

## **S.P.L.K.A. Board Minutes**

**MAY 20, 2021**

**The Board of Directors for SPLKA met via Zoom on Thursday May 20. The following is the record of that meeting.**

**1-Call to order/ established a quorum. The following Staff members were in attendance.**

**Peter Manting-Executive Director; Matt Varnum-Curator of White River Light Station and Museum; Ms. Cherie Hockenberger-Asst. to the Director.**

**Absent from the staff was Mr. Jim Hardie, excused to duty at the Breakwater Light.**

**Ms. Carol Cooper, and due to COVID, Rachele Bendele was quarantining.**

**Board members present include the following- Pres.-Al Coconni; Vice-Pres. Mr. Mark Hallenbeck; Secretary-Mr. Roger Pashby, members- Ms. Sara Hook, Ms. Susan Land, Mr. Larry Stulz.**

**Absent from the Board was Mr. Ted Robinson, Treasurer.**

**The meeting was called to order at 09:31 by the President, who then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**2- Audience comments or correspondence- One letter from an individual from Auburn Hills. We were complimented for "hanging in there" during the pandemic and keeping the lights active as much as we could.**

**3- Consent agenda-**

- a. Approval of Minutes from April 15 meeting. Motion to approve made by Sara, supported by Larry. Accepted.**
- b. Treasurer Report- Due to absence of Ted, Peter filled in and delivered the report. Motion to accept by Roger, supported by Susan. Accepted.**
- c. Staff reports-Review of written reports that we all received in our packet.
  - a. Executive Director-Peter gave a thorough report of his activities over the past month. He met with Sen. Gary Peters at BSP, worked out an agreement to get internet out to the rural lights, through HughesNet, since Frontier is no longer our provider. His report in the packet was approved.**
  - b. WHITE RIVER- Report submitted by Matt was approved, he has been busy working on displays along with Jim, and White River Light is open for business. He has volunteers lined up, but still needs more help.**
  - c. Operations and Gift shop- Rachel was unable to attend due to being exposed to COVID and could not Zoom with us. Things are looking great at the BSP Light, the trailer is set up at LSP, Jim was out at the Breakwater get things set during the meeting, and White River is open.****

**Great sales weekend the first weekend at BSP. Rachel is still in need of volunteers at LSP, Breakwater, and trying get help for Matt. Her report in the packet was approved. One issue Rachel is having is getting supplies from suppliers, due to the fact they are having issues with supply lines.**

- d. Maintenance Report- Jim has been busy trying to get everything set up at all the lights. His report in the packet was accepted and approved. One note to notice is that with the water levels down all over, including Lake Michigan, we do not have water in the basement at BSP, we can walk on the pier now to the Breakwater Light, and we have a beach!**

**d-Officer Reports-**

**a-President-Al. Al discussed a couple of issues that we need to note, concerning the organization and fund raising. One, “Cold calls” are not the best method to impress someone or organization that we need funds. We need to get close to those who can help us and build a relationship with them. Secondly, pay attention at meetings and take opportunity to share our needs and ask if there is any way they can help us.**

**b-Mark- Nothing to add to the reports, he has been quite busy with the Education Comm., and that is in the packet.**

**c-Roger- Nothing to comment on.**

**e-Committee Reports-**

**GOAL COMMITTEE #1-**

**\*Finance and Fund-raising committee- See written report by Susan Land in the packet.**

**\*No action items were brought up at this time.**

**GOAL COMMITTEE #2-**

**\*Restoration and Maintenance- Jim’s report was well documented, a workday is in the plans and volunteer help is always accepted. Thanks went out to Bob Baltzer and Ken Reeves and Roger who worked at BSP painting, laying out TREX Boards, working on the out houses and installing electronic door locks on rooms in BSP.**

**GOAL COMMITTEE #3-**

**\*Education Committee- Mark. See written report in packet.**

**\*No action items listed yet.**

**5-Unfinished Business-**

- a-Board and Staff workday- August 19, in afternoon after Board meeting.**

**Work will include BUS DAY assistance with lunch provided.**

**b-Tower repair-Peter gave us an update on the tower conditions, his conversations with Jim on the issues that are foremost important and is contacting DNR engineers who are drawing up plans.**

**c-Update on the Seawall from the DNR.**

**\*The DNR is in the process of repairing the seawall cap that has been damaged and procuring boulders to put on both sides of the seawall to help break up the wave action.**

**6-New Business-**

**1-Recommendation to move funds from the Capital Campaign Fund to the General Operating Fund. Motion was made by Sara to move the requested amount of \$25K, into the General Fund from the Capital Campaign Fund. An amendment was made that this would be returned to the Campaign Fund by December 31,2021, by Roger. Sara supported the amendment, and the motion was approved.**

**2-Annual Meeting-Scheduled for September 18. The Methodist Church is not yet open since COVID, and they stated if they were open, they would not service outside organizations. It was suggested by several members of the board to hold the meeting at White River again, under the tent like three years ago. The Committee will get together and decide on arrangements.**

**3-The DNR Passport funding was reported on by Peter. There was nothing to act on currently.**

**4-Social Media Committee- New committee, including the following members.**

**Sara, Susan, Larry, Cherie.**

**7-Open discussion-**

**\*990 has been filed.**

**Sara is starting a class on Archiving**

**Cherie is setting up a video for the E Blast tomorrow.**

**8-Motion to adjourn-Roger-11:23.**

**9-Next scheduled meeting is June 17-2021 at 09:30. ZOOM**