

# *The Beaver Island Association*

*Supporting Environmental and  
Economic Sustainability*

## **Board Meeting**

**Monday, June 8, 2015, 1:30pm. Igoe House, 26145 Carlisle Road**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Attendees were: Igoe, Raphael (by telephone), Anderson, Leuck, Grassmick, Tidmore, Engelsman, Kohls, and Jones

Absent: McDonald, Schrottenboer, Brothers

### Suggestions for new BIA board members

The current board consists of 12 members (Jeff Powers resigned). Bob Anderson and Ken McDonald (to be confirmed) agreed to be reelected to a third term. Jim Jones decided to exit the board after the current term, leaving the board with 11 members.

By laws require between 9 and 15 board members. We would like to get to the maximum. The current bylaws limit board members to 3 terms. The following persons were put forward as potential candidates.

- Bob Anderson will talk to David Howell (Note: David said yes this afternoon; Bob will ask him for a short bio so I can introduce him to the membership)
- Pam Grassmick will talk to Bill Schneider
- Bob Tidmore will talk to Kevin Boyle
- Mark Engelsman will talk to Jim Haveman
- Other names suggested were: Mary Cook, Patrick McGinnity, Phyllis or Joe Moore.

Peter Igoe will present to the Annual Meeting a change to the bylaws allowing former board members who have served the three-term maximum to be re-elected to the board after not serving on the board for at least one 3-year term.

### Subjects for the Annual Meeting (Monday, July 20, @4:30pm; Community Ctr.)

- Good news membership update – Peter
- Election of officers - Peter
- Financial report – Bob A.
  
- Peter Igoe will talk to Judy Gallagher to see if she will give a brief update on the Community School.
  1. Status of the search for a new principal
  2. Enrollment projections
  3. BICS debt level
  4. Goals for BICS
  
- Peter Igoe will talk to Kitty McNamara about providing an update on St. James financial issues.
  
- Peter Igoe will talk to Rachel Teague and Paul Welke with regard to air service plans.
  1. What limits airlines ability to transport passengers in inclement weather; and what would be required to overcome these limitations?
  2. What can be done to establish regular air service to an airport hub (TVC, Milwaukee, other)
  3. Freight service update/future plans
  4. Air ambulance service capabilities and plans.
  
- Birding Trail Update – Pam/Beth

- Phragmites treatment plans – Cindy Ricksgers if available
- Road work update – Bob Anderson. Bob will determine if Nancy Ferguson would like to speak
- Property Tax structure, voting rights – Peter Igoe will do some research to determine if any tax law changes are in the works.
- Other environmental initiatives/issues – Craig/Pam/Bob A. This will include an update on the status of various financial grants under consideration for Beaver Island.
- Refreshments. Peter Igoe will organize. Suggestions are requested.
- **NOTE: Music on the Porch is scheduled for 7pm that night.**

The relationship of the Phragmites Administrator to the Townships. Peter Igoe will meet with Bill Kohls around 10:00 am Thursday to review the townships legitimate concerns, and how they can be addressed?

Chamber of Commerce website coordination. Ken McDonald will meet with Steve West to determine what the Chamber is seeking. The Board agreed that we should make a good faith effort to accommodate the Chamber's desires but without compromising the BIA/BIBT websites.

The Board agreed to the following Memberships or Contributions

- History Museum (about \$100). Peter Igoe will draft a letter to the History Museum.
- BI Sports Taekwondo (Dave Avery). \$100 and ask that the Taekwondo team actively participate in the fall Beach Cleanup, Ken McDonald to coordinate. Peter Igoe will draft a letter.
- Saving Birds Through Habitat, \$50 contribution. Pam will send Peter recipient detail and Peter will draft letter.
- Board will consider \$100 donation to AMVETS for August 1 Native American celebration. Bob Tidmore to make formal request.
- It was approved that the BIA should join the Charlevoix and Petoskey Chambers of Commerce (@\$150).

Annual Meeting announcement and dues solicitation postcard. Peter will send a draft postcard to the board for approval. Peter Igoe will comb the telephone book to add local Beaver Island businesses to the mailing.

The Board discussed holding an EMS and Fire Department appreciation dinner at the Community Center. Spouses would be included. Mark Engelsman volunteering to roast a pig. The dinner to be held sometime in September/October. Bob Tidmore to coordinate.

Mark Engelsman discussed a BICS PTA project to guarantee financial support for all students who successfully complete BICS high school graduation (similar to the Kalamazoo Project). Bob Anderson mentioned that at least 2 scholarship funds already exist (at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation). Mark will provide more information as the project develops. The Board should determine what role the BIA might undertake in this endeavor.

**The next BIA Board meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2015 1:30 pm. Please add to your calendars.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3pm.

Peter Igoe June 8, 2015