

Hostelling International-Michigan Council: Meeting Minutes, July 12, 2010

Meeting convened: 7:30 p.m. at Heavner Canoe Rental

Board Members in Attendance: Michael Dwyer, Michael Willihnganz, Mollika Basu Biernat, Jay Biernat

Board Members Not in Attendance: Nate Hill, Melissa Smith, Janel Yamashiro

Other Members in Attendance: Al Heavner (Emeritus)

Agenda:

- Vote Board in
- Intros
- Nominations
- Welcomes
- Treasury
- Paddle
- Leaving of HI employee
- Social Media

Intros:

- Al Heavner
- Stella Heavner
- Michael Dwyer
- Michael Willihnganz
- Mollika Biernat
- Jay Biernat

Board guidelines

- There must be between seven and eleven board members

Nominations and bios:

1. Mollika Biernat: Mollika would like to stay on as a board member
2. Michael Dwyer: Vice president Michigan Council, would like to stay on the board
3. Sonia Julie: Would like to be trail as HI Michigan Treasurer
4. Linda Gamage: Interested in serving on the board
5. Ken Grundberg: Noted that Ken would like to see youth on the board but experience has its place
6. Philip G. DeBlock
7. Michael Willihnganz: would like to stay on the board but would like to hand over the position of president
8. Wendy Willihnganz: Nominated and would like to serve on the board
9. Jay Biernat: Will stay on as secretary if needed

Sleeping Bear Dunes Hostel:

- Glenn Arbor
- The question was raised about whether or not the the property is still available
- Two buildings and forty two beds
- Needs a well drilled
- Should look into the option
- Tabled for now

Other HI Positions:

- Al Heavner (Emeritus)
- Lisa Goldstien (at large position)
- Ken Grundberg (at large position)

- Repeat of motion

-Mike and Mollika Second

- Proxy votes (four)

Treasury:

- We had an income of \$75,000 from one donor
- This year there was an income on \$29,340.14 (twice coming in as is going out at this point)
- The money is generating income in interest
- We have \$120,080.72

- We could put some money away as savings
- Old Treasury business: we sold the old HI building for \$60,000

Paddle to the Symphony Recap:

- Mike D. talks about he importance of the fundraiser
- We rented canoes from Heavner canoes; cost was \$320
- Paddle boat: \$270
- Expenses \$721
- Revenues: \$8
- Reminiscence of 75th anniversary last year
- Stated that it was and is more important to continue the event than discontinue it
- The Paddle has been going on for 13 years

Loss of Employee:

- Loss of Joan was discussed
- She was brought in for the position of volunteer coordinator
- She resigned in February
- We have been a bit of a makeshift board

- The board stepped up to handle the the tasks Joan was handling
- The board will have to decide whether or not we will hire someone else to fill Joan's position
- We want to have a dinner for Joan's farewell

Bikes and Hikes:

- Mollika speaks to the importance of Bikes and Hikes
- Mention of the money from Bikes and Hikes: we don't make money on it but it is an integral faction
- the council used to lead overnight trips in the summers for about 30 people each trip
- Mike Willinganz led a trip four or five years ago to Southern Ireland
- National leaders may be trained to run national program

Social Networking:

- Mike presented
- Bikes and Hikes are posted online
- Google groups
- Calendar of events
- Meetup.com
- Myspace
- Facebook
- Newsletters
- email

- Talk of moving the P.O. box since Joan is no longer handling the mail
- Break for pizza
- Questions

Mike D. begins second set of intros:

- Marie Werner: likes the idea of bikes and hikes. Likes 30 mile bike rides and is learning about the group
- Gordon Berkhead: grew up canoeing, likes hiking and biking, sailing, international travel wants to get involved with hotels
- Rod Goodyear: been on many trip; been away from the organization but wants to return
- Neil: his late wife and himself used to trip with AYH, now that his wife is gone he is returning
- Stella Heavner: rode bikes with her husband from California to Detroit..Stella told her story

Dates, time, and agenda of next meeting:

- Recommended 7:00pm
- Must pick committees and members
- Mention of two year term for board members
- HI Michigan has to meet a minimum of four times annually

- We will meet once per month until further notice
- Set meeting schedule for the year
- Next meeting 7:00pm at Jay and Mollika Biernat's residence
- 1/3 of the board at least has to be present for quorum

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jay Biernat, Secretary.