

## LRA Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2017

**Attending:** MR, Bruce, Barb, Bill, Frank, Ann, Natalie by Skype.

**Finance** -from July 2017. \$1427 income from picnic. Milfoil expense \$17,827 to Yoders; boat monitors \$1554. Should we change our fiscal year to Jan-Dec? ann thinks not. Discussed fines from IRS – Ann has spent over 30 hours on phone with IRS. Ann wants someone to look over books. She is not putting records in Dropbox, she does them on Quickbooks. **MR will do it.** Ann would like to move \$9,000 to MM, then leaving 20,000 in checking. Move rest to a CD. Agreed to donate \$250 to BRAT River Sweep

**Milfoil.** Frank distributed milfoil report. Yoders visited 28 days for 179.25 hours for cost of \$13,728. Working ab out 6.5 hours per visit – about 1,000 plants. 126 gallons this year, 154 gallons last year, 113 the year before. Frank believes we are staying ahead of it and that this method is the best way. Suction harvester is not appropriate unless we develop a big, dense patch, which is not the case now. Reviewed map locations and hot spots. Discussion as to why milfoil appears where it does. Approved same budget for next year, and will request more, if needed.

**Greeter Program.** Milfoil greeter left end of July and never told us – no monitoring in August. State requires report that MR does. State is purchasing portable power washers to spray boats – 65 lakes that have milfoil; state will decide who will get one. Perhaps we should explore installing power at the boat launch. Bruce will investigate. **Bruce will check with church** for possible applicants. Newsletter – we will provide info to homeowners – please print and leave for your renters. **Barb will create flier** – ann will leave at shop. Mike took laminated boat regs – **Barb will ask** for it.

**Website.** Barb, Bruce, and Natalie met and are deciding between Killington developer or the one who did the Lake Dunmore site. Barb will follow up with logo. Need to contact Kathy Burns with sunset clause. Security? Yes, but will check on cost – one-time or annual? Who should we allow/ask to sponsor website beyond VT Properties? Bruce suggests a sponsor page – agreed. **\*Barb will contact Kathy Burns.**

**Election of Officers.** MR wants to keep things as they are. MR will continue to set agendas, greeter program, etc. All agreed.

### **New Business:**

- **TDI Project.** Liz Spaulding suggests we ask TDI for funds for remediation. Mike was to contact TDI. Bruce suggests sending letter to TDI general counsel from LRA. Frank Heald suggested that FEMA would repair damage. Bruce will talk with Liz. **Bruce will draft letter.**
- **Lowering Lake.** Bruce wants to lower lake to clean beaches, repair walls, etc. Vote as an association and present to VFW. Previous requests denied – ecologically **damaging.** Used to do it; Lake Bomosene took to VT Supreme Court and was denied.
- **Clean-up Committee.** Bruce wants to clean up fallen trees and wonders if town would come haul away. Is there an ecological argument for leaving fallen trees?
- **Annual Appeal.** **Bruce and Barb** will draft letter for Thanksgiving appeal (maybe include boat regulations)

- **Discussion about inappropriate, intrusive behavior of lake resident** who is bothering people on the lake, and misrepresenting authority. Executive session discussion.
- **Pursue buoy placement** on shallow area between island and Carpenter's Point should be considered.
- **Aggressive behavior of VFW police.** Barb reported incident by VFW ticketing young adults without license. Will educate community (**Barb include** info in rental sheet). Notice on bulletin board. Write to state senator and VFW oversight representative. **MR will contact Josh from VFW** to see who Game Warden is.
- **Better Back Roads Grants.** Bill will contact Harry to pursue grant. He should contact Chris Salerno, who is familiar with process, and John Eckel to discuss BBR request for culvert work.

**Meeting dates 2018:**

- May 19, 2018
- June 16, 2018
- July 14, 2018
- August 4, 2018, Annual Meeting
- September 8, 2018

**Meeting adjourned 11:15 a.m.**