

The Beaver Island Association

*Supporting Environmental and
Economic Sustainability*

Minutes from the 2011 Annual Meeting of Members July 11, 2010, Peaine Township Hall

1. President Paul Glendon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Board members present were Anderson, Dashiell, Glendon, Igoe, Jacobson, Jones, Leuck and McDonald. Craig Schrottenboer was absent on business.
3. At the start of the meeting, Kitty McNamara gave a presentation on the Beaver Island Community School. School enrolment is now about 65, down from a onetime peak of 101 in the late 1990s. The expansion of the school three years ago created approximately 30% more usable space for classroom and extra-curricular activities. She mentioned that one of the challenges was state requirements on teacher qualifications which restricted staffing flexibility and in some cases prevented the effective utilization of teacher skills. When asked about performance of students, she stated that the school achieved a composite grade of A on student tests. Kitty also mentioned the possibility of greater utilization of communications technology to bring remote classroom learning sessions to the school in cases where local staffing resources could not be economically acquired. In response to a question, she stated that many BICS students do not attend 4 year colleges after graduation because the tuitions at these schools are not affordable.
4. The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting were approved.
5. Annette Dashiell, gave the financial report. Net Income for the year was \$786. The balance in the checking account is now \$2,430 and the CD balance is \$7,366. The balance in the separate Education Fund is \$1,371.
6. Effective with the annual meeting, Paul Glendon, Bruce Jacobson and Annette Dashiel retired from the board at the completion of their current terms. The board nominated Pam Grassmick, Taffy Rafael and Bob Tidmore to fill these vacancies. No other nominations from the floor were put forward. The nominations were voted on and unanimously approved.
7. Paul Glendon introduced the following proposed changes to the Association by laws.

Amend Article II Section 2(a) to read: *The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than nine nor more than fifteen members, appointed by the incumbent Board of Directors to serve three-year terms beginning on July 1, with terms of individual board members staggered so that approximately one-third of the Board is appointed each year. No person shall serve more than three consecutive three-year terms.*

Amend Article VI to read:

- a) *The corporation shall contribute organization funds or goods purchased with organization funds to another organization, group or individual only with Board approval.*
- b) *The Board may amend the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws as it sees fit from time to time.*
- c) *Any member of the Association will receive a copy of the Articles or Bylaws upon request.*
- d) *No individual member or group of members other than the President shall state views as being those of the Association without official authorization by the President.*

Approval of both amendments was moved and seconded, but after fairly extensive discussion the motion was defeated.

8. Ken McDonald spoke on the upcoming beach cleanup program. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 17. Volunteers should meet at the Community Center to pick up the log forms and trash bags. Trash collected should be delivered to the Community Center from whence it will be taken to the transfer station at no charge. Lunch will be served at the Community Center at noon. If September 17 is inconvenient for anyone, volunteers may make separate arrangements for another time with Ken.
9. Paul Glendon mentioned the series of three lectures on Beaver Island flora and fauna coordinated by Beth Leuck, and encouraged attendance at the two still to come.
10. Bob Anderson gave a presentation of the Association's initiative dealing with the program created by its task force on endangered and invasive plant species. The focus of the effort is targeted to deal with the 10 invasive plant species deemed to have the most potential to harm the island environment. Members of the task force are: Bob Anderson, Craig Schrotenboer, Beth Leuck, Jim Jones, and Annette Dashiell. The presentation was very well received. Volunteers were requested to help in the effort which will be coordinated with the Natural Resources and Eco-Tourism Steering Committee when and if it comes into being.
11. Peter Igoe gave an overview presentation on Beaver Island property taxes.
12. There was a brief discussion regarding the issue of township consolidation. One member made a forceful suggestion that the rationale for consolidation should focus on improvements to the effectiveness of township governance rather than cost savings. There was some support from the membership that the Association should play a role in moving forward on this issue.
13. Lars Larson announced that the island Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, July 28 at the Christian Church hall, 12 noon to 5:45pm.
14. There will be a meeting of the board of directors at the Igoe home on Thursday, July 14 at 1:30 p.m. to elect officers. The address is 26145 Carlisle Road (448-2582).
15. The annual meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Igoe