

Board of Directors Special Meeting #4 23 July 2020 Scheduled for 7:00 pm

*****Corona virus Covid19 pandemic is occurring. Governor's numerous executive orders affect social life including physical distancing. *****

Meeting conducted over ZOOM Video and Audio Meeting program.

Participants:

Mark Nasuti, President	Rovie Simons
Janice Ann Kullman, Vice- President	Rachel Cahill
Karen Clickner Douttiel, Secretary	Bill Kullman
Laura D' Agostino, Treasurer	Matt Robilotta
Dave Douttiel	Jack Betterly

Agenda distributed previously via email:

- 1.) 6/18/2020 Board of Directors draft meeting minutes
- 2.) ZOOM membership meetings seem to be a feasible way to go, however some of the administrative aspects of a Zoom meeting are different; e.g. voting
 - a.) voting for the election will take more time regardless of how we do it. Do we do a show of hands? Poll each member verbally? Or do we vote for Officers & Board members individually or all together?
 - b) Is there anything we can do to not slow down meetings? For example, we have 4 sets of minutes for the BLA to vote on. Historically, at some BLA meetings, minutes have been read aloud. Since everyone has received the minutes well in advance of the meeting, Mark suggests we not take the time to read 4 sets of minutes aloud @ the meeting.
- 3.) Review of BLA budget prepared by Laura
- 4.) Regatta and in-person BLA-sponsored events: any new thoughts?
- 5.) Whether it is a good idea to register as a 501c.3 organization.

Meeting was called to order by President, Mark Nasuti, at 7:10 pm. Greetings were exchanged so those without video could identify voices.

Agenda #1: 6/18/2020 Board of Directors draft meeting minutes

These minutes were submitted by the secretary too late to be included in the 7-26-2020 meeting agenda. Nevertheless, Mark requested the Board discuss some items in the minutes since they may come up at the meeting. After discussion, the Board agreed to several changes in the minutes. Jack moved to remove three (3) incorrect sentences, seconded by Janice Anne. These sentences are: "Reminder made that the Board of Directors cannot tell membership but can made recommendations. It is not the Board's role "in governing the affairs of the corporation". Board does not make decisions." Motion to accept minutes--passed

Mark requested tonight's minutes state that the Board has developed a process for approving meeting minutes.

Agenda #2: Secretary requested assistance regarding attendance. Rachel will assist with identifying voters during the voting. Secretary recommended coordinating with Laura, Treasurer, in order to determine membership voting eligibility. Laura reminded 2 board members of need to make contributions by Sunday. Mark will send a contributions payment reminder to membership.

Consensus to vote on minutes as distributed, no need for reading. Consensus that since all candidates for office are running unopposed, we can vote for all candidates as one vote; however this decision applies only to this years voting.

Agenda #3: Review of BLA budget prepared by Laura

Laura thinks our finances are okay for 2020 but may need funds in 2021. Laura plans to send the 3 donation checks (Taborton Fire Department, Sand Lake Ambulance, Zion United Church of Christ) this coming week. Anja is doing her own newsletter so there is no expenditure for BLA newsletter. Mark discussed the process as the BLA Constitution Article V reads, "Each year at a regular meeting of the Association, the Treasurer shall present, and the Board of Directors shall adopt, an annual budget for the succeeding fiscal year after opportunity for member discussion." Therefore, the Board of Directors will have a meeting within the membership meeting. Matt suggested Laura read and share the budget Secretary recommended email to membership which was okay with Laura. Mark will distribute.

Agenda #4: Regatta and in-person BLA-sponsored events: any new thoughts? The Board reiterated its previous position of no regatta and no in-person BLA events.

Agenda #5: Whether it is a good idea to register as a 501c.3 organization.

Mark reported that he spoke with Sharon Dawes. Contributions above and beyond the membership "dues" would become a tax deduction, but "dues" would not. If BLA were to become tax-exempt organization, a new receipt book would be necessary. Sharon is willing to do the tax-exempt application. There is no benefit other than some contributions would become tax-exempt.

Motion by Mark, seconded by Rovie, becoming a tax-exempt organization is "more work than it is worth". The motion passed unanimously.

Discussed items to be placed on the next member meeting agenda regarding BLA Policy Contributions and Donations to Other Organizations:

- Should the BLA continue contributing to Zion United Church of Christ since they no longer allow BLA to use the hall free of charge?
- Should the BLA continue to contribute to Taborton Fire Department?
- Should the BLA continue contributing to the Sand Lake Ambulance? " Items will be included on next (after Sunday, 26 July 2020) member meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned 8:17 pm