

Attending via Zoom: Michael Reed, Candice Blackstone-Larson, Melinda Britton, ED Susan Divine, Susan Bertram, Jose Garcia, Julie Foster-Lindquist, Jeff Krebs, Josh Thompson, John Gillette

Absent: Lee Ossenheimer

Julie brought the meeting to order at 5:40pm

Approval of April 1, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Motion to accept as revised by Jose, seconded by John. 9 yeas, motion passed

Treasurer's report tabled til next scheduled meeting.

Discussion re cancellation of Festival: ED (Susan D): The City of Marquette has officially closed parks including Tourist Park indefinitely. Feedback from our members since Friday's newsletter have been overwhelmingly in favor of cancelling this year's festival. Susan D has applied for Grant re the CARES act (\$10k for rent, utilities, etc). ED will apply for a Music for All Foundation grant of \$10k for fall programming. Invest UP and Lake Superior community partnership grants have been applied for.

ED spoke to our medical director: evidence is looking like we'll continue to have new cases through summer. Michael: what are our liabilities if someone gets sick if we hold festival? Jose: besides attendance expectations lower, we could expect our volunteer numbers down as well.

Motion to cancel Festival for 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic by Jose, second by Michael. Vote was 9-0, motion carried.

Candice: we may want to make a tribute t-shirt. Happy Hiawatha videos and hashtag #thisismyhiawatha. Josh coined the term Myawatha (solo Hiawatha). Jeff suggested a virtual festival for festival weekend.

About the rollout of cancellation decision: ED and Julie will meet with the City and our lawyer about festival cancellation—we will be trying to get our fee back from the City for reserving Tourist Park. ED says we should roll out this information to all interested parties by next Tuesday. ED notifications need to go from Board to the City, email to festival committee, Jane, Karen, Troy and Jeff letting musicians know, Josh with workshop leaders. Committee members, part-time employees, vendors, Acs, monitors. We will also need to put out a Press Release.

Julie: we have the opportunity to turn this into a positive thing consistent with our mission statement.

We will have a special Board Meeting April 22, 5:30pm.

Motion to adjourn by Jose, seconded by Jeff, meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Krebs, Secretary