

## **Meeting Minutes**

Date: 8/13/2025

Meeting Start: 6:34 PM

Attendance:

- Executive Director: Candice Blackstone-Larson
- Board members present: Tom Dummer, David Wood, Luke Guindon, Louise Anderson, Ann Fisher, Lee Ossenheimer, Julie Foster-Lindquist, Sue Bertram
- Board Members Virtual: Dick Pierson, Melinda Britton
  
- Approval of Previous Minutes
  - **Motion to approve: Ann Fisher**
    - **Seconded: Louise Anderson**
    - **All in favor**

## **Financial Reports**

- Bell Financial: \$110,994.91
- Incredible Bank:
  - Checking Account: \$186,964.43 (business checking)
  - Grant Account: \$19,458.09 (likely accounted for but not spent)
  - MM Account: \$105,675.17
  - CD Account: \$100,914.38
- **Motion to approve: Ann Fisher**
  - **Seconded: Julie Foster-Lindquist**
  - **All in favor**

SUBJECT TO AUDIT

## **Old Business**

- E-voting - Bylaws update
  - Ann Fisher and Julie Foster-Lindquist worked to update bylaws
    - Added "For electronic voting, all proposals requiring a vote must be presented by the President and distributed to the entire Board. Votes must be returned within 24 hours"
    - "For electronic business that requires Board approval, a quorum consisting of a simple majority of the seated Board members must be established"
    - **Motion to approve the amendment of the bylaws: Ann Fisher**
      - **Seconded by: Julie Foster-Lindquist**
      - **All in favor**
- Grants
  - Superior Health Foundation - Heather Picotte has been working on it but will probably not be submitted before festival
- Trailer Licensing, Fundraising update
  - Licensing update

- All trailers except for 2 have been licensed
    - Green team trailer and gooseneck trailer will soon be licensed
  - Logo decals on trailers
    - When applying decals to the black trailer, a lot of paint pulled off with the transfer tape when the decals were applied. We did not put the decal on the other side as a precaution to not remove more paint.
    - Other decals went on well
    - Waiting to see if Ben Bielefeldt has an invoice for his time to apply decals to trailers
  - Arranging for decals that can be printed and applied to the trailer to recognize donors contributing to the trailer fundraiser - needs more discussion to go along with fundraising thermometer, and a QR code
  - Old Trailer Disposal
    - Old trailer already has good shelving and materials removed
    - *Offer Dead River Storage the old trailer for \$500 and ask for a long term contract*
      - **Motion to offer to sell the old semi trailer for not less than \$500 to Dead River Storage: Sue Bertram**
        - **Seconded: Ann Fisher**
        - **All in favor**
- Conflict of Interest Discussion/policy
  - Ann Fisher and David Wood will pursue making adjustments before we meet in September
- Festival survey results are available for all board members to review
  - Overwhelmingly positive results with 89 participants
  - *Most suggestions were about festival food vendor policy may need adjustment to account for vendors not being open for the entire festival and closing early. Setting expectations with vendors to avoid these mishaps.*

## **New Business**

- Request to increase board to 11 members
  - This would give the board an odd number of votes
  - **Lee Ossenheimer makes a motion: To amend our policy increase the board to 11 members from 10**
    - **Seconded by: Ann Fisher**
    - **All in favor**
  - **Ann Fisher makes a motion: To allow up to 2 remote board members to serve as remote, to be decided by the highest number of votes**
    - **Seconded by: Melinda Britton**
    - **All in favor**
- Board Committee or Executive Committee to review Bylaws
  - Tom Dummer will send out communication to get Executive Committee, Sue Bertram, Dick Pierson, and Candice Blackstone-Larson together to review bylaws

- Board Voting Timeline
  - Applications will be accepted for 3 weeks
  - Candice Blackstone-Larson will screen applications for eligibility, forward it out to the board for a period of 3 days for board members to complete the nomination process
  - October 8th, candidates will receive feedback to hear if they made it in or not.
  - October 13th, Bios will be posted online
  - 3 weeks of voting will begin with vote winners to be revealed at annual meeting in November

## **Festival**

- Golf Carts and cart keys
  - Golf carts not being returned was an issue and should be evaluated
- Musicians Tent food tent lines were long
  - Maybe hospitality monitors can help make sure artists scheduled to play music during dinner hour get food
  - Make sure donations at the musicians cafe are easy and raise awareness of giving donations
    - We received \$795 in donations were received between cash, Venmo and tokens
- Tourist Park construction must be monitored so festival setup can be prepared for infrastructure placement
- Marquette City Police Update
  - Candice met with Detective Captain Aldrich from Marquette City Police after the festival
    - There was an incident at the festival with a stolen golf cart that happened
    - Underage drinking has caused city police to respond
      - Security did extra walk throughs in section D, we added overhead lights to the area and it worked well as a corrective measure
    - All people who were removed from issues received a “no trespass” for the festival. Detective Captain Aldrich offered that the police department could issue a no-trespass order ahead of the festival for anyone who needs a no-trespass to aid in keeping them away from the festival.
- Liability Discussion - *Candice Blackstone-Larson is investigating various insurance issues around vehicles at the fest, and Doug Kitchel approached Tom Dummer regarding liability issues around building the stage and was referred to Candice- Tabled to bring back next month*
- Rise Up Singing Workshop Leader Communication - **Tabled to bring back next month**

- **Went into closed session at 8:20pm to discuss personnel matters**
- **Came out of closed session at 8:39pm**
  - **Ann Fisher makes a motion: In light of concerns with the first aid area we will restructure that area under a new area coordinator for future festivals**
    - **Seconded by: Lee Ossenheimer**
    - **All in favor**
- *Thursday Night Fest Issues*
  - *Do we charge by the site or by camping units?*
    - *2 camping units and 2 cars on a site - \$65 for the site or \$130 for the 2 units.*
  - *Issue with Heidi Stevenson camping and our policy on disabilities and entry - Tabled to bring back next month*
- **Motion to adjourn: Ann Fisher**
  - **Seconded by: Lee Ossenheimer**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 PM**

**Next Regular Board meeting - 6:30pm - 9/10/2025**