

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF TIMBERMEN
BOARD MEETING
3-26-21 ST IGNACE

Board members present: Anne Harmon, Charley MacIntosh, Jim Maeder, Glenn Tolksdorf, Wes Windover, Joe Doyle, Warren Suchovsky, Paul Burton & John Fowler

Guest: Vaughn West, Jason Wadaga

Staff Present: Michelle Sears, Mary Jordan, Tom Buckingham

Antitrust reviewed and signed by all present

Meeting was called to order at 10:26am

Agenda was accepted with motion by Paul Burton and supported by Charley MacIntosh; motion carried.

Minutes approved with motion by Warren Suchovsky and supported by Paul Burton; motion carried.

Executive Committee meeting overview/Presidents report by James Maeder

- ML-records to remain in the office (Electronic File copy in office at this time; hard copies at Warren's residence)
- ML Oversight committee will be created by MAT Board
- Membership requirement for ML discussed and will be reviewed by committee
- Talked about ML survey questions for preview of program; information to be submitted to committee
- Discussion on value and benefit of program for its members
- ML annual fee was originally 50.00
- MAT strategic planning committee to be formed and determine 5 year vision for association
 - Board members will get copy of solicited overview of organization. Board members are to review and give ideas and recommendations for committee to consider.
- New mission statement is to be discussed and adopted
- Board vacancy discussed; Vaughn West was informally asked if he was interested
- Fundraising discussed: Expo to be put on hold for now & will focus on smaller events
 - Convention is August 5-7
 - 8-14-21 2nd annual Nahma Golf Outing

Education discussed: Morbark has funds available for industry outreach program and is looking for curriculum to target youth & the public

Treasurer report given by Anne Harmon with updates on budget, dues outstanding & sponsorships received. MI Tree overview was included.

Admin report given by Michelle.

- Convention update discussed. 15 outside booths & 32 inside booths; Anne & Jim to set up meeting with convention center.
- GLTPA Spring Celebration discussed and Michelle was directed to attend.
- SFI updates given with information on classes
 - Question was asked about board participation counting towards SFI hours. Board to draft a letter for committee consideration.
- Timber Talk deadline is April 30th
 - Member spotlight to be Al Rush memorial

Insurance update given by Tom Buckingham. Information included about full-time loss control director Jim Locklear. Exclusivity with Secura has changed and now carrier for Freemont Insurance.

Legislative update given by Jason Wadaga.

Old Business:

- Little Bridges Grant/Crane Mats
 - Voucher Created
 - Convention to raffle one for those who paid membership by the deadline
 - \$4000 vouchers available to members in good standing. First come, first serve. Any remaining vouchers will go to ML program
 - 29 vouchers to distribute
 - Some discussion on how to get them to members in the UP
- 2021 Award Recipients:
 - Logger: Chris Muma
 - Trucking: MD Contracting
 - Manufacturing: Northern MI Hardwoods
 - Friend of the Timbermen: Mike Smulligan

New Business:

- Nahma Golf outing 8-14-21
 - Check into other golf courses for golf outing in the lower
- Skeet Event: Wes to gather info
- Legislators for Convention will be @ Jason Wadaga's Discretion
- Log-A-Load will be put on hold at this time due to current covid restrictions
 - Possibilities discussed for email donations: Michelle to look into policy
- 2022 convention locations to check into:
 - Sault St Marie, Mt Pleasant, Boyne, Escanaba, Bay City
- Mackinaw County Road Commission Meeting overview
 - Discussion on continued issues and possibility of being considered Ag in the future. Jason is to approach Farm Bureau and see where they are on issue. Look at 396 language?
- Tim Curley is doing study on Supersingle tires at MI Tech.
- Master Logger Update given By Warren Suchovsky: Will be meeting with Michelle on Tuesday to go over field audit form modifications and send out recertification letter to 27 ML via email. 15,000 grant through Mike Smalligan. 5000 to be spent on promotions (needs approval). Stewardship efforts on private lands. Discussion about bookkeeping and financing for recertification audits. Committee to establish bylaws and directives for these issues.

- Wilderness Memo
 - Warren is to write letter of opposition (management is what's kept it beautiful!) Will be sent out to all legislators and Forest Service.
- Scholarship application update: Extended window for submissions and will be awarding next Aug.
- Carbon Credits issue discussed:
 - Look into panel through USDA. Jim Maeder to follow up on this issue.
- Motion to adjourn by Glen Tolksdorf, supported by Paul Burton; motion carried.