

Lake Morey Protective Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Minutes

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

- **Review of the Fall 2018 Meeting Minutes – no new comments.**

- Action item:

- Fall 2018 meeting minutes accepted.

- **Review Water quality issues and LMC: (Don and Mark)**

Don reported that four input streams into the lake will be studied this year. Results of this week's water quality test was 5 m. This was disappointing but not unexpected due to heavy rain and streams pouring into the lake.

Milfoil remediation: Treatment of the lake – Don reports that this has been a frustrating experience. Still awaiting approval from the State about use of Procellacor. We have been assured we will have a permit before the treatment date - June 11 – hopefully with Procellacor. No negative comments/objections have been received after the required notice was sent to lake abutters. Greeters will be on hand on June 11 to let folks know that there is no boating recommended that day and to provide education about this. Don was commended for all his hard work and diligence on this project.

Mark expanded on what he's learned about what's going on in the lake and on the sampling that will be done this year. The State loaned us a microscope last year but will rotate it to another site this year.

- Action item:

- Mark will explore finding a microscope for our use and thinking about ownership and use.

- **Buoy placement**

Don reported that the buoys were chained this week. They will be placed tomorrow starting at 9:30. Several folks volunteered to help.

- **Treasurer's report: (Bill)**

We are financially very healthy, unencumbered. We have already received \$1000 more than projected for dues.

Ginny R. noted the list of those who have not paid dues. Discussion ensued.

- Action item:
 - Some personal contacts will be made. Two non-payers (the Benders and Catherine Harwood) will be dropped.

- **Fairlee Family Fun Day: (Carol and Debbie facilitate discussion)**

Last fall the Board felt that we would 'give it a rest' this year: The original intent of the FFD (to bring together people from the lake and people from town) was not happening. The same people provided the food and did the work each year. Children were not showing up. We seem to be on a different cycle now where there aren't as many children around. The event required a lot of work and money. Timing is also an issue because it conflicts with the Prouty.

Carol reported that the date for the regatta has been changed to July 6 to coordinate with the camps' Parents Weekend - but that coordinating these two events does not seem popular with the campers. She noted that few people from the lake attend (since the date now does not coordinate with FFD) and wondered if, though we are committed to doing it this year, it might be time to move on to a different event.

Given that a major goal of both the FFD and the regatta is to bring together people from the lake and people from town, we noted that there are opportunities to interact with the town that will potentially be lost by giving up these events. If we move on from these events, we need to think about what we might offer in exchange. Several ideas were floated.

- Action items:
 - We voted to not have a traditional FFD this year.
 - We will revisit the regatta at the fall meeting.
 - We will move the golf tournament to a later time of day.
 - We will consider other possibilities – kayak races, pickle ball tournament, etc. at the fall meeting.

 - We voted to sponsor an ice cream social on one community concert evening (Prefer July 9 - Tuesday after July 4) . The church on the Common typically sells ice cream at these events. We will make a donation to the church for the ice cream and plan some recognition for the LMPA. Smith will coordinate this with the FCA.

We briefly discussed the reception after the Annual Meeting. We currently get the use of the space for free because the LMI caters the event. The cost last year was \$705.

- Action items:
 - We voted to keep Annual Meeting the same this year.
 - We will explore different opportunities for next year.
 - Carol is taking care of set up, menu, etc.

- **Adopt-A-Lake Program:**

Sue Minard has expressed an interest in heading up this initiative. Ginny P. suggested that a BOD member assist her and report back to the board.

- Action items:

- Denise will work with Sue to provide a template for recording and reporting.

- **Greeter Program: (Peggie)**

Peggie reported that we have three new greeters and one returning greeter this year plus a possible returning substitute greeter. She reported that individuals often ask about volunteering but that this is onerous. Volunteers need to go to a scheduled training. This year's scheduled training was held yesterday - May 24.

The greeters are stepping up the thoroughness of inspections. In particular, there are new procedures for boats coming from high risk lakes – ie Champlain, Bomoseen

Greeter hours:

Beginning Sat., May 18th -Greeters 1st day-

Monday-Tuesday: 11-2 4-7

Wed-Thurs: 7-10 4-7

Fri., Sat., Sun. 7-11 3-7

Holiday periods and weekends beginning with Sat., July 6th, all weekends through Labor Day will be covered 7-7.

In terms of the budget, Peggie reported that we got a \$10,000 grant for the Greeter Program to cover salaries and taxes. The plan is to use this for 2019 salaries – does the State still expect LMF and LMPA to contribute to salaries?

- Action item:

- Mark will talk to Tad (Town administrator) about the terms of the grant.

Peggie was commended for all the work she does on behalf of the LMPA.

Ginny P. suggested the need for a helper for Peggie (the job of managing the Greeter Program begins each year in March) and for someone to take over the job when Peggie's two additional years on the Board are up.

- Action item:

- The Nominating Committee will consider this need when recruiting new Board members.

It was noted that we need a volunteer to work with Peter M. to make sure the shed is delivered to the access at the start of the season and to having it removed by the end of date on the use permit at the end of the season.

- Action item:

- Ginny P. will talk with Peter M. about this.
- Smith volunteered to coordinate these activities with Peter.

- **BOD Insurance: (Mark)**

Nothing new to report.

- **Nominating Committee: (Debbie)**

We need two new Board members as Ginny P. and Mark will be leaving the Board this next year. Names suggested: Byron Stone. Phil Zalinger. Lynn Fitzhugh. Jim & Bekki Chambers. Charlotte Williams. Cathy McGrath.

- Action items:

- Debbie will meet with Karen Larson.
- Someone to take over the Greeter Program will be a consideration in selecting new Board members.

- Action items:

- A slate of officers needs to be prepared. The Nominating Committee will spearhead this discussion via e-mail.
- Will Watson volunteered to be President.

- **Boater Safety: (Ginny P.)**

Terry Lewis will not be teaching this year. Ginny P. contacted Trooper Brown in Montpelier who has put together a team of instructors. Thanks to Debbie as liaison for this – a number of students have signed up already for the training on June 19-20.

- Action item:

- Denise will follow up with the camps about the training.

- **Website and Facebook updates (Denise)**

Denise has started providing a weekly calendar on for website. She is exploring electronic access to the directory for LMPA members.

- Action item:

- We will discuss electronic access to the directory at the fall meeting.
- Denise will have usage data from the website for the fall meeting.

- **Other Business**

The FOVLAP conference will be held at the Lake Morey Inn on June 7. Peggie will attend.

In preparation for the Annual Meeting, a list of the members who have passed this year::
BILL SCOTT, BEV WILKES, JOAN WATSON

The Planning Commission for Fairlee will be surveying year-round and seasonal residents regarding a number of issues, including economic development and housing. LMPA members will be encouraged to complete the survey, either online or via paper survey.

- Action item:

- Ginny R. Will send notice of the online survey to Denise for inclusion on the website.
- Ginny R. Will have paper copies of the survey available at the Annual Meeting

Smith has created an updated version of the Lake Morey Map. Cost to print is ~\$2.50 each. The plan is to sell copies of the map for \$10 each with the profit going to the LMPA.

- Action items:
 - We agreed that the map will be the purview of the LMPA.
 - Smith was appointed to be responsible for the map.
- **LMPA Directories and Dues Decisions: (Denise and Ginny R.)**
 - Action items:
 - Ginny R. and Denise will coordinate getting the information needed and the directory printed.
 - We will discuss the possibility of business ads for a future directory at the fall meeting.
- **LMPA procedure**
 - Action items:
 - Ginny P and Denise will work on Google doc and calendar

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Reed