

The Beaver Island Association

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Beaver Island Association Board Meeting Agenda Igoe's House, 26145 Carlisle Road Tuesday, June 21, 2016 10:00 a.m. @Igoes (26145 Carlisle)

1. Brochure
 - a. Jim Jones shared a revised version of the BIA brochure describing our mission and activities. Board members suggested comments and revisions which Jim agreed to incorporate into the next draft, which will then be shared at the July 11 BIA general membership meeting.
2. Marina Reservation System status
 - a. Peter presented an update following information gathered regarding the challenges of instituting a sustainable reservation system. The problems will not be able to be addressed until the managers of the system can correct the current information. Joe Moore has been working with key staff members and is aware of the BIA offer of assistance. At this point, however, none is requested.
3. Update: potential new board members were discussed. Peter is reaching out to Don Fix as a potential member. Shari Richards, Allan Vicstein have agreed to serve and Kevin is contacting Kyle Martin to see if he would be interested.
4. Election of Officers for the next year will occur following the annual membership meeting.
5. BIA is supporting a broadband project to bring high speed internet throughout the island, creating an opportunity for key leaders to meet early in July. Peter is contacting attendees and establishing a date and time (currently July 6 at 10:00).
6. Bob Tidmore provided an update on the Beaver Island Master Plan. The Land Information Access Committee will be revising the master plan, and invited BIA to be involved. An updated plan will put Beaver Island in a better position for obtaining grants to support key initiatives.
7. Brief updates were provided: (a) BIA is continuing efforts to connect with CMU for cooperative work on island wide initiatives per a letter from the CMU Dean, (b) Continuing concerns with the current EMS services and financial status; emergency services for flights and related billing issues, and (c) status of the financial issues facing St James, and presence of forensic auditors who were on the island the week of June 13th to examine current practices.
8. Agenda for annual meeting was discussed. The meeting will occur on Monday, July 11, 4-6 p.m. at the Community Center. Postcards were sent to remind members the week prior to the meeting. Potential agenda items include:
 - a. Election of new Directors (Peter)
 - b. Financial Report (Bob A.), dues discussion
 - c. Island Institute project update (Pam)
 - d. BIBT (Beth)
 - e. Waterways Trail (Pam)

- f. Broadband Internet (Kevin)
 - g. Community School Update (Mark, or Judy G.). Possible robotics demo by Kevin et al.
 - h. CAKE-KISMA & Islands Project (Pam)
 - i. Roads & Signage (Bob A.)
 - j. Invasive species control 2016 (Who can do this?)
 - k. BIA Organization
 - l. Refreshments
9. Committee structure within BIA
- a. The expansion of activities in which the BIA is taking a lead or active role lead to the discussion about how we could involve a broader range of representatives than those on the BIA Board of Directors.
 - b. Discussion of a range of possible committees ensued. Current plans are to share a draft organization at the annual membership meeting for feedback, and based on that feedback institute a set of 3 – 4 committees, chaired by BIA board members, with membership made up from the Board, organization members, and those whose expertise in particular areas could advance island initiatives.
 - c. Jim Jones and Taffy R agreed to work on a visual that can be used at the membership meeting.
10. BIA Board organization – possible committees
- a. Island Institute Project (Patrick, Pam)
 - b. Invasive Species control (Who can do this?)
 - c. BICS support (Kyle/Mark)
 - d. BI publicity & marketing (Jim Jones, Ken))
 - i. Brochure (Jim)
 - ii. Chamber relationship (Ken)
 - iii. Pure Michigan and Lansing support (Bill McD?)
 - e. High Speed Internet (broadband) (Kevin/Allan)
 - f. Birding Trail (Beth/Keith)
 - g. Waterways trail, campground and biking trail enhancements (Pam)
 - h. Non-profit organization coordination (Taffy)
 - i. Dark Sky initiative (Andy)
 - j. Governmental relationships (Bob Tidmore/Bob Anderson)
 - i. Township government liaison (Bob & Bob)
 - ii. Roads/signage (Bob Anderson)
 - iii. Marina reservations (Bob Tidmore)
 - iv. BI property taxes (Peter)
 - k. Health Center & EMS (Ken, Jim Jones, Bob Anderson)
 - l. Newsletter & membership acquisition (Peter)
 - i. Membership roster
 - ii. Dues solicitation
 - iii. 2X-yearly newsletter production
 - m. Finances: banking, BIA audit & government filings (Bob Anderson, Kyle, Allan)
 - n. Grant preparation support (Jim Jones, Pam, Taffy)
 - o. CMU relationship (Pam, Peter?)