

MAT Board Meeting 8-7-21

Bavarian Inn Lodge Frankenmuth, MI

Board members present: James Maeder, Steve Anderson, Joe Doyle, Paul Burton, Bob Bazuin, Vaughn West, Glen Tolksdorf, Warren Suchovsky, Anne Harmon, John Fowler, Wes Windover,

Staff Present: Michelle Sears, Mary Jordan , Jason Wadaga

Meeting called to order by James Maeder at 8:57 am

Upcoming meetings set for:

Executive committee meeting 9-21-21

Board meeting in St Ignace on 10-29-21

Anti trust signed by all present

Welcome to new members

Motion to approve amended agenda by Warren Suchovsky; supported by Paul Burton; motion carried

Motion to accept minutes from last meeting by Glen Tolksdorf; supported by Paul Burton; motion carried

Question by Warren on where the issue with water rights and the Keweenaw Bay Indian tribe stands. Did a letter of opposition get sent? Did we get a response? Michelle will investigate and report back.

Presidents report given by James Maeder with thanks for all the help with the convention.

Treasurer's report given by Anne Harmon. Update on last PPP loan forgiveness with paperwork being drawn up. Report also included overview of income from the Cadillac golf outing.

Old Business: Logging Museum discussed. Talked about cost of non profit status, concern with resources available and group to operate; continue to work on organization of project with our support.

Membership recruitment: Some of the bigger companies not members. Work on representation from big companies at convention. Master Logger letter going out late Sept reminding them of membership requirements.

Legislative Report given by Jason Wadaga. Environmentalist group looking to keep UP wild and trying to block mining and logging on large tract of land. Sending a letter of opposition to congressional delegation and asking all UP legislators to send letter of opposition also. Warren stated that GLTPA is sending letter of opposition along with Township Associations Group.

New Business:

Talked about education in schools on our industry. Where are all of the MFRA materials? Follow up with Morbark on funds for education. Talked about training for teachers. Work with MI State on this issue and have something open to the public in general; not just the forestry dept.

Children's Miricale Network and Log-A-Load. Where are we? LP is working on putting together again now.

Warren brought up getting info from members on how they feel about the new cruising system on Stat land. Issue also brought up about trouble getting extensions.

Warren reported that GLTPA meeting got a request from ACLT of Minnesota to merge with their group. GLTPA is assessing feasibility at this time.

Brian gave ALC update. New Director is in place. Bureau of Land Management Nominee by Biden was discussed at length. Everyone urged to contact their Senators about voting no on Tracy Stone-Manning's nomination.

Joe discussed recommendations for ML board with Warren who wished to table until the Dec Board Meeting. Warren also brought up need for successor to run the program.

Motion to adjourn by Glen Tolksdorf at 10:22; supported by Vaughn West; motion carried.