

Jan. 7, 2021 BOD Meeting

Attendance: Dan Kidd, President	Lianne Mitchell, Vice President
Linda Johnson, Treasurer	Jerry Harkavy, Secretary
Peter Mullen, At-Large	Dave Francis, At-Large
Jerry Jalbert	Anne Geisler

The president called the meeting to order via Zoom.com at 7 p.m.

Following approval of the December minutes, outgoing Treasurer Jerry Jalbert presented a 2021 proposed budget which projects \$7,786 in expenses and \$14,400 in revenue. The large gap between these figures is a result of the uncertainties linked to the pandemic that make it impossible to budget for such expenses as Summerfest, Winterfest and the Christmas party.

The budget was unanimously approved by the board, with the provision that it will consider a supplemental budget once it gets a clearer picture of the Covid-19 situation and decides which events can move forward.

Jalbert told the board that the improved revenue picture stems from an increase in membership, a successful effort to get former members to renew, and current members renewing in advance to avoid the increase in dues. The budget also was helped by the pandemic-related moratorium on our church rental expenses.

This month's general meeting, originally set for Jan. 6, had been postponed until Jan. 13 because of the expectation that all eyes would be focused on the rioting at the U.S. Capitol. The new member meeting has been moved up one day to Jan. 14.

The board unanimously approved the appointments of Linda Johnson as interim treasurer and Anne Geisler as an at-large member, replacing Marianne Hubert, who resigned. Anne subsequently withdrew from the board out of concern over liability issues but indicated that she may reconsider if she can resolve our insurance issues.

The board continued to wrestle with questions about liability insurance coverage and how our existing policy relates to board members and trip leaders. Anne agreed to explore our options.

There was also brief discussion on our other stubborn issue – website changes. Lianne has sent Kathy Allen of Greenlight a list of proposed changes and has been assured that she is working on them. The fixes would make it easier to post events and would have anyone logging onto the site go directly to the calendar. Another niggling issue is the “going, not going and maybe” options, which most board members deem to be of little value.

There was also discussion on updating our list of discounts available to club members, which was coupled with a look at increasing our advertising rates.

The board reexamined whether it would be feasible to hold Winterfest amid the pandemic. Lianne suggested Skyline Farm in North Yarmouth might be able to host the event if everything took place outdoors and everyone brought their own food. But concerns about the virus spread prompted the board to hold off on a final decision.

The president noted that Eileen Whynot has agreed to serve as elections officer in preparation for choosing the next board. The announcement will come at the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.