

## Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

12/15/16

Board Members present:

Elizabeth Gering, President  
Linda Long Wohleber, Vice President  
Danna Johnson, Secretary  
Becca Bartling  
Francis Whitfield

Barry McLeane  
Rita Mazur  
Stephanie McClellan

Sarah Fischer, Chamber Director

Town Representative: John Hanson

Visitors: Joe Fieweger, Recreation Supervisor for the American Legion State Forest. Joe introduced himself and spoke about the position he holds, noted over the last 10 years there has been a decrease in camp attendance at the campgrounds, electricity is long range goal for them to help increase the numbers.

Meeting was called to order at 8:37

Motion was made by Linda to approve the December 15th agenda, seconded by Barry and passed to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Stephanie, seconded by Rita and passed to approve the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board minutes.

### Working Group Reports

- Finance/Fundraising/Personnel- No Report
- Marketing-  
Next meeting January 6th, 10:00 AM (place TBD)
- Membership-  
Approval of new members- Linda made a motion to approve new members: Dorners Big Bear Hiway, seconded by Danna and passed. Becca suggested all new members be announced in the Chamber e-mail blast with a link to their website. Sarah will begin doing this and will go back to announce other new members.
- Events and Packages-  
**Christmas for the town-** Huge success! Over 70 kids, the tree lighting was also well attended.  
**Marvel In Manitowish Waters-** The Chamber sponsors 12/29 at The Discovery Center, volunteers needed. New addition this year: Manito Art League helping with crafts at the library. Discovery Center hopes to have ice skating rink ready.

**All Events Meeting-** January 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30, Town Hall. Stephanie will contact Walleyes for Tomorrow to have a representative join the meeting to discuss the possibility of a musky fishing Tournament with The Chamber.

**Wooden Boat Show-** Wednesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30

### **Economic Development Groups**

- Labor/Housing- John will talk with Steve Bartling to set up a meeting date.
- Technology/Business-  
CenturyLink has electricity to most of the hubs. The working group would like to meet with them to discuss: what the impact will be and how it will affect the ones that get it.
- Arts-  
John and Barb McFarland are working with The Presque Isle Fine Arts to hold a 1- 4 day art clinic at the Discovery Center in August.
- Education/Recreation-No Report.

### **Financial Report**

- Hand out given of Manitowish Waters Chamber of Commerce Profit and Loss Overview, Sarah highlighted areas of activity. Linda made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Barry and passed to approve.

### **Directors Report**

**Activity Guide update-** Available at The Chamber. In the process of posting to the website.

### **Other Business-**

- **Town Chair Update-**
  - There will be a public hearing on the bike trail on January 10, 6:00 PM at the town hall.
  - It has been determined: Dead Pike Lake has to be fixed. A plan through the state will have to be developed.
  - Dam: Under the new memorandum of understanding, things are working out well. Notifying residents when the dam will be drawn down would be helpful.
  - The new snowmobile bridge has been installed (just past Smokey's, off of Hwy.K)
- **Chamber After 5-** Next scheduled one is December 21<sup>st</sup> at McFarlands Woodsholm Gallery, proceeds to go to Manito Art League

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 19 8:30 at The Town Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:37