

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF TIMBERMEN
12-18-20 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board members present were: Wes Windover, James Maeder, Charley MacIntosh, Joe Doyle, Brian Nelson, Glenn Tolksdorf, Lonny Lutke, Warren Suchovsky, Vaughn West and Anne Harmon

Staff Present: Michelle Sears

Meeting was called to order at 10:11 by President James Maeder; Anti-trust was signed and roll call was done.

Agenda additions were given and motion to accept amended agenda was made by Glenn Tolksdorf; supported by Warren Suchovsky; motion carried.

Motion to accept minutes from 9-18-20 Board meeting was made by Lonny Lutke; supported by Warren Suchovsky; motion carried.

Presidents report was given with discussion on the following:

- What to get Amy as thank you for her years of service.
- Lonny Lutke last meeting because he will not be running for reelection
- McGill trucking for picture with plaque that Jim will present to them
 - Discussion about how to recognize last years award winners at the convention this year.

Treasurers report given by Anne Harmon. Talked about interview and offering position for Amy's job. Will put together offer with starting wage of \$15.00 per/hr with review at 90 days for possible increase. Cap on hours of 10 per week. Board meetings and convention mandatory. No benefits because part time. Motion to accept treasurer report made by Glenn Tolksdorf, supported by Warren Suchovsky; motion carried.

Insurance update was given by James Maeder

Legislative update by Jason Wadaga.

Michelle gave Admin report with discussion on Timber talk, Convention, SFI, Dues overview, new International rebate through ALC and website updates

MATSIF board members, Curt Bisballe, Andrew Jaroche and Luke Brogger were present and asked for time to speak to the board. There was discussion concerning combining the two events still with their organization reinstating royalties and how to overcome issues from past events. Good discussion had by all. Agreement was written after discussion and motion made by Wes Windover to accept agreement as written to join convention with MATSIF and rescind our previous vote to separate; supported by Brian Nelson, motion carried. Copies of agreement signed by all board members present and each group retained copy.

New Business:

Joe Doyle gave report on his visit with Cards of Wood who was the Timber Talk spotlight last quarter. Discussion was to make the next Timber Talk spotlight a tribute to Tom Casperson.

Old Business:

Little bridges grant was discussed. James Maeder recused himself from discussion. Talked about how to give crane mats away. If membership paid by 1-30 then they would be entered in drawing at convention. Talked about drawing every hour to give away 8 sets (2) during convention and to try to have a sample set on site. Would also sell tickets to raffle a set off.

Talked about timber frame buildings and Glenn will do write up for Timber Talk article

ALC update was given by Brian Nelson. They are looking for new ED and are asking regional association for financial assistance of \$5.00 per member to help with this effort. Motion made by Warren Suchovsky to move 1500 from budget to support this request from ALC travel expenses (travel expenses have been down due to COVID); supported by Lonny Lutke; motion carried.

Landscape Scale restoration Letter was discussed. Went over letter given in support that was mailed already to ensure deadline was met.

2021 Convention discussion

- Award recipients-send request to members for nominations ASAP
- Bircher Scholarship discussed. Will reach out to family members to determine their intentions.
- Continue planning
- Discussed sponsor package and need to get out ASAP

Warren brought up MIFB Biomass issues. Much discussion but tabled until we get more information.

Motion to adjourn made by Glenn Tolsdorf at 3:32pm; supported by Wes Windover; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Harmon, Sec/Treas