

BLSG Board Meeting
15 April, 2021
Unapproved Minutes

In attendance at Stephen Douglas House: Doug Perkins, Wayne Rausenberger, Richard Russ

By Zoom: Jeff Schumann, Paul Vaczy, Jeff Whiting (presiding), Chad Beckwith, Steve Belcher

BLSG, by Zoom: Will Mathis, Jay Michael, Bruce Baccei, Tom Hogan

Public: Keith Whitcomb

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. No changes were made to the agenda.

On Covid precautions, Jeff Whiting noted that at his workplace a person who had been vaccinated still proved to be infected, and emphasized the need to follow all CDC protocols.

Will Mathis noted there were protocols in place (questions about vaccinations raised issues with the HIPAA rules). Staff were isolating. He is obtaining the thermometers needed to check body temperatures.

Under the circumstances, the next meetings will most probably still be by Zoom.

The Unapproved Minutes of the March 18, 2021, meeting were approved.

The Draft Minutes of the special meeting on April 1, with amendments, were approved.

Updates from the State:

The paperwork for the larviciding permit is complete; only one aerial applicator sent the required forms. The permit has been issued. Notices of intent to apply adulticide and larvicide have been sent to newspapers and to radio (92.1 FM). Some no-spray notices have been received.

By-Laws Committee

Doug Perkins reported on the activities of the Committee; the latest proposed revisions to the By-Laws had been emailed to Board members that morning, following a meeting the previous night. He noted the principal proposed changes, that included provisions for the withdrawal of a member town, how to remove a Board member, and the function of the Executive Committee.

Paul Vaczy put a question about removing a Board member; the answer was that the Board would request the Town Select Board to replace the member.

It was moved to postpone discussion of the changes until the next meeting (Doug Perkins, seconded by Wayne Rausenberger) and the motion was approved.

A second motion, by Doug Perkins, to charge the By-Laws Committee to make changes to the original Agreement, then to be presented to the Select Boards for their approval, was seconded by Steve Belcher, and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Brad Lawes had emailed a statement showing the financial position:

General Checking:	\$145,672.62
Equipment/Capital:	\$ 17,898.74

Legal Fund	\$ 9,990.10
Debit Card	\$ 321.61
Total Funds Available:	\$173,883.07

On a motion by Paul Vaczy, seconded by Doug Perkins, the report was approved.

Operations Report

Will Mathis reported that weather conditions had been in general favorable and there was not too much flooding (this may change in the future).

On a motion by Steve Belcher, seconded by Paul Vaczy, the report was approved

Public Relations

Jay Michaels had nothing new to report; he will be tracking press reports. Paul Vaczy was thanked for a clear Front Porch Forum posting for Salisbury on the topic of no-spray requests; Will Mathis noted that there had been a few, from the usual opt-outs.

Position of District Coordinator

After some discussion of the ways to define the duties, a motion to establish a committee of three persons, including Will Mathis and two Board members appointed by the chair, to define those responsibilities was made by Doug Perkins, seconded by Jeff Schumann, and was approved. Jeff Whiting named Doug Perkins and Wayne Rausenberger to the committee, and they agreed.

New Business

Wayne Rausenberger raised questions concerning the bank service fees charged by Bar Harbor to, and suggested the Board should approve a change in the nature of the account, to avoid fees. A second issue was the debit card, for with the \$500 limit, at a time when the BLSG is performing improvements to the shed, is inadequate. There was discussion on how to change the situation: tying the card to the general checking account (and would that require bonding?)

A motion for the Treasurer to consult with Bar Harbor for a solution to the problem was approved. There was further discussion of the accounts, how to settle, whether to raise the limit, whether the fee was a form of insurance, and what State statutes might apply on bonding.

The meeting was adjourned near 8:00 pm

respectfully submitted,
Steve Belcher