

**Minutes to Board Meeting  
July 13, 2019  
Lake Rescue Association**

Participants:            Frank Wingate            Phil Newell            Ann Rose  
                                 Bill Vanneman            Kevin Golmont        Natalie Fisher  
                                 Bruce Zanca  
By phone                 Barb Silver

Location:            135 Northshore Drive  
Time:                 9:00AM            July 13, 2019

B. Zanca called the meeting to order about 9:10AM noting that the meeting had a quorum with 8 of 9 Board Members present. The attached meeting agenda was distributed.

B. Zanca announced that Mike O'Neill has indicated that he will be retiring from the Board when his term expires at the 2019 Annual meeting.

**1. Approval of June 15, 2019 Minutes**

N. Fisher distributed June 15, 2019 meeting minutes. A. Rose motioned to accept minutes as drafted, seconded by P. Newell, motion unanimously approved.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

A. Rose distributed the Balance Sheet as of July 11, 2019 and the Profit and Loss Statement for the period from July 1, 2018 through July 11, 2019.

A. Rose compared 2019 membership collection from June 1 to July 1, 2019 of \$4,925.00 to the 2018 collection for the same period of \$2,580.00 noting that 2019 membership collections are almost 2 times 2018.

A. Rose noted that LRA had total assets in excess of \$145,000.00 as of July 11, 2019.

N. Fisher moved to accept the Treasurer's report seconded by P. Newell, motion passed unanimously.

**3. July 4 Picnic (held July 5, 2019)**

(N. Fisher ?) provided an attendance report for the picnic noting that there were 109 adults and 12 children, total collections were \$1,540.00 and expenses for insurance, Port a Pot and food services totaled \$2,835.00

At the picnic P. Newell had a display about milfoil that members were interested in and also distributed information and nets for people to keep in their boat/kayak to catch floating milfoil.

B. Zanca thought that the picnic was a good event and provides an opportunity for the members to meet.

[It was also noted that a some participants brought their friendly dogs to the picnic, however LRA will not allow pets at future events due to insurance restrictions????]

#### **4. Milfoil (P. Newell, B. Vanneman, F. Wingate)**

F. Wingate indicated that 6 bottom barriers were installed July 1 and 6 more installed on July 9, 2019. Each barrier is 10ft x 50ft therefore the coverage is 6000 sq. ft. The barriers are installed in the north end of the main lake, the committee provided a map of the approximate location.

P. Newell lead a discussion about additional barriers for 2020. No further action was taken.

B. Zanca reported that our primary greeter has returned to work after taking a leave for health issues, he is now back on the job. B. Zanca thanked N. Fisher for covering the boat ramp while our greeter was out.

B. Zanca discussed that Vermont will be doing VIP training (Vermont Invasive Patrollers) at the Woodward Reservoir on July 20, 2019 if anyone is interested in participating. B. Zanca suggested that LRA pay our greeter to attend.

B. Zanca also reported that VT electronic filing of greeter reports is not online yet and he would continue to do the input.

F. Wingate indicated that LRA needed to file a press release for the Greeter Program to comply with the grant.

#### **5. Sedimentation Issues (B. Zanca, K. Golmont)**

B. Zanca indicated that he had called and emailed M. Caduto of VT DEC Watershed Management Division and was waiting for a response.

K. Golmont contacted John Fay, DEC permitting specialist who has referred him to M. Caduto, Watershed Management and L. Dlugolecki, VT DEC Lakes & Ponds. Kevin will follow up with both.

P. Newell noted that restoring the lake is a short term fix for navigation but does not fix future sedimentation problem. N. Fisher noted that Patchbrook is the closest upstream tributary entering the Black River and is contributing sediment into the river. A. Rose also said she had worked on looking at sediment from Patchbrook.

B. Zanca said he had talked with S. Murphy, Town Manager, about a new FEMA grant and Ludlow should be pursuing.

B. Zanca also discussed if there would be a difference if the roads around the lakes were paved instead of dirt and gravel.

K. Golmont indicated that he called and emailed S. Murphy regarding open issues from the May 31 meeting. More specifically catch basins at corner of Ellison's Lake and East Lake Road and the status of the Dam. S. Murphy did respond to an inquiry by F. Wingate regarding the Dam.

N. Fisher asked about a report by Ed Floyd on costs to repair dam. B. Zanca will track down the report.

N. Fisher asked about installing flashboards in the dam, B. Zanca said he spoke to Asa Fellows about assisting Ludlow with removing/installing the flashboards.

#### **6. Fishing Access state issues update (B. Zanca/B. Silver)**

B. Zanca indicated that the surveillance camera has been installed to view the use of the fishing access. The video server has 55 days of 24/7 storage capacity. B. Zanca suggested that LRA hire someone to review and summarize the activity, 2 possible providers are Countryside Security or one of our greeters. LRA would need to

define what information should be summarized and reported. Possible could include:

- Trailerable boats
- Car toppable vessels
- Swimming/wading/ playing in water
- Picnicing, etc.

Regarding State dock negotiation, LRA still needs to identify a possible expert. N. Fisher presented several pictures of State docks installed at various lakes throughout Vermont. N. Fisher pointed out how open the areas where the docks were located compared to the Lake Rescue access area. The other docks have significantly more room for watercraft to maneuver about the access area. [B. Zanca indicated he has had a conversation with J. Stolz regarding the installation of the dock.]

#### **7. Annual Meeting Planning**

B. Zanca contacted S. Murphy, Town Manager to attend the Annual Meeting, S. Murphy to let us know.

F. Wingate will coordinate with the Yoders (milfoil divers) regarding attending.

N. Fisher will coordinate with the MR Batesole recipient to attend.

An agenda for the meeting was discussed.

Barb Silver indicated that her term is up but is interested in staying on the Board.

A Proxy Ballot with nominations need to be sent out before the meeting, N. Fisher will send out to people who do not use email.

P. Newell suggested that LRA should develop a list of ways volunteers can help so that when someone asks to participate we have a plan.

#### **8. New business**

B. Zanca raised the question about a lake clean up day. After discussion no further action was taken.

P. Newell motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Zanca, meeting adjourned at 10:55AM