



Topinabee Development Association

Fifteenth Annual Meeting

August 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am, by Mary O'Hare, past TDA President, welcoming attendees to the meeting.

Claudia Holland, Secretary, presented a synopsis of the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes. The meeting minutes, in their entirety, can be found on Topinabee.org website. A motion for the acceptance of the 2021 meeting minutes was made by Ken Hoehn, second by John Gross, and accepted by the membership.

Treasurer Ken Hoehn read the 2022 Annual Treasurer's report. Starting balance as of January 1 was \$25,194.41. Income obtained from dues and contributions: \$3,051.32, less expenditures for supplies, community memberships, donations, and expenses: \$5,123.26, for a total net loss of \$2,071.94. Closing balance as of December 31, 2021, was \$23,124.47. A motion was made by Mary O'Hare to approve the Treasurer's Report, second by Lori Hoehn, and approved by a vote of the membership.

The Amazon Smile program which provided a little extra income has been discontinued by Amazon.

Director Terms

We have four director term renewals: Ken Hoehn, Lori Hoehn, Mary O'Hare and Andrea Newman. Each was presented to the membership and have agreed to continue serving. Motion made by Claudia Holland to renew a 1-year term for Mary O'Hare and Andrea Newman, second by John Gross, and passed by the membership. John Gross made a motion for Ken and Lori Hoehn, second by Andrea Newman, and passed by the membership as well.

At this meeting we recruited a new director; Patrick Shawl. A motion was made by Ken Hoehn for a 1-year term, second by Andrea Newman, and passed by the membership. Welcome aboard, Patrick.

Director Reports

Membership (Lori Hoehn)

We completed this year's mailings of the annual report and renewal forms with thanks to Graham Tillotson for his donation of time and postage.

At the end of last year, we had 84 members, our current membership is standing at 51 members with dues still coming in. We will be sending reminders for those lagging in paying their dues and will do a follow-up mailing, if necessary.

Another need for our membership is to volunteer for the TDA events. In the future you may see emails requesting your help. It would be great if you could lend a hand whenever possible.

Website (John Gross)

John has been updating the web page with a new link to the webcam, which has been installed at the library. It gives a great view of the trail and beach area. Another feature that has been added is an archive page. This allows us to save older information and keep the most current information up front on the webpage.

Topinabee SummerFair & Market (Andrea Newman)

The SummerFair and Market was a great hit last year and it was well attended again this year. Last year the vendors were primarily from the Cheboygan Market. This year we added more local vendors to the mix.

This event will continue to be held the last weekend of July on an annual basis. We are working with other vendors to get the word out over social media and we will continue to refine our advertisement due to the loss of our local newspaper.

Topinabee Holiday Festival (Andrea Newman)

Our live holiday tree was planted and decorated last November. We had a great Santa and even though he had to travel through a snow storm to get here, the kids had great fun. He is scheduled to be our Santa for this year on November 18, 2023 (hopefully, minus the blizzard). Goodies to eat and music to listen to were available for all to enjoy.

New Trail Development (Lori Hoehn)

If you haven't heard Topinabee will be a connection point between the North Western State Trail and North Central State Trail via the Burt Lake Trail. Part of that trail has been completed with more work to be done.

The Little Traverse Conservancy is developing Cheboygan County's first mountain bike trail, known as The Melvin Family Hiking and Biking Trails. There will be 7.4 miles of trails for both mountain biking and hiking just off of Dump Road. The trails are currently under construction and will be ready for use soon.

Question and Answer

Are we still working with Mullett Township to finish the Streetscape Plan?

We still solicit the township to finish the plan, but their current focus is in road repair. Although there is grant money available, they have not made any requests to our knowledge.

Next Annual Meeting

Will need to be determined and it will be posted on the website and in future mailings.

Any thought or questions from this annual meeting can be sent by email to topinabeecommunity@gmail.com.

The minutes from this annual meeting will be posted on the website at www.topinabee.org. If you wish to have a paper copy, please notify one of our officers.

Motion to close the meeting made by John Gross, second by Sue Garlick, and passed by the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Holland
TDA Secretary