

Minutes

LMPA Board Meeting May 26, 2018

The meeting gathered at Mudwayaushka, 4816 Lake Morey Road, a quorum being present. Peter called the meeting to order at 10:06AM. Board Members in attendance were Peter Massicott, Will Watson, Debbie Baker, Peggie Bissell, Bill Minard, Denise Druin, Carol Wertheimer, and Ginny Pomeroy. Don Weaver (Lake Morey Commission (LMC)) was present as a guest. Absent: Mark Richardson

- **Review of the Fall Meeting Minutes – no new comments.**
 - Action item:
 - Fall 2017 meeting minutes accepted.

- **Bill Minard presented the Treasurer's report**
 - Highlights: We ended the year in the black. Balance as of 4/20 is \$6227.52. Our Vanguard Funds balance is \$67,512.09. \$25K was spent last year for Morey Mountain purchase.
 - Other notes: There are no directory expense this year.
 - Receiving donations/memorials can't be counted on but, at this point, they continue to accrue. Donations made by the LMPA are itemized on the spreadsheet Bill sent earlier.
 - Bill acknowledged Denise, Ginny, Peter for their work on changeover of the database.
 - A new line item for Denise was added. This represents 'thank you' money for directory/database and web assistance and is for \$200.
 - The budget reflects an increase in the greeter program from \$3K to \$3500.
 - In response to a question, Bill noted that there is a 'normal' dues expectation of \$7400. At this point ~\$5000 has been received. Second notices going out soon should bring additional revenue. There are a couple of potential new members.
 - Regarding sales of t shirts, the extras will hopefully be gone by next year.
 - Action item:
 - Motion made and seconded to accept this year's budget. All voted to agree.

Committee Reports

- **Lake Committee**

- ***Water Quality – Don Weaver***

No chemical treatment for milfoil this year. Solitude (the lake management company) will be on the lake on 6/16. New person – requested a better inspection. Engaging divers for 4 weeks. Diving interrupted by cyanobacteria last year, finished in November.

Applied for permit from VT for use of Renovate in the future. Procelacar has been approved by VT for use but the State is waiting for someone to request permit. It is less toxic and kills plants in 24 hrs with smaller dose. NH will use it for 8-10 sites this year. It will likely replace Renovate in the future.

Peggie has agreed to be a cyanobacteria monitor. She noted that this is not a scientific test of the water but is a visual pictographic test. She and Donna Richardson will be attending training this year.

Don reported that Mark Richardson and Greg Allen are on LMC. They note concern about phosphorous in the water. Last year, two storms 'trashed the lake' although it recovered by Labor Day. Mark and Greg are pursuing research and info. They attended meeting in MA with an expert who has agreed to work with us, if we so desire. In terms of payment, the Town of Fairlee is encumbered with fees for a number of water issues so we can't expect them to contribute. While a consultant could add value, we don't want to insult the town by engagement a consult. LMC could handle the politics involved. Greg and Mark will test the water after a significant rain fall.

Water line south of town in bad shape. Manganese in water makes it taste bad. A number of local votes. Meters will be put on users. Grant by USDA stipulates that users pay as opposed to residents who don't use town water supply. Bottom line – town not looking to spend money on anything else if possible. Getting town to pay consulting fee of \$5-7K plus enhanced greeter program – may not come in under budget this year. Consultant could add

Peter asked if there was any need for assistance from our group. Don noted that there was no need for financial assistance but that there may need a need for physical assistance next year for monitoring of input streams.

Buoy placement date will be 5/27/

• ***Beaver Report – Will Watson***

Will took some photos of the north end of the lake. Beavers were on west side of the lake, south of the boys' camp. It appears that the property affected is owned between Aloha, the Karstens, and the Drisco (with Karsten and Drisco each having a right-of-way). It is unclear who owns the marsh. The Game Warden would issue a nuisance permit for us to hire a trapper who would destroy the beavers and charge per beaver. Apparently 4-5 beavers were trapped last year. Remainders have moved to other side of the lake where they have established new lodges with resultant tree damage. Discussion ensued noting controversy over trapping. It was noted that trappers may trip here over the winter.

▪ Action item:

- Monitor and reconsider next year. Peg will contact property owners involved and send them photos.

• ***Other Lake Committee issues and actions***

- On 6/25 there will be a Septic Social 4-5:30 at Mark Richardson's house. Two professionals will be there to provide information.

- Speed sign – Someone needs to take this on. The sign needs someone to charge it and move it around. Peter will find out who currently has it (Bruce)?

- Action item:

- Will make a plan for next year.

- Boater / Road Safety

- Buoy removal is planned for 9/2.

- Boater safety course is scheduled for June 19 and June 21, 2018 at Fairlee Fire Station. Ginny P. noted that Terry Lewis REALLY wants someone to step up, be trained, and do this in the future. The offering here is the only one in this part of the state. Terry would like camp counselors to take the training.

- Action item:

- Online course is also available and should be promoted on FB, listserv, and website. Send e-mail to camps on this lake and Lake Fairlee. Add to newsletter and VT State Police Auxiliary.

- **Greeter Program - Peggie Bissell**

- Difficult to recruit but finally staffed.

- 3 new greeters plus one returning greeter. All have attended training/been trained.

- Peggie plans more outreach – seeing what’s happening on Lake Fairlee. Would like to check out Shadow Lake, too.

- Hours will remain much the same as 2017. Greeters will start at 7:00 AM (change from 6:00 because most early boaters are locals). 44 hours X \$12 per hour for the season. Holidays staffed with extra.

- Beginning and end of the season, traffic is light. Peggie needs volunteers in late August.

Thank you to Mike Curran for helping out Memorial Day weekend.

- Peggie noted that Act 67, which involves aquatic nuisance control, went into effect on June 8, 2017. This law requires visual inspection of craft entering the water and trailers. Peggie has reassured greeters that they are not police. Peggie and the greeters did some role playing to simulate difficult boaters. If necessary, greeters will contact Jeff Whipple.

- Peter asked if there were particular invasives of concern on the lake. Peggie says that additional info will be provided about invasives that border CT river. Chinese Mystery Snails are annoying but not a red-flag issue at this point.

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- **Membership Committee, Annual Meeting Plan: Ginny Pomeroy, Peter Massicott**
 - Peter will be unable to attend. Ginny P. will stand in.

- **Nominating Committee: Barbara Duncan, Debbie Baker, Carol Wertheimer**
 - The Board - including new members - needs to discuss who will be new president. This will be done after new Board members are selected, approached, and have agreed to participate.
 - Karen Larson has agreed to be on the Nominating Committee.
 - Potential board members: Steve Karsten, Laura Tucker, Smith Reed, Clint Bissell, Tom Southworth (has expressed interest in treasurer position at some point .
 - Barbara Duncan asked whether others – not necessarily lake member – on the board. Anyone who is a member of LMPA is eligible. This would include persons such as Byron Stone. Lynn Fitzhugh.

- **Dick Allen Award**
 - Action item:
 - The award will be presented this year to Dana Low. Ginny P may accept for him.

- **Publication Committee: Denise Druin**
 - The LMPA website has been updated by Denise Drouin. Please keep her informed as to needed changes.
 - Denise suggested sending out monthly updates via e-mail.
 - Action item:
 - Talk with Smith Reed about adding a link to Fairlee Community Arts.

- **Entertainment and Recreation Committee – Ginny P**
 - Some discussion about whether or not to continue this event. It's in the newsletter this year so it should continue this year at least.
 - Gary Brooks will take over grill duties.
 - Ginny P volunteered to coordinate folks bringing side dishes.
 - While it would be fun to have games there is currently no champion to take this on.
 - Action items:
 - Ginny P will e-mail Martha B to see if she's interested in taking on any part of this. Bill M will take on sand art and duck race.
 - Peter will check with Crandalls and Byrons about float, etc.



- **Social Committee: Carol Wertheimer**

- The First Friday event starts 6/1 and will continue through Sept.
- Sponsored walks around the lake
- Action items:
 - Add to ListServ. Maybe Saturdays at 9:30 – meet at the Inn. Could have mini walks around the golf course.
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 - Farm to table dinner – August – will do again this year.
 - Action item:
 - When date confirmed, will get the word out to Denise who will have on listserv and website.
- Reception set for after Annual Meeting.
- Action item:
 - Need sign indicating that this is just for LMPA members. Check need for second bartender and fee for this.

- **Trails – Barbara Duncan**

Might be opportunity to collaborate with UVLT to develop trails for Morey Mountain property.

- **Junior Committee (remains inactive)**

- **Legal and Finance Committee**

- Renewed D&O and Liability Insurance - P. Massicott
- Action item:
 - Would like to investigate alternative policy similar to what the LMF uses. Bill will ask Mark about looking at alternatives.

- **New business:**

Discussion about a night with lights on the docks and/or a boat parade.

- Action item:
 - Do in August, promote at annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Reed, Secretary