MAT Board Meeting 4-23-22

Kewadin Casino Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Board members present: James Maeder, Steve Anderson, Joe Doyle, Paul Burton, Bob Bazuin, Glen Tolksdorf, Warren Suchovsky, Anne Harmon, Wes Windover, Brian Nelson, John Fowler

Staff Present: Michelle Sears

Guests Present: Jason Wadaga, Mike Elenz, Mike Smalligan

Meeting called to order by Joe Doyle at 8:32 am

Anti trust signed by all present

Motion to approve agenda by Glen Tolksdorf; supported by Paul Burton; motion carried

Motion to accept minutes from last meeting by Steve Anderson; supported by Paul Burton; discussion about ML records being moved to the MAT office; motion carried

Election results given with re-election of Anne Harmon, Brian Nelson, Steve Anderson, and Joe Doyle

Nomination and discussion for Board officers:

* Joe Doyle nominated for President by Paul Burton; supported by Glen Tolksdorf; motion carried
* Jim Maeder nominated for Vice-President by Paul Burton; supported by Brian Nelson; motion carried
* Anne Harmon nominated for Sec/Treasurer by Jim Maeder; supported by Brian Nelson; motion carried
* Warren Suchovsky nominated for Region 1 chair & Charley MacIntosh for Region 2 chair by Jim Maeder; supported by Joe Doyle; motion carried

**Mike Smalligan presentation:**

Went over status of Little Bridges Grant. Has a September deadline but looking into a possible extension. Michelle will:

* look into the amount still outstanding.
* Call suppliers and see what is available
* Put an email out to members that mats are still available for request and how many.
* Call members who have certificates but haven’t used them.
* Build in admin cost

ML program partnership grant of $15,000 that nothing has been used yet. Looking into a grant to focus on Southern Lower Peninsula for ML totaling $50,000. Discussion on how funds could be used along with other issues concerning ML program. Mike given directive to move forward with grant proposal.

**Old Business:**

ML discussion continued with Brock VanOss proposal. Not enough detail to make a decision. Motion made that Executive Committee will request detailed figures from VanOss and meet to discuss in near future (Mike Elenz to be included) by Jim Maeder; supported by Glen Tolksdorf; motion carried. Discussed other issues with program and getting set up with board and other logistics as outlined in program to move forward. Additional auditors discussed along with auditor costs, etc. Talked about how having an ED would help with funding on ML as well. Glen brought up concern about conflict of interest with using consulting foresters for program. Need to address needed recertifications this year along with applicants who have started but not finished the initial certification process.

**Legislative Report** given by Jason Wadaga including overview of:

* Comments on Council on Climate support
* Fuel reciprocity signed by governor
* Snowmobile trail issue stalled right now but we are still pushing for logging exemption
* Carbon Credit bill; still in committee
* Budget; 1.5 billion for agriculture
* Income tax cut vetoed
* Gas Tax Pause; failed
* Republican House--require all employees return to in person by certain date or face budget cuts
* Zorn is bringing up licensure issue again

Discussion on making sure to include legislative update for members at next convention and to ask for PAC funds.

**Treasurers report** given with a quick overview of immediate convention figures. Full P & L along with monthly financials to follow once all figures have been finalized.

**New Business:**

* LP golf outing will be at Lakewood in Cadillac. Need a date in June to move forward with.
* Nahma golf outing to be in August and was suggested to do a weekday (Th?)
* Manton skeet shoot authorized and will also schedule for a weekday
* Annual meeting location next year: consider Boyne and Crystal Mountain—set up walk through ASAP
  + Address City of Sault Ste. Marie about issue with equipment and discrepancies
  + Possibly use Casino in Escanaba for 2025 need to look at overview from this year
* Anne Harmon gave overview of work on industry training programs and will continue to move forward with gathering information to use in possible future proposal
* Went over question on Multiple company membership level due to issue with ML requirements.

Next meeting will be 6-24-22 location to be announced

Motion to adjourn at 12:29 by Steve Anderson; supported by Bob Bazuin; motion carried.