

Minutes
LMPA Board Meeting
May 27, 2017

The meeting gathered at Honighafen (Ward family cottage), 4407 Lake Morey Road, a quorum being present. Peter called the meeting to order at 10:10AM. Board Members in attendance were Peter Massicott, Will Watson, Debby Baker, Peggie Bissell, Mark Richardson, Bill Minard, Denise Druin, Ginny Pomeroy, Barbara Duncan, Ginny Reed, and Mike Curran. Greg Allen was present as a guest. Absent: Laura Byron.

- **Greg Allen standing in for Don Weaver, represented the Lake Morey Commission (LMC) with updates:**
 - Town pontoon boat is out of order and we don't yet know date that it will be available.
 - Milfoil – Last year was a good year. The plan this year is to hire the diver-assisted pulling crew for 4 weeks. There are no plans for chemical treatment this year.
 - Blue-green algae - There has been discussion this year and last about this. The LMC has been talking with others and has agreed that it makes sense to bring someone with expertise from Montpelier to discuss this issue with town members. On June 17, Angela Shambaugh the state expert in aquatic biology will be here from 10-12, at the fire station.

- **Minutes of the 9/3/16 meeting were reviewed.**

- **Bill Minard presented the Treasurer's report.**
 - We ended the year with \$15.60 and a close-to-balanced budget.
 - A number of memorial donations were received.
 - There are still a number of t-shirts available for sale
 - A number of donations were made (see Treasurer's report for details).
 - A number of memorial donations received - \$400-500 total received.

 - Expenses for the Greeter Program last year were less than expected because a greeter left unexpectedly. The budget should stay the same.

 - Action item:
 - Bill Minard moved to increase one line of the budget by \$500 and to increase revenues by a similar amount. u by Mark Richardson. Motion passed.
 - Last year there was a vote to raise dues. At this point, the first dues notice has gone out; a second notice will go out soon. We agreed that providing a handwritten note on the notice would be a good idea.

 - Discussion about approaching additional businesses as commercial members ensued. Targets include High Country Aluminum plus new businesses in town. Businesses that are members are included in the directory.

- Discussion to clarify the types of membership ensued. Family members include anyone in the family. A separate line in the directory with a separate phone number should indicate a separate membership. Associate members include ex-residents. There should be at least one Lake member from each cottage.

Committee Reports

• **Water quality – Mark Richardson**

- Peggie showed photos of algae bloom from Sept. 22. Two types of algae have been present – both are likely types of cyanobacteria. From her discussion with Angela Shambaugh, one is obviously algae, the other (with gel-like blobs) is likely a variety known as nostoc.
- Mark noted that a lot of data are collected twice a season around four measures of water quality: Phosphorous, visibility (Secchi depth) , chlorophyll A, and total phosphorous.
- Lakes are graded on a scale that ranges from ‘healthy’ down to ‘starved for oxygen’. We score high in visibility (avg is 6.9). In terms of chlorophyll , we’re OK. While we’d like to be at 3.5, we maxed out at 4.3, with an average in the high 2s. In terms of phosphorous, the standard for a healthy lake is less than 7; we were at 20 last year. This hasn’t changed much over time. In terms of comparison, Lake Sunapee runs about 6.
- The Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) seems to be in the forefront of NH water testing. They include some additional tests they monitor. They test at 30 locations in the lake – some deep water, some near shore, also all inlets coming into the lake and the main outlet. They’ve had some blue-green algae blooms – these have been found in a number of healthy lakes in New England. These algae live on the bottom of the lake in winter and spring. Later in summer they float to the surface and the bloom is observed. The LSPA is working with Cathy Cunningham, a faculty member at Dartmouth who conducts research in this field.
- Action items:
 - Education: Mark will provide a presentation at the annual meeting. The presentation will be designed to increase awareness of issues like leaf blowing into the lake.
 - As more information becomes available, we will add it to the website.
 - Mark will pursue looking into this matter. All agreed that more information is better!

• **Greeter Program – Peggie Bissell**

- The best recruiting result came from advertising on the Thetford Listserv. This year we have one retiring greeter plus a new greeter from Thetford and one from Bradford. All have completed training. They started work on 5/19 and will be working 42 hours per week at \$12/hr. There is still a need for volunteer greeters to augment the paid staff. Thanks to Mike Curran who volunteers.

- Peggie has been in touch with the State for improvements to the landing that are needed because of erosion. They have been responsive; she is hopeful that this clean-up and repair will be completed soon.
- The shed is in Peter's driveway, ready for transport and set up. Peter will check on use of a trailer to transport it.
- **Membership: Denise Druin**
 - The database has been rebuilt using Access from Microsoft and will be set up in Dropbox for access by pertinent Board Members. Many thanks to Denise for all the work in setting this up!
 - Annual meeting: The meeting is set for July 8. Although the room at the Inn is free of charge, we pay for bartender service and hors d'oeuvres. Last year this came to ~\$800. There was discussion about the value for the money. We agreed to budget the same amount as last year but to provide feedback/work with the Inn to improve the quality.
 - Action item:
 - Ginny Pomeroy will ask Carol Wertheimer to take this on based on her prior working relationship with someone at the Inn.
 - Dick Allen Memorial Award will go to Greg Allen this year. We reviewed the certificate given to Don Weaver....this will need to be made into a plaque that will be presented by Bill Minard.
 - Action item:
 - Peter will check with Bruce Durgin to see how this is done.
 - Fairlee Fun Day: Laura Byron is planning to do what she usually does. Plans will have to change next year as Laura will be cycling off the Board.
 - 'Light the Lake' has been suggested. This would consist of lamps on docks – all lit at designated time. Laura has indicated that she plans to get and distribute luminaria.
 - Action item:
 - Will Watson will work with Laura on this.
 - Bill wants to relinquish grilling responsibilities –
 - Action item:
 - Debby volunteered her husband to help with this.
- **Publication committee: Ginny Pomeroy**
 - The directory was scheduled to go out this year. Updated info is received from dues notices with the database being updated as we go. The second round of notices will go out in another week.

The deadline to be included in directory is June 20. Historically, people have been eliminated from the directory if there is a two-year absence from paying dues. Envelopes have been printed. Labels are needed.

- The previous print vendor is no longer available.
- The goal is to have directories available to hand out (labeled) at the Annual Meeting and to mail those that aren't picked up, as well as to mail or hand-deliver copies to commercial members.
- Action items:
 - Denise will print. Peter will send out.
 - Ginny P. will check with Gnomon Copy in Hanover.
 - Denise and Ginny will work with them on timing, format, etc.
 - Peter will pick two photos from historical photos

- **Nominating Committee: Barbara Duncan**

- This committee should consist of three members – at least one of whom is from the Board. One member should rotate off each year. Barbara will go off next year and Debby Baker will chair the committee. Carol Wertheimer is the current third member.
- In terms of Board membership, Ginny Reed will step down to take the Secretary position and Laura Byron cycles off. Carol Wertheimer will be nominated. We need one more additional nominee.

- **Social Committee: Peggie Bissell**

- First Friday is up and running.
- Now that LPMA has appropriate insurance, we can sponsor walks around the lake.
- Action item:
 - Peggie will check with Carol W about taking this on.
- The Friends of Fairlee Forest meeting has already happened this year. No one from the LMPA Board was able to attend.
- Action item:
 - We need to put a link to maps on the website.

- **Legal and Finance Committee: Peter Massicott**

- As of 9/23, we have Directors Insurance and General Liability Insurance. This issue will come up again this year. Are there alternatives? A number of non-profits are trying to change the law in VT. Bill Minard spoke with a couple of retired legislators.....although he did not hear much support, it is felt that this is worth pursuing. There are some good connections at FOVLAP – Peggie will pursue.
- General discussion ensued.
- Action item:
 - Peter will reach out to Patty Armstrong to put info on FB page regarding t-shirts and not blowing leaves into the water.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Reed