

Little Traverse Bay Humane Society
Annual Meeting of Members
Minutes
June 29, 2016

Board Members Present: President, William (Bill) Savard; Vice President; Bob Hull; Secretary, Gayle Mroczkowski; Lori Jodar, William (Bill) McKinley, Gordon Ford, and Beth Skau.

Board Members Absent: Rick Bolton

Other Members Present: Curtis and Judy Brock, John Connolly, Charlotte Corbett, Judith Gillow, Sue and Louis Fantini, Una and Ron Fornshell, Diane and Patrick Hershey, Suzanne Hug, Peg Hull, Chip Ironside, Martin Kohlligian, Joy and Richard Labadie, Celeste McKinley, Eileen Paczesny, Becky Phillips-Kranig, and Amelia “Marie” Skrobak.

Staff Present: Deter Racine; Executive Director, Teresa Chaney, Julie Degroot, Jessica Evans, Beverly Ironside, Jennifer Kolinski, Sara Meyer, Kristen Rieder, and Lisa Ward.

President’s Welcome and Call to Order: President Savard thanked everyone for attending and called the meeting to order.

Confirmation of Quorum: President Savard discussed a few procedural items regarding the quorum - only current members as of June 2 may participate in making motions and only current members as of June 2 who have not previously voted by proxy can participate in voting and only one vote per family. President Savard asked the Secretary, Gayle Mroczkowski, if a quorum was present. Gayle replied that we do and that under our bylaws, we need 82 members present in person or by proxy and we have 239 members present by proxy and 10 additional members who have not previously voted present in person for a total of 249 members. A quorum is present.

Approval of the Minutes from the Annual Meeting of Members held on June 24, 2015: President Savard then requested that the minutes of the Annual Meeting 2015 be approved as presented. *Motion* to approve the minutes was made by Sue Fantini and supported by Martin Kohlligian. All ayes, *Motion carried* with 215 proxy and 10 in person votes.

Election of Directors:

President Savard then named the slate of candidates to the Board of Directors with terms as follows:

<u>Nominees:</u>	<u>Term</u>
Bob Hull	2016-2019
Gayle Mroczkowski	2016-2019
Beth Skau	2016-2019

No other nominations were submitted.

Motion was made to elect Bob Hull to the Board of Directors for the term 2016-2019 by Sue Fantini and supported by William (Bill) McKinley. *Motion carried* with 222 proxies and 10 in person votes.

Motion was made to elect Gayle Mroczkowski to the Board of Directors for the term 2016-2019 by Chip Ironside and supported by Sue Fantini. **Motion carried** with 223 proxies and 10 in person votes.

Motion was made to elect Beth Skau to the Board of Directors for the term 2016-2019 by William (Bill) McKinley and supported by Chip Ironside. **Motion carried** with 222 proxies and 10 in person votes.

President's report – Bill Savard – brief president's report given. Celebration of the 65th birthday (1951) reviewed the past few year's accomplishments and spoke briefly on the future/present plans. In 2014, we started stage 1 of the water management program – planting trees on the north end of the property. Then in the fall of 2015 the shelter added three meet and great rooms. Stage 2 of water management plan will be completed this summer. An update was provided on the new vet clinic and the purpose of the clinic was discussed.

Financial Overview – Bill McKinley – graphs presented and a brief overview of 2015 year end income statement, summary operations data, summary balance sheet and investment portfolio. Core revenues before bequests of \$934,000, which is down compared to 2014 due to a decrease in fundraising income (242,000 vs 270,000). This is attributed to a major event at Bay Harbor that we were unable to do but are planning on replacing in 2016. Expenses were similar to last 2014. Animal care expenses are over \$400,000, which is paid for through adoption fees, membership dues, and other general donations. Service revenue generated \$55,000 (down from previous year). Investment portfolio allocated mostly to cash, only 51% or less are in the stock market today, taking a more conservative view because of the 2014.

Overview of Past Year – Deter Racine – brief summary given of 2015 accomplishments. We rescued 723 animals (up from previous year of 702). In obtaining adoptable animals, we focus on Emmet County and our community first – rescuing animals from local stray centers, and families that can no longer care for their animals and then other rescue groups from all over the country. We receive animals about 50% of the time from Emmet county and 50% out of county. Our Low Cost program should be higher, but has continued to shrink as vet clinics have less time to spay/neuter animals that go through our program, these are people that have demonstrated a financial need and we subsidized this program with grants. Training and behavior modification program that we started in 2013 continues to be a success. We continue to see our return rates at an all-time low verses the national average which is about 22%. Before this program started we were around 12% and since we are about 5%. A short video, prepared by Jessica Evans, was played.

There was strategic planning throughout the entire process of determining to start our vet clinic. We started by meeting with our board of directors, then major donors, ensuring that the community was behind us in this decision. The next step was creating that team for this clinic and onto attending conferences, meetings, traveling/visiting other shelters. It has and continues to be a long course and we anticipate a 6-8 month build process – hoping for completion in the first quarter of 2017.

Deter thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.