

Minutes  
LMPA Annual Meeting  
July 14, 2018

The 111<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the LMPA was held at the Lake Morey Inn on Saturday, July 14, 2018. Vice president Ginny Pomeroy called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. She welcomed the group and reminded us all of the LMPA purpose.

### Member Introductions

Members introduced themselves by name and cottage.

### Moment of Silence for Passed Members

Since the last meeting, news of the passing of five members has been received. A moment of silence was observed for Jim Southworth, John Burns, Janet Andrews, Shirley Bennette, and Bill Scott.

### Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting was moved, seconded, and approved.

### (Vice) President's Report

- Ginny noted that the LMPA is proud of the continuation of the Greeter Program at the boat ramp.
- Denise Drouin has made upgrades to the LMPA website. She has also sent out weekly e-mail updates to the calendar.
- LMPA has continued to support water quality through education and effort. Mark Richardson hosted a septic social in June.
- Safety on the roads and in the water continue to be a concern. The LMPA sponsored a boater safety course in June. Terry Lewis has taught this class for many years. It is the only in-person boater safety class offered on this side of the state. VT state law requires anyone born after 1974 must take a class to legally drive a motorboat. Looking for someone else to teach the class in the future. Contact Ginny P. or other board members if interested.
- Ginny also noted pride in our collaborations with LMF, Lake Morey Commission and town of Fairlee. Acquisition of Morey Mountain property an example of community collaboration.

## Treasurer's Report

- Checking account balance was \$6000+. Vanguard balance was \$67,000+. The LMPA is in good financial shape.
- Families of Wesley Kiggins and Skip Martell have designated memorial funds to the LMPA.
- The LMPA donated \$25K for acquisition of Morey Mountain.
- A variety of donations were made by the LMPA this year. Noted was a donation made to Fairlee Community Arts. Smith Reed spoke in support of this project.
- Thanks to all who have paid dues. If folks are still waiting to pay, their payment would be appreciated.

## Secretary's Report and Membership Update

- As of today, we have received 160 paid memberships
- Welcome to new owners on the lake: Dunja Wildt Perinic and Stefan Wildt who now own the cottage formerly known as 'Gaywalden'.
- Also welcome to new owners, Jim and Becky Chambers. Their cottage is seeking a name!

## Lake Morey Foundation (Bruce Durgin)

- Bruce Durgin, President of the LMF, encouraged donations to the foundation because it is a 501C-3 (tax exempt) organization.
- Bruce described the process that resulted in the purchase and conservation of the Morey Mountain property. This has had a positive impact on water quality in Lake Morey.

## Greeter Program Update (Peggie Bissell)

- The team this season consists of four greeters (Lars, Lindsay, Ella, and Joe), each of whom attended an orientation session.
- The program is funded by LMPA, LMF, and town of Fairlee.
- 48 hrs each week are covered with extra coverage on holiday weekends. The cost is \$12/hour.
- VT law requires boaters to stop for inspection.
- Peggie thanked volunteer greeters from last fall – Mike Curran, Bruce Durgin, and Barbara Duncan.

## Lake Quality Plan (Don Weaver)

- Five individuals from LMPA have been appointed to the Lake Morey Commission (LMC): Don Weaver, Bruce Durgin, Byron Stone, Greg Allen and Mark Richardson. They have monitored natural chemical levels in the lake, been responsible for monitoring and dealing with milfoil, and been responsible for water levels on the lake. Byron is State Dam Master on the lake.

### Milfoil Update (Don Weaver).

- Milfoil continues to be a problem, especially at the north end of the lake, near Fernwood.
- The diver we have had the past number of years may not be able to return this year.
- No chemical treatment is planned for this year but is likely for 2019. Don wrote the permit application. Permit approval is currently being held up by the State since a new chemical treatment (Procellacor) is becoming available. This affects all applications for the old treatment (Renovate) while considering the new.

### Adopt a lake program

- Thanks to all who helped last year.
- Thanks to the monitors.
- Searching, pulling, looking for fragments – these are all components of the program. We need to do the work and document it so that we can receive payment from the State. Especially needed this year given the uncertainty of having a professional diver. Reiterated by Barbara Duncan.

### Water Quality

- Greg Allen: LMC monitors water quality data – these show that dissolved phosphorous has been increasing. Kicked off a program to address this. DEC interested and attentive in this process. Have increased lay monitor sampling. Funds may be available next year to do some stream sampling. Met with an expert. No plan to use him yet but think we might engage his assistance in the future.
- Unable to predict algae for this year but high temps of last few weeks signal likely algae activity.
- Mark Richardson: Addressed some questions about cyanobacteria:
  - What is it? – Previously called blue algae, an ancient, ubiquitous life form present in every lake in VT.
  - Why do we care? Last several years blooms have occurred on the lake in Sept. Blooms may contain toxins. Contact or ingestion can cause adverse health problems. Ongoing research. State recommends no swimming when blooms are present. No ingestion of water. Keep pets out of the water.

- Current state of the lake – Seeing some increase in phosphorous which is ‘gating’ chemical.
- Anything we can do? Can’t affect temperature of the lake but we can impact food source – pay attention to runoff and lakeshore management practices. Don’t fertilize near the lake. Make sure septic is operating properly. Working with State. Pursuing grant to study stream involvement. Lake Morey is doing better than ~70% of lakes in VT.

Discussion ensued.

### Dick Allen Lifetime Stewardship Award (Bill Minard)

- The LMPA Board recognized Dana Low’s contributions by awarding him the Dick Allen Lifetime Stewardship Award. Dana has been instrumental over many years in the LMPA, including preservation activities, trail maintenance and quietly doing his job for the love of Lake Morey.

### Other updates

- Fairlee Fun Day - held today – was successful. Thanks to all – especially Bill Minard and Smith Reed – who put together kids’ program.
- Golf tournament – Debbie Baker presented the trophy to Greg Thurston, the winner.
- The regatta will be next weekend (weather permitting) starting at Breezy Bay at 10:00. Bob Wertheimer noted that the camps expect to have a lot of participants. Encouraged all to participate.
- Tree identification walk offered by Bill Minard a couple of weeks ago. ~15 folks participated. Bill has offered to do this again. Anyone interested, let Bob know.
- There are currently two openings on the board – the Nominating Committee proposed Laura Tucker and Smith Reed. Karen Larson nominated to be on Nominating Committee. Motion to accept the slate of nominees. Approved.

## New Business

- Wendy Ozimek noted that the milfoil was the worst she has seen. She reported seeing numbers of boats driving through it, thereby chopping it up and increasing the number of fragments. She noted there has been some discussion of getting milfoil buoys to indicate where to stay away from. Wendy suggested that perhaps Greeters mention milfoil as people come onto the lake. Peggie reassured her that the greeters have a whiteboard with a message about areas of the lake to avoid due to milfoil infestations.
- Let Denise know if you're not getting e-mail calendar update.
- If interested in walking group, see Denise.
- Cathy McGrath noted discovery of emerald ash borers in Orange County. Keep an eye on your trees. Barb Curran has info on chemical treatment. Denise will put info on website.
- Beavers causing damage at the north end of the lake are no longer there. Contact Cathy McGrath for info.
- Don Weaver noted the reopening of Fairlee Town Hall on 7/28. Music, food. All invited.

The meeting adjourned at 5:29

Respectfully submitted, Ginny Reed