

LRA Board Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2016, Barb's house

Attending: Barb, Ann, Charlie, MR, Mike, Frank, Jerry, and Natalie (by Skype)

- 1. Finances.** MR and Ann taking care of checkbook. P&L Jan-May 2016 statement shows a net profit of \$2,632 and balance sheet shows a total equity of \$125, 568. Ann believes the books are straightforward, with only dues and donations coming in, and few checks to write, and we don't need Maria to oversee things at this point. Ann moved to move \$30,000 out of checking, combining it with the Rescue our Lakes fund (\$21,819) and establish a money market or savings account, whichever yields the highest interest. Motion seconded by Mike, all approved. Barb moved to maintain a cap of \$30,000 in checking and all overage would go directly into the new account. Mike seconded, all approved.
- 2. Milfoil.** Milfoil is increasing, but are all still single plants, not matted in big sections. Yoders were in the lake Friday and pulled 59 plants, 41 in the hot spots in Round Pond and 14 off Fishing Access, or about 15 gallons. They pulled about 15 gallons last Monday, and about 10 gallons (45 plants) on May 20. They will be coming Monday and Friday next week, and will come twice a week for the summer, totaling around \$18,600. MR marked a 2.86-acre area in Round Pond (still need to mark spot in front of Williards) and will make a bigger sign to put at Fishing Access asking people to stay away from those areas Jan Yoder has been disposing of milfoil on her property and is looking for alternate site. It was agreed we would pay for her time doing the disposal work. Yoders still believe the situation is under control and there is no need to consider suction harvesting. Barb will send out email notice to membership about the buoys.
- 3. Greeter Update.** MR went back to school. James, the greeter will also help with this. He is doing a great job, and has been working 20 hours a week (up from 8 hours for greeters last year), 8-12, then about 2-4 or 5 on weekends, and also 2-4 hours during the week. He lives near Fishing Access, and knows most of the boats and owners now. We need to think about greeters for next summer who James could perhaps train this summer.
- 4. July 2 Party.** Spauldings and Mahoneys both have insurance certificates. Decided on menu. Have 30 rsvps to date. Everything set except games. Noah Schmidt reviewed games with MR – she will continue to try to reach Howie. Jerry will contact relative. Barb will send out reminder to membership with request for games organizer. MR will handle money. Ann will get 5 dozen eggs for egg toss.
- 5. Strategic Plan.** Kristen provided draft plan with 3 potential focus areas: improving water quality, reducing sediment sources, developing partnerships to achieve mission. Discussion about what to focus on (septic, for example) and how much information we still need in order to identify priorities. It was agreed to wait to address the plan until the new board is in place in August. Ann will pay

Kristen the \$500 for the draft. Natalie and Jerry will work with Kristen to develop the grant application due 9/30 to the VT Country Store for funds to complete the plan.

6. **Membership Directory.** MR has sent all property transfers to Barb. Still problem with membership excel file, which sorts incorrectly. Barb will try to resolve. MR will send LRA membership letter to all new owners. The Directory is on hold until all membership info is updated. With 40 members paying dues so far, we are on track to be ahead of last year's membership number.
7. **Nominations.** Proxy needs to go out soon for the Annual Meeting. It was agreed to nominate Mike O'Neil (resident) for a 3-year term, Doris Eddy (resident) and Bill Vanneman (non-resident) for a 1-year term, and not consider other names that were brought forth earlier. The Yoders and Frank Heald will be invited to speak at the Annual Meeting.
8. **ERG.** Buffalo Brook is all done; problem is that it is state land above the park, and the state doesn't want to do any more, and have given up on trying to keep the 4-wheelers from going up there and disturbing the area. Patch Brook project didn't happen because land records were incorrect and the correct owner (new owner of Echo Lake Inn) is unwilling to have work done on the property. It was suggested to move money from the Patch Brook project to have a drone fly over Moneybrook to note changes in landscape from the last inspection. We should try to assess if plantings from last year took root. Drone flight would be free but we will need to pay Kristen, who suggests there is major sediment waiting for the next big storm. Owners of land at base of MB would be willing to turn land over to state, but not until another big storm floods the area. Discussion about what to do with the \$5,000 left over in grant. Barb suggested hiring an engineer or someone to assess the entire area and create an intervention plan – not sure if this has ever been done yet.
9. **New Business.** Who can vote at the Annual Meeting? It was agreed that if 2015 dues have been paid, a member can vote (even if 2016 dues are not yet paid). It was agreed to send the proxy out by email and accept email responses.

Next meeting, July 16, 9 a.m., Charlie's house