

LRA Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2017

Attending: Frank, MR, Ann, Bill, Barb

July 4 picnic. About 104 attended. We did well on costs (e.g., port-a-potty good deal). Bill will send Mahoney and Spaulding thank you notes. Mike and Fletch took on most of the work to run the event.

Dropbox. Barb will check to see why Frank and Bill can't get on Dropbox. Ann has been working with Paypal to remove Angi as an administrator.

Minutes – minor changes, then approved. Barb will upload what minutes she has to Dropbox.

Treasurer's Report. Ann will send 2016-2017 annual finances to accountant Tim Faulkner, which are due in Sept. Will try to eliminate Gross Profit line, which is misleading, and include exact dates on heading. For annual meeting, will make note about milfoil expenses including July/August 2016. Barb will make chart of ongoing milfoil expenses so we can easily compare costs year-to-year going forward. For annual meeting, will explain that milfoil expenses left us with \$3K in net income vs. about \$10K normally (Barb, make a comparison chart year-to-year)

Milfoil Update. Yoders have been coming regularly. Between May 23-July 15 they have come 15 times. They are finding fewer plants in old locations, but are finding plants in new places. Visibility has been bad because of rain. Frank reports they are doing a good job, and are finding mostly young, first-year growth plants, and much less than last year. It was agreed that Natalie should emphasize milfoil impacts in every newsletter. Milfoil grant for next year – Frank/MR working with Frank Heald – they just received the material for 2018 grant. The amount is \$6,100, less than last year and submission deadline is July 31. We already have most of the grant requirements in order.

Annual Meeting. Agreed to send out proxy ballots and Annual Meeting reminder on Monday electronically, plus the few snail mail recipients. Barb will track proxies as they come in – bring to meeting. Agreed to propose amendment to by-laws for next year to state that electronic voting is acceptable. We should bring milfoil samples and perhaps picture of Lake Bomoseen to Annual Meeting. Cat Yoder is to confirm that she can come to Annual Meeting, and will speak first. Mike reported that Frank Heald will attend – MR will confirm with him and ask him to address the TDI project, including any remediation plans if there are damages. MR will send out agenda – milfoil, board replacement needs, website, membership status, including success in attracting new members due to proactive efforts by MR, treasurer's report. Food: Barb will bring bagels, MR will bring coffee. Barb will bring extra copies of Directory.

Additional Board Members: Doris and Jerry have resigned. Need both a resident and non-resident. Bill will ask Harry Butts. Barb will ask Bruce Zanca. Hopefully will have at least one (Doris' spot) for Proxy, which is going out Monday. If not, board will appoint whenever we secure an appropriate new member.

Website – Barb will call Bruce about setting up meeting with Killington guy. Kathy Burns is interested in contributing to a re-drawing of the depth map of the lake. This is likely quite expensive - we will look into cost of this later.

VT Community Foundation – the ideas described in Natalie’s report of the meeting held with Elizabeth Marx about applying successfully for this grant are all good. We will follow up with Natalie about a plan for re-applying. MR suggested we take the advice offered to stay out front with members and be visible. We should also remember what a good job we are doing, which many members have noted. Ann will fill out Survey Monkey application for additional water quality grant.

Other business: LRS will donate \$100 to Loon Caller to support loon habitats.

Next meeting, Annual Meeting Aug. 5