

Michigan Association of Timbermen MAT Board Meeting

Jay's Sporting Goods, June 7, 2019

Present: Wes Windover, Glen Tolksdorf, Warren Suchovsky, Lonny Lutke, John Fowler

Absent: Steve Anderson, Paul Burton, Charley MacIntosh, Jim Maeder, Brian Nelson

Staff: Denise Pallarito, Amy Wheeler

Call to order by President Wes Windover at 10:12 a.m. Antitrust statement signed by all.

Moved by Lonny Lutke to accept the agenda, supported by Glen Tolksdorf, Ayes all. Motion carried.

Moved by Lonny Lutke to accept the minutes from 4/26/19, 4/27/19, and 5/20/19, supported by Glen Tolksdorf, Ayes all. Motion carried.

Wes Windover gave President's report. Denise is getting acclimated to her new position. She's been meeting with people and working in the office.

Denise gave her executive director report: She's been visiting the woods and rode in a harvester, went with Warren to Jackson Prison to talk about vocational training for prisoners, wrote letter of opposition regarding waterways and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, supported the auto no-fault idea and working on securing the location for the 2020 convention among other things.

Treasurer's Report and revised budget was read by Warren Suchovsky. Moved by Glen Tolksdorf to accept the treasurer's report and revised budget, supported by Wes Windover, Ayes all. Motion carried.

Discussion was held by Lonny Lutke that he would like to see all the bills that are paid for monthly and what money is being deposited into MAT. Amy will now copy each board member with list of bills to be paid and then at the end of the month email a copy of the general ledger with each line item showing.

Denise talked about sending out an email to the board for recommendations for member spotlight for each issue of Timber Talk. The recommendations would be brought to the board and then voted on and approved by the board before the article is published.

Discussion was held regarding the two certificate of deposits that are renewing soon. The best rates found were at First National Bank of America in Traverse City; one year is at 2.75% and 6 months is at 1.90%. **Moved by Wes Windover to renew the two CDs at maturity from First National Bank of St. Ignace to First National Bank of America of Traverse City. The CD that matures on 6/23/19 renew for one year and the CD that matures on 7/4/19 renew for 6 months, supported by Warren Suchovsky, Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Denise talked about 2020 convention proposal at Treetops from April 29 through May 2. Golf outing on April 30, president's reception on April 30, continental breakfast on Friday morning, having only 1 session at a time. **Moved by Lonny Lutke to sign contract with Treetops and send \$1000 deposit, supported by Warren Suchovsky, Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Denise, Wes, Ann, and Jim are to meet with four lobbying firms on Monday, June 10, 2019.

Discussion was held regarding any fallout from the memo regarding Judy Augenstein retiring. **Moved by Lonny Lutke for Tom Buckingham to notify our insurance company of a potential lawsuit from Ms. Augenstein, supported by Warren Suchovsky, Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held regarding need to revise the internal policies. At this time three changes were recommended to be changed. Under IP-8-01 Signatory Chain of Command. – add Sr. to Tom Buckingham's name, change from "lead staff person at MAT" to "Executive Director". Take out the next sentence and insert "The Executive Director must be authorized to sign a specific document, excluding checks, by board action. IP-9-01 – Checks Needing Two Signatures - Take out the last sentence. IP-17-10 PAC Procedures – add Federal contributions to be allowed also and strike out the \$150 limit. Denise will form a committee of herself and a few board members to review all the internal policies and make recommendations for revisions at a future date. The following names are to be added to the Bank Signature Card: Wes Windover; James Maeder; Warren Suchovsky; Thomas Buckingham Sr.; Denise Pallarito; & Michelle Sears.

Moved by Lonny Lutke to make the three changes to the internal policies, supported by Glen Tolksdorf, Ayes all. Motion carried.

Denise to set up conference with MATSIF on July 17 at 10:00 with Wes, Warren, Glen and any other board members to discuss changes to convention for 2020.

Denise to get an interpretation on Public Act 555 of 2008.

Discussion was held regarding MAT hosting a Timber Expo at the Gaylord fairgrounds. She is looking at dates at this time.

Denise brought the proposal from E&M Consulting regarding printing the 2020 directory. The proposal includes no cost or risk to MAT and \$5,000 guaranteed non-dues revenue or \$250 per page of advertising over 10 pages. **Moved by Lonny Lutke for Wes Windover to sign contract with E&M Consulting for 2020 directory printing, supported by John Fowler, Ayes all. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held regarding our website. Denise will pursue upgrading our website so that we can accept credit cards on it.

Next meeting date and place was not set. Denise will send out email to board members with possible dates and places.

Moved by Wes Windover, supported by Warren Suchovsky, to adjourn meeting at 3:30 pm. Ayes all. Motion carried.