

S.P.L.K.A.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES-3/18/2021

The SPLKA Board of Directors and Staff met in joint session on Friday March 18, via Zoom. The following is a record of the items covered from the agenda.

1-Call to order at 09:36 by Board President Al Coconni. There was a quorum present to proceed with business. Note that all Staff and 6 Board members were in attendance. Treasurer Ted R. was absent.

2-Pledge of Allegiance was given.

3-Audience comments- None. There was one letter of correspondence that Peter shared from an organization in Maine, complimenting S.P.L.K.A. on its web page.

4-Consent agenda-

- a. Approval of Minutes from November 19 meeting. With an amendment stating that Mark was present, was added to the minutes and approved by board vote. Larry S made the motion.
- b. Treasurer's Report- Report was submitted by Ted Robinson. Report was accepted with no major questions. Roger moved; Susan supported.
- c. Staff Reports: Review of written reports.
 - a. Executive Director's report- Report was in the Board packet, and Peter added some last-minute information. An action item was formed out of the report. Peter challenged us to create some ideas for sales/competition, and mentioned an organization called **CATCHAFIRE**. Al liked the idea and wants to pursue the group. Peter's report was accepted and approved.
 - b. White River report- Matt V., submitted his report and verbally commented on some new information coming from the Township. Matt is lining up Volunteers to assist this coming season. The WRLS report was accepted and approved.
 - c. Operations and Gift Shop report was received from Rachel. She is scrambling to get Volunteers line up for the summer at all the Lights. Covid is the big challenge for her and operation of the Lights. Report was accepted and approved.
 - d. Maintenance Report-Jim Hardie. Lots of work is scheduled the next two months before we open for 2021 season. Report was accepted and approved.

d-Officer Reports-

*President-Al gave a verbal report and challenged us to be transparent on what our plans are for 2021. The survival of the organization depends on our (1) Fund Raising, (2) Mailers, e-mails, website, compiling a list of donors to help with the fiscal future of the organization. What can we do?

*Vice-Pres-Mark H. Mark reported on the Education Comm., and the projects they are involved in. There are 12 volunteer workers on the committee, working on FB page, encouraging increased memberships, and educational projects for all the lights. There was a well-documented report in the packet.

Secretary Report-Roger. Nothing to report. Roger did reflect the fact that fuel costs are increasing, and people will need to be encouraged to take “Stay-cations “and can visit all four of our lights in one day.

e. Committee reports-

Al discussed Committee assignments for each of the Goal Committees.

Goal Committee #1-Financing and Fund raising-

Appointed members are-Peter, Al, Susan, Ted.

There were no action items at the time of appointment.

Goal Committee #2-Restoration/Maintenance-

Appointed members are Peter, Jim, Sara, and Roger.

Committee meeting scheduled for Friday March 26. (zoom)

Peter will bring action items to the meeting.

Goal #3-Education Committee-

Appointed committee members are Peter, Mark, Larry, Sara, Susan,
Cherie.

No action items

5-Unfinished business-Peter

* Lake levels and effect on our opening this season.

1-Lake MI water levels are 9” lower than last year, still 25” above average height.

2-DNR has applied for Funding to fund both research projects on BSP and LSP.

*Tower Repair-Peter

No update from Kendra, she is swamped with other work in Manistee. She suggested we seek out another engineer. She has done a lot of gratuitous work for us and she would have to start charging us \$30-40-k to continue.

Question was asked what the repair on the Manistee Light cost. No one knew.

6-New Business-

*Request to purchase new air purifiers to clear air in all the lighthouses and quarters.

“It is the recommendation of the Executive Director to purchase six portable Dataspace Air Purifiers Model H13 HEPA for the lighthouses and residences.” After some discussion, motion was made and supported. Motion passed. Mark/Susan.

*Blessing of the boats is June 26. 1-7pm. Interested members are needed to help.

7-Open discussion for board members- There were many comments made, all recorded on Zoom program.

1-Opening hours for the lighthouses and days of operation. See Rachels report and recommendations.

We will be closed on Mondays, and open same hours as in the past.

2-Keepers Orientation-Training will be virtual, video discs will be available with First Aide training included.

8-Review of Action Items-

*It was Lenore’s suggestion that we close out our current list and start a new list based on our Strategic Plan.

9-Motion to adjourn- Made by AI to adjourn **at12:00 hours.**

10-Next meeting is scheduled on **April 15, at 09:30, via Zoom.**

Submitted by Board Secretary-

Roger Pashby