

BLSG Minutes, February 4, 2016

Present: Board: Brad Lawes, Wayne Rausenberger, Jeff Smith, Jeff Whiting, Jeremy MacLachlan, Ben Lawton; Coordinators: Will Mathis, Mort Pierpont; Guests: Jay Michael

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Minutes approved. Moved: Pete Hare, Second: Jeff Whiting
2. Treasurer's Report—Wayne Rausenberger
 - a. Wayne distributed an accounting of 2015 Grant reimbursements
 - b. Wayne is working on rectifying a discrepancy related to how much of our grant has been spent
 - c. Wayne received police report of an incident in July
 - d. Wayne will transfer \$5,000 to the Equipment Replacement Fund
 - e. Per Tim Schmaltz's instructions, BLSG air-gas expenses should come from our grant
3. Argo Report—Jay Michael
 - a. Jay has drafted a preliminary proposal to present to the state
 - b. Ben Lawton will contact the appropriate state official tomorrow (Feb. 5) to arrange a time for Ben, Jay and Will to hand deliver the report
 - c. Jay asks that any changes to his proposal be given to him by 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 5, 2016.
4. Budget 2016—Has been prepared and approved by BLSG Board. BLSG Board members will be present at town meetings.
5. License Renewal—Mort Pierpont reminded all that we need to report usage to Addison and Rutland counties. Once Mort divides the usage, we will be ready to apply for the license renewal.
6. Pesticide Compliance
 - a. We reviewed the NPDES Pesticide General Permit Compliance written by Matthew Probusco (Pesticide General Permit Coordinator)
 - b. Probusco will attend our next meeting on March 17
 - c. Mort will contact Probusco in advance of the March 17 meeting to clear up any questions
7. New Business
 - a. Will Mathis reports that Lemon Fair District is investigating a new aerial spray service
 - b. Will is designing a simple land owner consent form
 - c. Mort asks that we let him know of anyone we know of who wants to "opt out" of adulticide spraying (i.e. "no spray" status)
8. Proposal to revise the by-laws
 - a. Wayne proposed that we reduce the quorum for taking actions from a simple majority of board members to 3 members
 - b. A discussion ensued in which the majority of board members believed that we should keep the quorum at a simple majority

- c. The point was made clearly that it is the responsibility of board members to attend meetings. Board members from towns that do not have alternates will urge towns to appoint alternates.
- 9. Moved in Executive Session at 8:45 (moved by: Pete Hare, Second: Jeremy Maclachlan). Moved out of Executive Session at 9:15
- 10. Pay Period Policy adopted. We adopted a new pay period policy (see attached). Moved: Peter Hare, Second: Jeff Whiting
- 11. Adjourned at 9:30. Moved; Pete, Second: Jeff Whiting

NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Stephen A. Douglas House in Brandon

Respectfully Submitted By,

Pete Hare

Secretary