

BMHA Board of Directors Meeting - March 14th, 2014

Attendees

Board members attending the meeting were Chuck Staetz, Chip Wilder, Andrew Wilkinson, Brian Unter, apologies from Jim Bair. Jeff Peach-Member.

Agenda Review No additional items were requested.

Minutes of Jan 10th Board Meeting: Motion to approve was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report We have \$2,373.95 in checking, NID account \$5,216.67 and \$22,185.62 in CD yielding 0.1%. Proposal to from Chip to purchase a BBQ that is portable, yet capable of cooking enough for annual meeting. Motion to approve purchase up to \$200 and create a list of BMHA assets unanimously approved. Motion to accept Treasurer's report was unanimously approved. Suggestion from Jeff Peach that he may be able to donate surplus projector for use by BMHA at events.

Membership Report Email continues to grow in popularity with 323 email contacts of which 176 are paid members. Brian commented that growth was appearing to flatten out. Proposal to send letter to unpaid members via USPS to encourage the conversion to paid members. We are seeing many more 'opens' than sent which suggests that emails are perhaps being forwarded to others. Motion to approve postage costs to mail out to non-returning members and active email non subscribers was unanimously approved.

BMHA Promotion via the Union Brian has contacted Mary Ann Davis and it has been suggested that we draft an article and submit to the Union to showcase the growth and popularity of BMHA email communications.

Paypal - Continue? Discussion on the pro's and con's of Paypal resulted in Motion to continue to provide the option for members to pay using PayPal was unanimously approved.

Hills Flat - Continue? Hills Flat are happy to continue the arrangement Motion to approve continuation with Hills Flat unanimously approved. Action to update the membership forms for 2014.

Scotch Broom Challenge - April 12 Focus area will be top of Gracie Road. DeMolay have agreed to support us again this year. Parking has been re-confirmed again at Mini Mania. Chuck will contact volunteer sheriff. Insurance is being covered through Fire Safe Council. Chip/Chuck will leave notices in the area to advise Homeowners of the activity on April 12th. BMHA is listed in the Union as supporting the Scotch Broom Challenge. Chip/Chuck to review and update signs and sign in sheets as needed.

WildFire Community Preparedness Day - May 3 State Farm are providing grants of \$500 for community work to reduce fire danger, such activities as Scotch Broom would qualify. The decision was made to submit another association because of the large program they now have in place. We will organize another program this summer that will be implemented in the spring of 2015. We will facilitate the organization of the project but the work will be done using AmeriCorps volunteers.

Annual Meeting - June 7 Topics and Arrangements Brian provided 3 pages of information on Unity Church as an alternative location for the Annual Meeting. Motion to remain at Seamans Lodge for 2014 and solicit feedback from attendees on next years location was unanimously approved. Topics for 2014 Annual meeting include Web Camera Security, Nate Beeson, NID, Biomass Taskforce, Chuck to arrange dedicated meeting to prepare for the Annual Meeting.

WebSite Update Andrew provided an overview on making updates to the web site, provide the new text and screen shot as to where it should be, and what is should replace, small and frequent updates are prefer to major updates, adding pages and changing navigation are very easy. For urgent updates please state urgency in email subject. Whilst we can share administration amongst the board Andrew was concerned that if someone made a mistake that it may take a long time to correct so would prefer to remain as the sole admin. Action to share web admin logon on details in case of emergency.

Ordinance Update Discussion on the forthcoming ordinance ballot resulted in Motion to provide the pro's and con's of the ballot to our membership via web & email if we have time was not approved.

Tax Status A copy of the Articles of Incorporation has been obtained by Chuck. Proposal that we should utilize professional resources to guide us with becoming 501(c)(3) status.

Chuck shared that SOHC are still meeting on the topic of migrating their assets to BMHA and have discussed whether they can join the BMHA Board. Chuck to set up meeting with SOHC and suggest that a letter of intent is created. Reaching 501(c)(3) status can take 5-6 months and this would be a requirement to receive SOHC assets.

Any other business No other business was discussed.

Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.