

Minutes
LMPA Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 13, 2019

The 112th annual meeting of the LMPA was held at the Lake Morey Inn on Saturday, July 13, 2019. President Ginny Pomeroy called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. She welcomed the group and reminded us all of the LMPA purpose.

Member Introductions

Members introduced themselves by name and cottage. A total of 86 members attended signed in to the meeting.

Moment of Silence for Passed Members

Since the last meeting, news of the passing of several members and friends has been received. A moment of silence was observed for Bill Scott, Jeff Pearce, Bev Wilkins, Joan Hicks Watson, Helen Swetland, Lawrence Charity, and Russell Benjamin Smith.

Karen Larson announced that there will be a casual memorial service for Bev Wilkins on August 10 from 3-5 PM at the Lake Morey Inn.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting was moved, seconded, and approved.

President's Report

- Ginny noted that it has been a productive year at the LMPA.
- We are proud of the continuation of the Greeter Program headed by Peggie Bissell.
- Thanks to Denise Drouin for calendar updates and updates to the website.
- The LMPA has worked to support water quality through effort and education.
- Safety on the water and the roads remains a priority. A boater safety course was held in June. The certification from this course is mandatory for anyone born after 1974.
- We are proud of collaborations with the Lake Morey Foundation and Lake Morey Commission, as well as with the Town of Fairlee.

- We will be collaborating with the Fairlee Library and Gladstone Creamery to provide vouchers for ice cream for young readers participating in the library's summer reading program.
- Thanks to all for help with the new directories. Thanks especially to Denise, Ginny R., and Bill Minard, and to Laura Tucker for obtaining the cover photo.

Treasurer's Report

- Total balance is \$75,693. The LMPA is in good financial shape.
- Bill thanked the family of Joan Hicks Watson for designating memorial funds to the LMPA.
- Bill elaborated on several items including dues and the activities sponsored by the LMPA this year.

Secretary's Report and Membership Update

- As of today, we have received 196 paid memberships. This is a considerable increase from last year and represents all but two cottages on the lake, as well as other family, associate, and commercial members.

Lake and Watershed Activities- Lake Morey Commission and Lake Morey Foundation

- Don Weaver talked about the history and present structure and work of the Lake Morey Commission.
- He addressed the issue of water clarity and noted that it is excellent this year.
- He also noted that we received permission to use Procellacor for milfoil abatement this year. He described the advantages of this chemical over the previous chemical (Renovate). The survey done this past week showed outstanding results: 0 milfoil plants were found in the entire lake! All should continue to be vigilant.
- The recent fish die off (mainly perch) was related to heat stress, post-spawning timing, and a commonly-found bacteria (not to the chemical treatment applied to the lake).
- Don thanked a number of individuals and entities for the work done to support our efforts.
- Greg Allen will send photos of the chemical treatment process to Denise who will put them on the website.
- Bruce Durgin, representing the Lake Morey Foundation, discussed the view shed as it relates to water quality.
- Byron Stone, representing the Lake Morey Commission addressed the water level of the lake, beginning with an explanation of how the dam impacts the lake.

Greeter Program

- Peggie provided an update on the Greeter Program. This year a team of four has been hired. Coverage has been increased on major holidays and to cover busy times. As an educational offering, she quizzed the group.

Adopt-A-Lake program

- Bill Minard presented Barbara Duncan with a book to recognize the years of work she has done around milfoil eradication.
- Sue Minard will take over administration of this program. She reminded all to keep track of the hours they spend searching for and pulling milfoil and to report the hours by Sept. 15. She recognized and thanked the monitors.

Future Plans for Fairlee and the Lake

- Cathy McGrath and Peter Berger - two of three members of the Town Selectboard – addressed the group. Peter discussed the first phase on construction on the Lake Morey Rd. Paving will take 5-7 years to complete the entire project. Cathy discussed the upcoming Town Plan. Both Cathy and Peter thanked the LMPA for their support and for being such an important part of the Fairlee community.

Nominating Committee Report

- Debbie Baker nominated Tina Clark and Chris Moran to the LMPA Board of Directors. These nominations were moved, seconded, and approved.

LMPA Activities since the last Annual Meeting

- Laura Tucker has organized pickleball.
- Carol has organized First Fridays.

Other New Business

- Smith Reed has designed a new version of the Lake Morey map. Copies of the map are available for a donation of \$10.

- Elizabeth Wilson described the Fairlee Community Arts program and urged LMPA members to support the program..
- A question was addressed to the Selectboard members about the possibility of increased trash/recycling hours, especially seasonally. Peter Berger indicated that the Board has been and will continue to work on this.

Results of the Golf tournament (7/13) and Sailing regatta (7/6)

- This year's golf tournament had the largest number of participants in tournament history. The trophy was awarded to Deb & Dennis Baker.

Ginny P. was recognized for her work as President of the LMPA. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM.

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The Board convened briefly to elect officers. A quorum was present. The following officers were elected for the 2019-2020 year.

President: Laura Tucker

VP: Smith Reed

Secretary: Ginny Reed

Treasurer: Bill Minard

