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## IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

- I. ROLL CALL - Don Britton, Chocolay; Nick Leach, Marquette; Glenn Johnson, Marquette Township; Al Reynolds, Negaunee township; Jim Thomas, Negaunee; Larry Bussone, Ishpeming; Lauren Luce, Marquette Township  
Excused Absence: Dawn Hoffman  
Resigned: Dean DuMoulin, Republic as of 4/26/17  
Guests: Eric Walters, Iron Range Roll; Melissa DEmarse, Iron Range Roll
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT ( Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes) -No public comment.
- III. PRESENTATION –Iron Range Roll, June 3 – 40 Below is planning for fourth Iron Range Roll. Had 230 participants in 2016 and raised \$4700 for the Reach and Rise Program at the YMCA. Provided Reach and Rise Information which matches kids with mentors to provide for social and emotional intelligence. Now adding group mentoring services.
- IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - **Bussone motioned to approve consent agenda as presented. Reynolds supported.** Consent agenda included March meeting minutes; March balance sheet showing assets of \$350,595; total liabilities of \$34,556 and equity of \$326,039; March profit/loss showing March net income of (10,872) with ytd of \$259,172: Q1 budget v actual shows net income at 105% of budget. March general ledger shows checks written 1890-1897; and April bills to be paid totaling \$8828. **Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - **Britton motioned to approve agenda as presented; Reynolds seconded. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Grant Updates
    - a. Recreation Passport Trailhead Amenities – Fulsher working with Bill Sanders on drawings for bidding out the scope items: fixing stations, benches, bike racks, landscaping.
    - b. Trust Fund TF-0157 Weather Shelters - Grant submitted and complete. Fulsher heard from Sanders that we may be asked to present on this grant in front of the trust fund board.
    - c. MCACA 2017/Regional Prosperity 2017 –Fulsher looking at Regional Prosperity grant of \$5000 with 1:1 match to have artists design and place three benches along trail at 1) near Whetsone Village; 2) pellet pavilion and 3) Negaunee Mine. Seeking input on MCACA grant due on June 1. Board would like to work on the beehive kiln reconstruction.
  - B. Web Site reconstruction - New web site should be up and running by first week of May. Discussed trail apps. Fulsher to follow up with Travel Marquette.
  - C. Trail Signage -
    1. Interpretive Signage – Fulsher noted that 10 new panels were installed with volunteers. Grant is now complete. Discussion on seniors seeing the signs and Fulsher to put agenda item in May on a Fall side-by-side review of trail open to seniors..
    2. Road Crossing Signs – Fulsher noted she is still working with U.P. Fabricating. Sign design in packet. Will need volunteers to put these up.

3. Gateway/Business Signs – Discussed on how to provide business signage. Fulsher will bring committee together this month. Also will research at International Trails Symposium in May.

D. ORV Updates

1. Gate Updates – JCS ready to MiissDig the two sites. Should be up shortly thereafter.
2. Trailhead signage bids – Bids came in high. \$4100 and \$11000. We have \$1500 in Orv funding. Discussed as Eagle Scouts or High School woodworking class project. Bussone to follow up with Holli to see if he will donate cedar 4x4". Need 12 of them at 12' long. Plywood board and stain it.
3. Negaunee Re route – Found a more palatable route skirting around bluff in Negaunee rather than up and over. Okayed by City and DNR. Volunteer labor to remove fencing and getting quotes to reinstall mine fencing.

E. Maintenance 2017 – List in packet.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Executive Committee Election – **Bussone motioned to approve the executive committee slate as presented—Jim Thomas, Chair; Don Britton, Vice Chair/Secretary, Glenn Johnson, Treasurer; Al Reynolds – At-large member. Leach seconded. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**

B. Marquette Trails Master Plan/IOHRA – **Leach motioned to write a letter to City of Marquette to not open the Soo Line bridge to snowmobile traffic due to MDOT TE funding source that paid for bridge upgrades. Luce seconded.** Discussion on liability, number of walkers using bridge. **Vote and motioned carried 6 ayes to 0 nays and Britton abstained.**

C. May Board Meeting – Fulsher noted that we are changing meeting place and time in May to Aspen Ridge school at 4 pm and wanted to see if we would have a quorum if we kept with change. Looks like quorum

VII ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Fulsher noted she will be at International Trails Symposium at May 6-10; Central Upper Peninsula Weed Management will be doing some pollinator planting along trail in Negaunee; Lake Superior Watershed doing pollinator planting near Welcome Center and Carp River bridge and will be using our signage to tell trail users about project.

VII. BOARD COMMENT – Reynolds asked about MarquetteTownship Board meeting. Looking to open all County Roads to ORV use.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT – Britton motioned to adjourn meeting at 5:45 pm; Leach seconded. Vote and motion carried unanimously.**

*NEXT MEETING DATE:/ANNUAL MEETING: May 24, Aspen Ridge School, 4pm*