

LRA Board Meeting, June 16, 2018

Minutes

Attending: Barb, Natalie, Bill, Frank, Ann

Regrets: Bruce

1. Treasurers Report
 - a. Agreed to move \$20,000 from Money Market account into CD; chose a 1-year term due to concern about fluctuating rates
 - b. Discussed how to determine annual donation dates and how to separate Annual Appeal donations from the Extra donations given with membership renewal and during the year; agreed to make individual decision as monies come in and not set firm end-of-year dates
 - c. Agreed Board has authority to spend money to run LRA affairs without membership approval, and that the Board must be apprised of any expenditure by a board member (e.g., for frig magnet purchase), and must be subject to any input from the Board

2. July 4 Picnic
 - a. Picnic liability insurance will cost \$200
 - b. Potty set up will occur July 3rd
 - c. We have 1 table registration
 - d. Barb to contact Fletch about games and ask for folder
 - e. Prizes – Ann has donated creamy cone tokens from GMSH
 - f. Barb send out reminder toward end of June

3. Membership Report
 - a. Mailings are ready to go – waiting for magnets to arrive
 - b. Barb will send 2 mailings: New property transfer people – will receive membership letter, new LRA brochure, magnet, and directory – Natalie will send Barb list
 - c. Frig magnet of boating regulations will be brought to Tyson's and GMSH for sale to public – good publicity and good for general boating awareness. LRA will request return of only \$1 cost per magnet
 - d. Facebook settings – the LRA page is very inactive – most people go to the other Lake Rescue page; Natalie is administrator - Ann will ask daughter to look at the site to make public
 - e. We will think about ways to reach out to younger generation – is another type of social media worth considering?
 - f. Newsletter is cut off in Outlook Express – how find out who is using Outlook and not getting access to full newsletter
 - i. Barb and Natalie will ask Andrew Light about this

4. Milfoil

- a. Greeter Program –
 - i. Bruce found person for \$15/hr– he will be paid on a 1099; Frank will deliver hiring forms to him;
 - ii. The milfoil sandwich board displayed at the boat launch is missing. Ann will ask the Macksays if they have it. If not, we will ask state for another;
 - iii. Bruce needs to provide Greeter Program data to Frank in order to get grant funds
 - iv. State rep is coming to do training on Monday, 6-18, from 12-2 pm; Bruce will attend, new hire, Natalie maybe, Barb maybe
 - b. Milfoil Divers
 - i. Yoders: Have so far come 5 days for 32.5 hours. They have removed 358 plants (hard to define – plants are different sizes). This is more than same time last year because more small plants were pulled. They are managing, but have to keep at it.
 - ii. Locations: No new locations, but a lot in Round Pond near Narrows and inlet of Black River; also in northern part of LR; water ski course covers where the milfoil is; 50 plants in front of Discovery Island; 20 near Mike O’Neil; also in Slack’s Pasture 10 – near Kevin Davis’ house; a few in Archibald Cove; same or a little more than last year, all small plants. Lake was so low earlier that boats were digging up muck and plants are spreading
 - iii. Bottom barrier: If milfoil gets too thick around Narrows, Yoders recommend we ask for permit for bottom barrier. They can place this barrier. Agreed to pursue this idea, as it is effective and not harmful to the lake. Issue of winter storage of barrier material can be easily addressed. Board will evaluate status in late summer to see if this is needed. The application to the state takes a long time, and the state may be opposed to this method, so we should apply early, if we choose this route. Yoders will take Frank out and look at area.
5. Board Development – Board discussed several options for new board members to replace MR for a 3-year term, and Harry Butts, who has resigned, for a 2-year term. Two individuals will be approached by Frank and Bill prior to the next meeting in July so we can send names in proxy ballot mailing mid-July. Hopefully, they will agree to start now as interim members until the Annual Meeting vote.
6. Annual meeting update – Barb will email out proxy ballot at least 10 days before – by July 20. Barb agreed to run Annual Meeting
7. MR Scholarship
- a. There was discussion about whether LRA should sponsor this scholarship or someone in the community should do it and we should contribute; majority feels LRA should do this, and the cost will be minimal, as community members will likely be interested in supporting this.
 - b. We will include this as a separate donation category on website and in mailings.

- c. The scholarship will support a local high school student going on to study environmental education, whether in a vocational or college setting.
- d. Agreed the amount will start at \$500 scholarship to support our mission, but the amount may change depending on funding availability
- e. Ann and Barb will draft details for next year; too late to offer for this fall. Scholarship will be offered once a year

8. New Business

- a. Red Bridge – town is going to fix Red Bridge cracks. History: LRA sold dam to town for \$1 – half circle coffer dam built after the 1973 flood – at that time, boats were piled up against straight dam that used to be there, so another design was implemented.
- b. LRA image – there is concern that some individuals hold incorrect/fabricated information or perceptions about supposed actions LRA has taken on various matters. We should consider how to maintain a positive image with our membership and preventing rumors that could undermine our reputation.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m. Next meeting July 14, 9 a.m., location TBD