



Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization (BEPCO)

Board of Directors Meeting

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 8, 2009 @ 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Halder Bridge Bar

ATTENDEES: Committee Members: (Eileen/Ron Rahm, Jon/Annette Fochs, Kathy/Jerry Mau, Pat Patton, and Kathy Paul)

Tim Garrigan Mike Paul Carey Abel Lynn Patton Steve Pelton Michelle Clark

Scott Borchardt Randy Brown Larry Frane Gerald Bucholtz Doug Eisele (Advisor)

Agency Items:

1. Some of the business membership labels have been distributed; will hand out to members at April 09 meeting
2. Update on recent meetings and activities:
 - Carey provided information on hats, clothing, etc. Motion (Mike) was made, seconded (Jerry) and all approved to purchase a minimum order of hats, t-shirts, and key chains. Prepaid orders will be taken in the future.
 - Tim met with Buzz Sorge, DNR Lake Management Planner for the West Central Region. He recommended that we ask the Marathon County Board to recognize Bepco. Tim also learned that it would take about \$14,000 to resurvey the Bepco. Buzz also informed us that FERC only wants scientific data. He also noted that he would help us with the water level if we would help them with the aerator.
 - Mike's requests to the Board:
 - A discussion: What will be BEPCO's purpose to exist be going forward, after the current water level, aerator, and lake map resurveying is resolved (one way or another)? Continued monitoring.
 - Formal request: that the Board explores other options in BOD meeting locations, to increase the professionalism, especially as we invite future "guests" to meet with us. Board discussed some options-no final decisions made.
 - Request that the Board authorize going forward with the 501(c)(3) application, \$300 fee which would be handled by Ed Hahn. Motion (Carey), seconded (Lynn) and unanimous approval. In addition to allowing dues to be used a tax deduction, the 501(c)(3) is required to apply for grants.
 - Request that the Board review "having all committees" report in written form, monthly, on their activities; and have each committee detail their goals, plans, and resources needed. Request that the Board continue in improving organization items, e-mail, reports, job descriptions and increasing member involvement, etc. Board agreed that this is something to work towards but acknowledged that expecting this currently is unreasonable and would likely cause members not to get involved. A good starting point is for all Board members to use the web based email that Steve set up for us.
 - Have the BEPCO Sec. explore getting our membership meeting notices on the local "Community Calendars", Newspapers, radio, TV, etc. Secretary will follow up on this.
 - Payment of \$21.45 for the Fish & Wildlife Plan was approved and paid.
 - Request that Doug Eisele be assigned to the Board as an advisor-Motion made (Mike), seconded (Jerry) and unanimous approval by the Board
3. Annual Meeting & Picnic Planning-The picnic committee met separately from the Board. Following their meeting next week, a planning update will be provided to the Board.

Next Meeting information: 4/15/09 Board meeting @ 6:30 pm at Safari in Halder
4/19/09 Bepco meeting @ 1:00 pm at Town of Cleveland Hall
4/22/09 Board meeting @ 6:30 pm-Location TBD
4/29/09 Board meeting @ 6:30 pm-Tentative at Tim's

Submitted by:

Lynn J. Patton, BEPCO Secretary

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