

SPLKA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REPORT FROM OCT. 21, 2021

The SPLKA Board met on Thursday October 21, at the office in Ludington, and virtually, on Zoom.

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 09:30 hours and roll was taken, and we had an established quorum. The following **Staff personnel** were present, Executive Director **Peter Manting**, Office assistant **Cherie H**, Curator **Matt V.**, Gift Shop/Volunteer Coordinator **Rachel B**, Restoration/Maintenance Supervisor **Jim H.**, from the staff. **Carol C.** was excused.

Board members were **Al C, Mark H, Ted R, Roger P, Larry S, Sara H, Susan L.**

2- Pledge of Allegiance-Al C.

3-Audience comments or correspondence- A letter of commendation from Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, appreciating the keepers at BSP during their visit. Also comments about not being able to find TREX boards at LSP Light. A cover photo was displayed by Peter of the Traverse Bay magazine that showed our BSP light on the cover, showing places to visit in Michigan.

4-Consent agenda-

a. Minutes of the September 18, meeting was accepted as published. (Sara and Larry)

b. Treasurer's report was in the packet, accepted as published, no questions.
(Mark/Sara)

c. Staff reports- A review of written reports was completed, and all were accepted as published. Additional comments included Peter's comment concerning working on grants with Mary James. The question was raised about keeping WRLS open until November 1st, and it was agreed to try it this season. Rachel was asked about the comparison of this season to that of 2019, and she reported that this year was better than 2019. We were down 13K in tower climbs.

d. Officer reports- Al and Mark had no reports to review. Roger made one comment thanking the Board for their patience with the minutes and the opportunity to serve the past 8 years on the Board.

e. Committee reports-

Goal Committee #1-

Finance and Fund-raising committee- See written report, Sept 23.

Peter and Ted are working on the 2022 budget, a proposal draft is in the packet.

Also working on fundraising ideas and activities.

Goal Committee #2-

Restoration / Maintenance -No issues to report.

Generator issues will be reported as bids come in. No decision currently.

Painting at LNBL is completed as of this week, thanks to Larry S.

Goal Committee #3-

Education Committee- No report, will be meeting this afternoon.

On schedule with lesson plans.

Goal Committee #4- Social Media Committee-

No written report from the committee. Sara reported that it would be good to drop snippets of info occasionally on the internet but not flood with info.

5-Unfinished business-

1-Review of Annual dinner on September 18.

Good reports from all who attended. Valerie's presentation was outstanding, very informative. Thank you to Cherie and Matt for helping direct guests at the buffet table.

We need to begin planning earlier next year and take pressure off Peter. Committee members for next year are Susan, Roger, Al, and Bob B, if he is willing to help.

2-Housing for volunteers at WRLS is still a concern. Need to search out motels or B & B's to try and work out some kind of arrangement.

3-Information on generator received during the meeting. The bid for rewiring the quarters, installing the generator and switchgear including labor came close to 28K. We made no decision on the bid.

6-New business-

- 1- Recommendation** for the Director to file a grant application to MLAP to help fund the HSR report. Motion made by Roger/ Mark supported. Passed
- 2- Recommendation** to accept ownership of the uniform of Henry Vavrino from his grand-daughter Kathy Best. A donation amount would be given in the amount of \$1000, in exchange. Motion made and passed. Mark/Sara.
- 3- Board's recommendation** on keeping Lighthouses closed on Mondays next season or reopening them 7 days a week. Comments were made by Rachel, Peter, board members. After considerable discussion, the following resolution was made and voted on. **The SPLKA lighthouses will be closed on Mondays during the 2022 season. Rachel will be working concurrently to**

establish a schedule for 2023 to allow day keepers to cover the Mondays in 2023. The motion was made by Ted, supported by Al. Motion passed.

4- Presentation of the preliminary **budget for 2022**- After some short discussion it was agreed by the board that a line-by-line budget would not be needed. We will vote on the budget at the next meeting.

5- **How do we increase membership?** We need to invite those who are our friends and neighbors, as well as people we do business with. Also encourage visitors who are here touring our lights.

7-Closed session discussion-

8-Open discussion from the board- Nothing brought up.

9-Motion to adjourn-12:20 hrs. Roger/Ted

Next meeting on November 18, 2021. 09:30 hours, Ludington or Zoom.