

Minutes
LMPA Board Meeting
August 31 2019

The meeting gathered at Tucker Inn (Tucker family cottage), 682 Lake Morey Road, with a quorum (all members) being present. Laura called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. Board Members in attendance were Laura Tucker, Denise Drouin, Will Watson, Debby Baker, Peggie Bissell, Carol Wertheimer, Smith Reed, Tina Clark, and Chris Moran. Also present were Don Weaver, Mark Richardson, Bruce Durgin, and Bill Minard (treasurer) and, Ginny Reed (secretary).

- **Approval of minutes from May 19, 2019 was moved, seconded, and passed.**
- **Secretary's report (Ginny)**
 - Ginny noted that one additional membership has been paid since the Annual Meeting.
 - Laura wondered when we last raised dues. Bill noted that this was done 4-5 years ago and that we don't have a pressing need to raise dues at this point.
 - Mark noted that there is a new family on Redmond Rd. Denise will contact the Brissons.
- **Treasurer's report (Bill)**
 - Bill noted that membership receipts have been up this year by about \$700. \$8510 in receipts for dues.
 - Donations of \$500 have been received.
 - \$775 in memorial gifts for Joan Watson have been received.
 - \$170+ has been received from maps.
 - The budget is in good shape.
 - Expenses have included the directory (\$411), buoys/filters (\$400) and \$600 for reader incentive/ice cream social.
 - Greeter program budget is as projected.
 - Annual Meeting had some food left over so we might cut it some next year.
- **Water quality issues and LMC (Don, Bruce, and Mark R.)**
 - The new milfoil treatment has been a resounding success. Two weeks post-treatment the president of the company noted virtually no milfoil in the entire lake.
 - Divers came in later and found only 5 milfoil plants in the entire area over two days of diving.
 - A few plants have been found since that time. In the past couple of days, 27 plants were found near Chris Baines's property.
 - It is likely that plants will come back more in the untreated areas. Divers will come back for 3 days after a late summer/early fall evaluation.
 - Don noted that he has not seen the lake clearer in recent memory.
 - Don suggested to the Select Board that they adopt a co-chair model with him continuing to work with issues of water clarity and milfoil, and with Greg and Mark working with natural chemical input. He will talk with the Board about ramping up the capital budget for treatment every three years. The chemical treatment this year cost less than anticipated.
 - The ceremonial removal of buoys is tomorrow. Meet at Greg Allen's at 9:30 AM. Don is passing up taking his daughter to the bus (on her way to Africa!) to participate.

- Laura asked about e-coli testing. Don noted that this has now been reinstated and that the north end of the lake has been routinely tested.
- **Cyanobacteria report (Mark)**
 - Mark noted that cyanobacteria have started to appear this year. Four types have been identified here over the past few years. There is still a lot unknown about these bacteria and their toxins.
 - Testing on five input streams has been occurring monthly.
 - Cooler weather is associated with the turnover of phosphorous on the bottom of the lake and cyanobacteria blooms.
 - Sulfates coming into the lake from input streams also appear to be a factor.
 - Smith noted that the updated map contains info about the streams. He also noted that waterflow and biodiversity are being addressed in the new Town Plan being created for Fairlee.
- **Adopt-A-Lake Program: Bill**
 - The due date for submission of hours is Sept. 15.
 - An e-mail has gone out and this info has been noted on the website.
- **Roads/ Speed Limit Sign: Bruce**
 - Residents continue to ask about the roads. There was a small section (350 feet) replaced on the east side of the lake this year as a result of a lawsuit. This type of rebuild/replace needs to continue around the lake eventually. The Town indicates that the re-building will continue for ~ 6 years because of budget. Bruce encouraged folks to attend and speak up at Select Board meetings.
 - Smith noted that Fairlee landowners are extremely sensitive to tax issues.
 - Safety issues: a better road leads to faster travel. Bruce is in favor of speed humps.
 - The driver feedback sign has been used for ~ 7-8 years. The Town is interested in adding a sign at each end of town. There is a need to find someone to take on this task for the lake area.
 - Action item:
 - Carol will check with Bern Treandly to see if his son might be interested. Smith would consider being back-up.
 - Chris will check into the cost of removable humps/traffic calming methods.
- **Greeter Program: Peggie**
 - Budget was \$11,284 per Peggie. Budget needs for 2020 should remain the same as for this year. Peggie would like to advocate for an increase for one greeter for next year (his fourth year). She notes that continuity helps.
 - Bass tournaments (3 per year): Peggie sees these as high risk events for the lake. Ultra-important to have someone there to inspect these boats. Two greeters are needed for this. Greeters have not been paid for this extra early time. Peggie would like to see this compensated.
 - Action item:
 - Bill will work with Peggie on this.

- Dividing Responsibilities: Denise is helping with this.
- The Shed
- Action item:
 - Smith will work with Peter on this.
- Data Entry: Denise has helped with this.
- Treasurer
- Action item:
 - Bill will work with Peggie on this.
- Greeter Team Leader: Lars will take on some of Peggie's responsibilities for this.
- Action item:
 - Board Members encouraged to visit the access and talk with the greeters.
- **Board Insurance: Will**
 - Met with our insurance agent. Directors and Officers policy renews in Sept. and liability renews in October.
- **Website and Facebook updates: Denise**
 - Denise deals with all electronic communication. Encouraging folks to check the website regularly.
 - Patty Armstrong is ready to hand over Facebook page to someone else. Does not necessarily have to be a Board member.
 - Denise will work on an online member directory over the winter.
 - There was some discussion of offering the use of a bank app for dues fees.
 - We do have an e-mail account that Denise monitors regularly.
 - Denise wonders about putting a 1980's booklet on lake community flora and fauna on the website.
- **Fairlee Fun Day/Ice Cream Social: Bill, Debbie, and Carol**
 - The reading program/ice cream social was well attended.
 - The library has expressed gratitude.
 - Positively received – nice mix of town and lake people. Kids excited.
 - Action item:
 - We should continue this event.
- **Nominating Committee: Debbie, Carol, Karen Larson**
 - Peggie goes off next year.
- **Other Business**

- Liaison- LMPA and Camps – Laura would like to see a liaison to encourage camps to note speed, safety issues.
- Action item:
 - Tina will assume this role.
 - Smith will talk with Select Board about increasing the number of speed limit signs.
- Boater Safety Course – In person training often at a time that doesn't work for many. The course can be done online.
- Action item:
 - Laura and Debbie will work on this.
- Fourth of July float: Chris's family traditionally spearheads this. Is this an LMPA event or a family event? May be open to having others – especially kids - participate.
- Action item:
 - Chris will report back on this at the May meeting.
- House and Garden tour: Laura meeting with others to discuss this idea. Likely a small walking tour next year then consider expanding. Could be held Sunday after the Annual Meeting. Considering a small charge with fees going to the LMPA. Meeting tomorrow at Laura's house at 10:00 AM.
- Chris wondered if we need additional action/coverage during the winter months. Bill noted that we pay Byron Stone to do checks.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Reed