

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF TIMBERMEN
9-18-20 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board members present were: Wes Windover, James Maeder, Paul Burton, Charley MacIntosh, Warren Suchovsky, Glen Tolksdorf, Lonny Lutke, Anne Harmon,

Staff present were: Tom Buckingham, Michelle Sears

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 by President James Maeder; Anti-trust was read and signed by all present and roll call was done.

Motion to accept amended agenda was made by Warren Suchovsky; supported by Glen Tolksdorf; motion carried.

Motion to accept minutes from June 5th board meeting was made by Warren Suchovsky; supported by Paul Burton; motion carried.

Presidents report was given with discussion on the following:

- Convention/expo—need to eval sites—Frankenmuth Venue visit set up for Oct 6th (Michelle to confirm)
 - Decision still needs to be made on whether to move forward with expo in 2021 or wait until 2022
- DNR Carbon pilot program in the Pigeon River Area
- Review of Strategic Forest Action Plan
 - Info to be put out to members to weigh on as well
- Concerns about legislation concerning outdoor recreation
- Bio Energy/EPA
- Shutdown of the Wisconsin Mills and how it affects MI

Treasurers Report given by Anne Harmon. Discussion on Amy's position/follow up on possible leads &/or place ad. Resolution made by Glen Tolksdorf to add Paul Burton to accounts as signatory; supported by Anne Harmon; resolution adopted. Proposed budget for next year was discussed. Motion to approve budget was made by Warren Suchovsky; supported by Paul Burton; motion carried.

PAC fund contributions submitted by Jason Wadaga were discussed. Motion made by Lonny Lutke to approve \$250.00 to Rep. Greg Markkanen, \$250.00 to Rep. Sara Cambensy and \$500.00 to KDA for Senate Republican reception. All are invited to attend reception personally or virtually on Wed, September 30, 2020. Motion supported by Wes Windover; motion carried.

Legislative Update by Jason Wadaga. Bill 5333 slowed but still remain optimistic. Legislation to promote mass timber use on State projects remains stalled. Will be meeting Rep from Monroe County at 1:30 today along with GLTPA rep to discuss possible proposal of timber licensing issue based on Indiana's program; report to follow.

Mass Timber Summit presentations were also discussed.

Insurance update was given by Tom Buckingham

Admin report given by Michelle Sears. Discussion on Nahma golf outing; thank you to Charley and Steve for making this such a good event. Will be making some accounting changes for future golf outings, but everyone had a good time. Dues invoices will be going out. Working on combining databases into quickbooks. Working on website with input from committee. Michelle will reach out for update on Log A Load. Continue putting media info and updates out for members. Still need to work on members only access to TST program.

New Business:

Mike Smalligan gave update and info on Little Bridges Grant for Crane Mats. Office will need to come up with way to track transportation costs for matching funds. Because FSC program attached to ML program stayed with Don Peterson, 15,000 in grant funds will not be available. Goal was to increase FSC. Questions and discussion presented concerning this.

Wes Windover has been contacted by Mission Pointe Resort on Mackinac Island to court the association to have our 50th anniversary convention there. Would like to have board out to stay and give presentation of facility.

Warren Suchovsky gave notice that he is also on the GLTPA board. Gave an overview of groups current activities including CO-OP that has already been formed. Looking into purchase of one of the VERSO Mills in Wisconsin.

President Maeder brought up IP 14-03 concerning conflict of interest with reaffirmation of its importance. Board members gave verbal understanding.

Discussion on checking into bylaws to verify if vote by board member over phone or video chat would be counted. Research to be done to see if this has already been addressed; report to follow.

Warren Suchovsky gave report on the State Christmas Tree after speaking with Denny Olsen. There will be tree harvested but no formal presentation and no silver bells celebration.

Discussion about letter in response to inquiry from Denise about MSU Forestry Professional Certificate Program. They are asking for a panelist to be involved in creating program Glen Tolksdorf volunteered and will follow up with report.

Lonny Lutke gave notice to the board that he will not be running for election when his term expires.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Glen Tolksdorf at 2:22pm; supported by Paul Burton; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Harmon, Sec/Treas