

## **MAI TRUSTEES MEETING**

August 17, 2018

(Note: Trustees met for informal discussion for 2 hours and 15 minutes starting at 8 a.m. and reassembled for 50 minutes in the evening starting at 8:45 p.m., following the reports of officers and committees made at the 7 p.m. annual membership meeting.)

Trustees present: Daniel Bates, Clare Durst, Frederick Faller, Richard Farrell, Morris Feibusch, Judy Grey, Emily Morse, Penny Smith, Mary Weber.

Trustees absent: Angela Iannicelli, Chris Koerber (participated in the informal morning session by internet video) Ben Odom.

President Glenn Burdick called the trustees meeting to order and a quorum was declared present.

The minutes of the July 1, 2018 trustees meeting were approved unanimously, including a correction describing the location of the Lighthouse Hill area used for dumpsters.

Reports of officers and committees made at the annual membership meeting earlier in the evening were approved unanimously.

Trustees unanimously approved a report on the activities of the Wildlands coordinator, and the implementation of a ban on drones over MAI property.

A written policy on MAI trail and other signs and publications such as trail maps was approved unanimously. No further vandalism to the MAI map and donation boxes was reported.

Trustees discussed and approved the electronic scanning of MAI records, including legal documents now held by MAI lawyer David Soule, with trustee Clare Durst doing the culling. The budget for the electronic scanning was included in the line item for officers' expenses.

Trustees unanimously approved a motion recommended by the Lands Committee to lease part of the Lighthouse Hill ball field to the Monhegan Plantation for 10 years, with the opportunity to extend the lease for an additional 5 years.

Following a discussion of the complexity of rewriting MAI bylaws no action was taken to allow official trustee action, such as voting, during online meetings.

Trustees voted unanimously to ban the use of MAI land by private helicopters to ensure that the Lighthouse Hill ball field landing zone is always available for emergency services.

Trustees approved the FY 2019 budget for the fiscal year ending May 2019 by a vote of 8-1, with Vice President Farrell opposing.

The position and duties of the newly created Wildlands Coordinator was discussed at length during the morning session, including mapping and managing “invasive” species, working with the trails crew and volunteer groups to keep trails passable and researching potential grants to support MAI’s activities. Farrell expressed concern that the chain of command and oversight of the position by MAI seems “a little bit squishy.” Incoming MAI President Faller noted that the coordinator reports to an oversight committee of which he is a member, that he finds it “comforting to have someone here in winter,” and said he would work over the winter on the issue of oversight for the Wildlands Coordinator position.

Four trustees for the term ending 2021 were elected and sworn in: Marlene Arvan, Morris Feibusch, Candice Kerns and Nan Nelson. Officers elected and sworn in were Fred Faller as president, Richard Farrell as vice president, Bruce Kerns as treasurer and Ann Hughey as secretary.

The MAI nominating committee was changed to consist of Ben Odom, Bruce Kerns, Glenn Burdick and Nan Nelson. Fred Faller will move to an advisory role. Jes Stevens, the only full-time Monhegan resident on the committee, said she intends to leave in six months and urged the trustees to find a year-round Monhegan resident to replace her.