on the website peaked at over 57K in May at launch.
- BI will be a part of the northwest area of Michigan when the state DNR creates five different areas.
- Trail is designed to be sustainable, not based on festival or particular events. The idea is to have the trail serve as a year-round draw to the island.

BI Community School update - Riley Justis

- Framed in terms of past, present, future
- Academics are a priority
 - Perform at or above based on MEAP.
 - Currently using MAP from NWEA. Using it as a growth measure, rather than normed measure.
 - Aligned curriculum to CCSS, aligned assessments to CCSS to identify gaps within and across content areas to improve curriculum.
 - Applying intervention decisions at the 45-50%ile, so at grade level.
 - Exploring grammar as a separate course of study
- Exploring what the goal is for graduating students: be prepared to go to college, measured in terms of ACT. Average ACT in BICS – 18. 21 is the cutoff score.
 - Separates content and skills in his belief system
 - Aligns content with the idea of recalling facts

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- Emphasis on skills as the goal of K-12
- Claim that MAP is the new direction for education
- Reduction of gap between expenditures and income using small savings. Came in substantially under budget in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.
- Have purchased iPads for students to use.
 - Phase I: learn the tool
 - Phase II: designing content
 - Use for virtual learning
- Capital projects – repairing infrastructure (e.g., boilers), considering new school and community needs
 - Suggested need for increased bandwidth to support community and school

The new and improved (!) BIA website - Jim Jones

- Jim introduced the website revisions and the archive functions, as well as all the links the site now connects us to.

Phragmites treatment plans – Cindy Ricksgers

- Invasive treatment plan now is able to focus primarily on new shoots
- Presented to science class at BICS 7th-12th grade classroom and students will help as part of community service requirements.
- Will need ongoing vigilance to maintain beaches clean of Phragmites.

History Museum expansion plans – Sandy Birdsall

- Capital campaign is beginning to create the *Museum of Island Life*, expanding current museum capacity by 3700 square feet of display area and work/archival space in the basement. Described the need for more space, zoned heating to share the compelling stories of past and present residents of the island.
- July 24th House Party – at Beachcomber, ticket price reflects fundraising for museum. All are invited.

BI Radio launch update – Judy Gallagher

- Sponsored by PABI as project responding to members of community who brought the idea to the board in 2013, to increase access to local information (low frequency FM in high needs rural areas of the US)
- Radio station location is on main floor of the Community Center
- WVBI: Radio Voice of Beaver Island at 101 FM via radio, expected in Fall 2014, through Verizon Tower
- Streaming availability since June 2014

Road work update – Bob Anderson

- 4.04 miles will be repaved, expanded to 24 feet wide, in two layers (wedge coat to create the crown, then a 2 inch top-coat), between four corners and end of King's Hwy pavement. No road closing expected for remainder of the project.
 - Paving of airport apron
 - Stockpiling road gravel to support roads over the next several years.

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- Full time grader might be available by February 2015 when it is replaced by Charlevoix. Can buy out lease for \$84K, and it will reside on island.
- Need a storage building for county vehicles including the grader, so we need new one before we can bring grader over. Would be combined with sheriff and other government buildings. Money has been approved but there is not evidence of a building being started at this point.

Input from the membership regarding future initiatives (please give this some thought).

Refreshments after the meeting

- Request for input from membership via email and personal contact for ideas for BIA investment in BI's future.

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Your Support is important!

ANNUAL DUES (tax deductible): \$20 for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, including semi-annual newsletter -- also, visit our continuously updated website:

BeaverIslandAssociation.org

Please bring checks (sign-in starts at 4:15 p.m.); or mail to:
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Beaver Island Association Board of Directors 2013-2014

<u>Director</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	
Bob Anderson	Second	July 2015	
Jim Jones	Second	July 2015	
Ken McDonald	Second	July 2015	
Peter Igoe	Third	July 2016	
Beth Leuck	Second	July 2016	
Craig Schrotenboer	Third	July 2016	
Jeff Powers	First	July 2016	
			Proposed
Pam Grassmick	First/Second	July 2014	July 2017
Taffy Raphael	First/Second	July 2014	July 2017
Bob Tidmore	First/Second	July 2014	July 2017
Keith Brothers	Proposed	July 2017	
Mark Engelsman	Proposed	July 2017	
Andy Kohls	Proposed	July 2017	

Note: Section 2(a) of the BIA Bylaws: The Board shall consist of not less than nine nor more than fifteen members. The exact number within that range to be determined by the Board of Directors on or before July 1 of each year.

Board Members may not serve more than 3 full terms.

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BEAVER ISLAND ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2013 TO 6/30/2014

Beginning balances 7/1/13:		
Checking account general fund	3,345.78	
Certificate of deposit general fund	<u>7,402.91</u>	
7/1/13 total on hand:		10,748.69

Income:

Dues 2013-14	2,035.00	
Dues 2014-15	520.00	
CD interest	13.85	
Beaver Island Birding Trail (BIBT) gifts	1,535.00	
Charlevoix County Community Foundation BIBT Grant	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total Income:		13,603.85

Expenses:

Beaver Island Birding Trail (BIBT)

Web site, signage, printing, marketing
and dedication event

8,258.91

Newsletters Fall 2013 485.80
 Spring 2014 500.60

Administrative State of Michigan filing 20.00
 Check printing 64.17
 Postage 127.45
 Annual meeting costs 118.13
 Web site domains & design 745.00
 Beach clean-up initiative 46.34

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Advertising & Partner Memberships

Beaver Island News on the Net	150.00	
B.I. Chamber of Commerce	150.00	
Beaver Beacon annual ad	125.00	
Nature Conservancy	100.00	
Tipp of the Mitt Watershed Council	50.00	
Mich. United Conservation Clubs	30.00	
Conservation Resource Alliance	100.00	
Tri-fold brochure printing	<u>145.00</u>	
Total Expenses:		11,395.85

Ending balances 6/30/14:

Checking account general fund	4,764.27	
Checking account BIBT gifts	1,535.00	
Checking account CCCF BIBT grant	1,241.09	
Certificate of deposit general fund	<u>5,416.76</u>	
6/30/14 total on hand:		12,957.12