**BICA Annual Membership Meeting**

**August 22, 2020**



Mike Foley opened the meeting at approximately 10:00am on the mail dock.

**Secretaries Report**

* The minutes from the 2019 meeting were approved.

**Treasury Report**

* Debbie Towle presented the annual treasure’s report which was approved.
	+ Current balance is $ 15,993.00 (as of August 18, 2020)
		- $4,542.00 is the remainder of the Stamps family donation -need to check in with family before spending this money.
		- This does not include the $2,500.00 the Towle family has donated towards the forestry project.
	+ Dues
		- To date $2.520 in dues have been collected.
		- Of the 73 potential members, only 12 have not joined.
		- Best year yet for collecting dues.
	+ Amazon
		- From September 2019- August 18, 2020 we have collected $520.96.
		- This is an underutilized benefit and members were urged to use this link on their own Amazon account. Purchases made by clicking the image on the webpage will yield approximately % of the purchase price to BICA.
			* Link to amazon can be found at bearisland.org.
	+ Tax Returns
		- Current on all tax returns.

**Forestry Report**

* UNH extension services walked the property and noted the unhealthy forest and the need for deer management. They recommended clearing sections of the forest and letting it revegetate naturally.
* The forester determined it would be best to clear dead and dying pines from the north side of the island to the center where the hotel is located.
	+ Forester will bring in one piece of equipment to do the work (Brontosaurus).
	+ Island services has agreed to take them back and forth and no charge.
	+ They plan to start right after Columbus Day weekend and complete 4 days of work.
	+ Total cost $7,500.00 for 4 days of work
		- BICA pays $5,500.00 for 3 days of work
		- Towle family covers one day of work @ $2,000.00
	+ Members to possibly reach out to landowners who also have debris piles to see if they would like to contribute and get their piles taken care of.

**Election of New Officers, Directors**

* Motion for all board members to remain the same- all in favor
	+ President-Mike Foley
	+ Vice President- Chris Collins
	+ Treasurer- David Cail
	+ Secretary – Lindsey Lefebvre
* 1 nomination for new board member-Ken Martinson
	+ All in favor

**Open Discussions**

* Mail Room Update- Town will not paint the roof of the building so BICA will need to complete this.
* Possible fundraiser next year to raise for more money for the forest management project.
	+ Possible t-shirt sale
* Motion to increase the amount of money the Board can hold (by-laws allow us to have up to $20,000)
	+ All in favor to increase this amount

**Next meeting scheduled for Memorial Day, May 31, 2021- Location TBD**

**The meeting concluded at approximately 11:00am**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

***Lindsey Lefebvre***