



Final BEAT Board Minutes 11/4/19

President Pete Key called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm. The following board members were present: Pete Key, Dan George, Linda Eastman, Marilyn Priddy, and Dwight Willis.

The meeting location was changed from BEMC to BCDP headquarters on the day of the meeting because the BEMC room had not been reserved. Pete was not able to contact all Board members.

Marilyn provided copies of a draft agenda, which was approved with no changes.

Old Business

1. The minutes from the October Board meeting and from the October Membership meeting were approved following a motion and second.
2. No Treasurer's report was presented as the position is still vacant.
 - a) Pete has not yet found another board member willing to be a signatory on the account, so Dwight said he would. This is necessary so that the bank will not continue to mail statements to the former Treasurer. Pete found a packet of blank checks so he can write checks until a new Treasurer is elected.
 - b) Linda said she will hold receipts for the Festival of Trees expenses until the project is completed and then submit them for reimbursement.
 - c) Pete said he had a bill for \$396 from the CPA regarding the set up of the 501c3. He has a copy of the letter granting BEAT this status.
3. Regarding the membership meeting held on October 22, which was not well attended, Dan suggested not holding meetings on Wednesday night either due to conflicts. There was also a conflict with a Sr. Democratic meeting on October 22. Marilyn said they always meet the fourth Tuesday of the month, and Dwight confirmed this after the meeting.

New Business

1. Planning for 2020
 - a) Summer camp ideas - Board members in attendance brainstormed about using BEAT funds to support the goal of environmental education.
 - i. Dwight mentioned Holden Beach (HB) has a program every Thursday afternoon in the summer for kids and suggested BEAT could send someone to present a program. He thought the age range was probably from 6-12 and about 15 kids, including tourists, attended.
 1. Dan suggested a field trip to the marsh
 2. Linda suggested the program should be for kids throughout BC and wondered if the HB program allowed non HB residents to participate.
 - ii. Linda said the Cape Fear River Watch program costs \$190/week, is for ages 9-12 and runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday - Friday.
 1. She thought transportation could be an issue since the kids meet at Surrey Street in Wilmington.
 2. Dwight later suggested asking if Cape Fear River Watch might consider presenting a program in BC. Linda said she would call and ask.



- iii. Dan has a friend (Karen Waple) associated with Nature Connect NC and will contact her to get more information.
 1. Pete suggested using funds to hire Dan's contact to present environmental programs for children and mentioned a program at Southport Elementary. Marilyn suggested we review the program.
 2. Dwight suggested hiring someone to work with schools on field trips to see fly traps and other features of our unique ecosystem.
 - b) Engaging and growing membership
 - i. Marilyn agreed to work on the spreadsheet for membership to update contact information, but said she would probably not have it completed by the December meeting.
 - ii. Pete said the transition from the current FB group page would require sending messages to each member to "like" the new page.
 1. Pete said BEAT already has a business page.
 2. Marilyn asked if he had checked out the kind of FB page that the Southport Elementary PTA uses. Pete had described this at a previous meeting, where he said it allows easier transition when members that initiated the page are no longer involved with the organization. He said he would try to find out.
 - c) Quarterly membership meetings were discussed. Dan noted the organization needs members to meet regularly to stay viable.
 1. Members tentatively decided to hold the next quarterly meeting on Thursday January 23, 2020. The agenda will be discussed during the December Board meeting.
 2. Ideas that Jennifer mentioned during the Oct. 22nd meeting included inviting the BC Recycling Coordinator (Micki Bozeman) and the BC Planning Director (Kirstie Dixon).
 - d) Earth Day - This discussion was held since Bob had not been notified of the meeting location change and was unable to attend.
2. Committee Reports
- a) Linda updated Board members about the Waste Management Committee's progress for the Festival of Trees project. She gave dates for tree viewing and the gala, and noted more information is on the BEAT website.
 - b) Dan had no updates from the Land Use Committee.
3. Announcements & Adjournment
- a) Pete said he had received information regarding the CPI's request to discharge wastewater into the same canal used by the Brunswick Nuclear Plant to discharge cooling water. The SELC attorney involved is Nick Jimenez.
 - b) Pete said a member asked about action regarding coal ash. In response, Pete talked to Frank Holloman at SELC. He said NC had not changed their requirements for coal ash, but the federal EPA was trying to weaken requirements. He noted BEAT would need to keep this issue in the public eye and that there would be a public hearing once new rules were promulgated. He thought BEAT would support the SELC position. Dan asked if the SELC would sue the EPA, and Pete thought they might.
 - c) Dwight noted that Audubon Society case opposing a terminal groin in Ocean Isle Beach had been defeated.
 - d) Marilyn made a motion for adjournment and Dan seconded the motion. Pete adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.