

The Beaver Island Association

*Supporting Environmental and
Economic Sustainability*

Beaver Island Association
Board Meeting 6/27/12
1:05 – 2:50

Present: Peter Igoe, Bob Anderson, Pam Grassmick, Jim Jones, Beth Leuck, Ken McDonald, Taffy Raphael, Craig Schrottenboer, Bob Tidmore,

1. Board membership 2012/2013: names were solicited for nominations for additional board members.
2. Report on BIA finances by Bob Anderson: The organization is financially healthy:
 - a. Approximately \$3,300.00 is the checking account balance, about the same amount as last year at this time
 - b. CDs (savings account) has over \$7378.90
3. Invasive species summit review
 - a. Peter commended those involved in creating the summit, now available on Joe Moore's website. He noted comments have been positive.
 - b. A brief summary of the island's focus on prevention, eradication, and control will be shared at the July BIA meeting
 - c. Survey team of four are currently on Beaver Island to gather data and anticipate completing data collection by June 28th.
4. Phragmites treatment program 2012
 - a. The invasive species committee has accepted the contract from J. F. New for dealing with existing phragmites. Treatment resources will go to private homeowners.
5. BICS Career Day Assessment
 - a. Career Day occurred on May 29th, coordinated by a committee from BICS, their alumni, Charlevoix ISD staff, and BIA liaisons. BICS staff referred to the event as the "first annual." Participants noted potential tweaks for the 2013 event and discussed appropriate ways to share those comments with next year's coordinating committee (e.g., addressing parents needs after school so more could participate, using a project-based approach for grades 9 – 12, not just for the primary and intermediate, consider resources such as Inland Seas group to provide field trips).
6. Fall beach cleanup plans
 - a. September 15
 - b. Reaching out to BICS for student help and will call closer to the date

7. Eco-tourism brochure
 - a. Jim J. distributed copies of the brochure. Will be distributed at the annual meeting to obtain information about what our membership would like to see done.
8. Report on road improvement status
 - a. Need to build a new garage for storing new road grader scheduled for 2013.
 - b. Need to send a letter to road commission regarding paving King's Highway and improve dust control.
9. Annual BIA Meeting will be held on 7/22 at 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center, with guest speaker David Fry.
10. Discussion of New member initiatives
 - a. Point of Information: Jim presented a research model for improving the performance of low-performing, natural farmland. Permaculture focuses on enriching soil, seeding bushes, tilling soil. May be of interest to Garden Club, other landowners.
 - b. Point of Information:
 - i. Discussion about exploring opportunity for interested parties to join BIA and subscribe to the newspaper produced by Joe Moore. Bob A. and Peter I. will continue the discussions with Joe.
 - ii. Suggestion for a value added to BIA membership: add a tab to the website landing page identified as 'rentals' (or perhaps a broader title) so that members can list BI homes for rent on the website for free, if they are members (50 words, no photos). It would be possible to not limit the brief ads to property rentals so all members could find value in the opportunity.
11. New initiatives:
 - a. A new airline flying from Chicago (Midway) to Pelston. BIA representatives are exploring the feasibility of adding a stop in Beaver Island. Peter reported that the airline did not respond positively to the first request for the service.
 - b. Bob T indicated he was open to hosting a "New Members Picnic"