

## Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

05/18/17

Meeting was called to order at 8:38

Board Members present:

Elizabeth Gering, President (via phone)

Danna Johnson, Secretary

Becca Bartling

Rita Mazur

Francis Whitfield

Barry McLeane

Rob Gehrt

Sarah Pischer, Chamber Director

Town Representative: John Hanson

Motion was made by Danna to approve the May 18, 2017 agenda, seconded by Becca and passed to approve the agenda.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Rob and passed to approve the April 20, 2017 Board minutes.

### **Working Group Reports**

- Finance/Fundraising/Personnel- No Report
- Marketing- No Report
- Membership-
  - Approval of new members-** Danna made a motion to approve all new members, seconded by Francis and passed. New members are Valley Apparel, ABC Pest Control, Jake's Tree Removal, L Thomas Massage, Deer Lake Resort, Lauer Aviation, Shaw Building and Design, Cozy Cove, Flying P Property, Minocqua Museum
- Events and Packages-
  - Wooden Boat Show-** Tom Baer has donated trophies, working on logistics of set-up, volunteers and advertising. Need ideas of people for car judging.
  - Solstice-** Update of most recent meeting given; everything on track- need volunteers.
  - Fourth of July-** 2017 theme: Manitowish Traditions, what's your Manitowish Waters story? Vendors are starting to sign up, but with it being the same day as the Boulder Junction Flea Market, there is concern the numbers may be down. Will start sending out applications for floats after Memorial Day.

### **Economic Development Groups**

- Labor/Housing- John stated that active e-mails are about on the comprehensive plan. More information to follow.
- Technology/Business- May need a new leader for this group. John reported:
  - The highspeed internet connections; Century Link has had problems with the original installers and are working on it as best as they can.

-State budget for broadband has gone from 1.5 million to 14 million. Focusing on areas that are in need of economic development and better broad band service.

-Because of the Fab Lab grant, North Lakeland School already has two 3D printers coming.

- Arts- John informed the group the Historical Society is working on getting nylon/mesh 4 x 6 historical pictures made, could be used for a historical tour around town. Francis updated the board on what Manito Art League has going on:
  - Art Tour brochures are out
  - Working on 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Art Show
  - Open workshops and business meetings
  - Community art project with the Discovery Center called Autumn Leaving.
  - Art Camp at Discovery Center, August 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> with 4 master artists teaching pastels, eco painting, birch bark etching and porcupine quill embroidery. kids to adults welcome.
- Education/Recreation- No Report. Leader needed

### Financial Report

- Hand out given of Manitowish Waters Chamber of Commerce Profit and Loss Overview. Danna made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Rita and passed to approve.

### Directors Report

**AGLOW Writers Camp-** Planning has begun. Writers will arrive on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and depart Thursday 10/05. They will be staying at Island Bay Lodge and Mill Point Resort. Details to follow.

**Director Assistant Vacancy Update-** Position is being advertised, have received applicants through indeed.com.

### Other Business-

- **Town Chair Update-**
  - Lions Pancake breakfast is Sunday of Memorial Day weekend
  - DNR has sent amendments for the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest it includes the new bike loop proposal. If approved, it would not get started until next year. John has written a letter to try and expedite things.
  - Rest Lake Park boat landing- in progress, could be done by end of June.
  - Meetings on Comprehensive Plan in June to give master plan to the public in July or August.
  - Idea of a Collaborative Economic Development Committee with neighboring towns is being talked about.
- **Chamber After 5-**
  - May 31<sup>st</sup>: Winman Trails/Northerly Collective
  - June 13<sup>th</sup>: Scholl Community Impact

Next Board Meeting: June 15, 8:30 at The Lodge.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35.