



Topinabee Development Association

2025 Annual Meeting

August 23, 2025

This meeting was called to order at 10:05 am, by Betsy Miller-Jones, Moderator, welcoming attendees to the meeting and introducing the current directors.

Nominations for New Directors

Motion was made by John Gross for Betsy Miller-Jones to become a director for a 3-year term, supported by Patrick Shawl, and passed by a vote from the membership.

Motion was made by Lori Hoehn for Marie Frick to become a director for a 3-year term, supported by Patrick Shawl, and passed by a vote from the membership.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Ken Hoehn read the 2024 Annual Treasurer's report. Starting balance as of January 1, 2024, was \$22,623.36. Income obtained from dues and contributions: \$2,380.00, less expenditures for supplies, community memberships, donations, and expenses: \$2,704.59, for a total net loss of \$324.59. Closing balance as of December 31, 2024, was \$22,298.77. A motion was made by John Gross to approve the Treasurer's Report, supported by Tom O'Hare, and approved by a vote from the membership.

Director Reports

Township Master Planning Process (Tom O'Hare)

Township board was having trouble establishing a Master Plan for Topinabee. TDA reached out to NEMCOG (Northeast Michigan Council of Governments), Cheboygan County Economic Development Coordinator, and Northern Lakes Economic Alliance to come to a township board meeting and discuss the advantages and the resources available as part of being a member. To get the ball rolling the TDA paid the first year of membership for Topinabee to join NEMCOG. Since that meeting a survey has been developed and has been opened to the community to determine what direction the township should move. The goal of the survey was to have a 10% response rate (about 124 responses required) and so far, they have received 187 responses. The survey will end

in September 2025, for those wishing to still respond you will need to access the Mullett Township Website. In the meantime, they are working on various requirements of the Master Plan and are in the process of creating a 5-person Planning Commission to advise the township board. The TDA will stand by to help wherever we can and help make improvements to Topinabee.

Question: How does one access the survey? Access the Mullett Township Website at mullett-townshipmi.gov/public-notice. Lori will send a link for access and we will send out a reminder to our membership in general.

Membership (Lori Hoehn)

We continue to get great support from the community through the years. And as projects start and end our membership numbers tend to fluctuate with the activity. At the end of last year, we had 61 members. We will be sending out renewal forms along with Annual Meeting Minutes to each member.

Website (John Gross)

John has been maintaining the website since 2012 and most of the information is provided by our community and TDA members. We try to serve residents as well as visitors to the area. We keep historical information as well as providing for current ongoings. A 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. The website has a camera which gives a view of the trail, it's great for those snowmobilers wanting to see what condition the trail is in. You can access the website at www.topinabee.org, if you have any information to be added send it to topinabeecommunity@gmail.com.

Question: Can we add information pertaining to boating classes to the website? Yes, we can post this information. Just send it to topinabeecommunity@gmail.com or mail to us at PO Box 301, Topinabee, Michigan 49791.

Question and Answer

Are there any updates on the Christmas Tree lighting?

It has been decided by the Topinabee Library to discontinue the gathering at the tree with Santa Claus and hot chocolate. We believe the tree will be lite with the rest of the Christmas decorations, but no specific activity 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, supported by Lori Hoehn, and passed by the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Holland
TDA Secretary