

LRA Board Meeting, September 7, 2019 Minutes

Attending: Frank Wingate, Barb Silver, Ann Rose, Bill Vanneman, Jacalyn Diesenhouse

1. **Welcome to Jacalyn Diesenhouse.** Jacalyn shared a bit about her personal and professional history. Jacalyn will likely become involved in managing Neon and membership/website tech issues.
2. **Approval of July/August minutes** – motion to approve minutes by Ann, seconded by Bill, was passed.
3. **Review of Annual Meeting** – the meeting went very well and was well attended. Minutes are forthcoming. Of note was a much-appreciated comment about LRA board activity by former board member, Charlie Robinson.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – was presented by Ann and was approved.
5. **Membership/Neon/website update** – Frank will contact new neighbor about membership; Jacalyn will investigate Neon and website; Barb will review membership; Barb will send final reminder for dues (and will include Lake Pauline milfoil info and 2020 directory reminder). We will re-publish the membership directory in the spring. Agreed to offer directory for free as pdf, and paper copy for sale for \$? (tbd). People will be able to choose what information they want included
6. **Milfoil issues.** Frank reported that the bottom barriers are working really well; installed first week in July - 6 placed in northern part of LR. The April storm covered milfoil in Round Pond, so all 12 were put in northern part of lake. They were removed this week. Milfoil has been found in Pauline. Yoders haven't found as many fragments this year as last. Rebars let barriers float 6" to let oxygen and water to circulate underneath; Yoders will store both the barriers and the rebars in their barn. Board agreed to compensate them \$300 for a storage fee, as we are only paying them for labor, not storage. This will be in addition to the bonus they received for putting in and taking out the barriers -\$500 each time – so \$1,000.
 1. "Next year-the Yoders suggest they place twelve barriers in northern Lake Rescue on another dense patch of milfoil just to the north of this year's bottom barrier placement. We also plan on placing an additional twelve bottom barriers on spreading milfoil patches in Round Pond." We will apply for 12 additional bottom barriers (for an additional cost of \$5,200). We have a 10-yr permit with the state. Each year, the permit requires a map, density of milfoil in locations chosen, dates, how much surface area will be covered. Last year we applied in Sept. but didn't get approved until June 2019. We can't put barriers in before July 1 because of fish spawning season in the spring. They have to be in 8 weeks.
 2. Frank noted there are 3 types of rare milfoil which complicate removal of Eurasian milfoil. Farwell's milfoil is endangered and can't be covered; it looks like other 2 except when flowering. Mishna Cetner offered to come identify, but we said our

divers can identify this rare milfoil. We can't put bottom barriers on wetlands which are in southwestern Round Pond where the Black River comes into the lake.

3. The Yoders pulled 264 gallons (compared to 361 last year). They are still diving – found 3 new spots. Bill will send aerial.
 4. Frank needs to do report on bottom barriers; \$3,900 this year milfoil grant, less than last year. This coming year will apply for more as we have new presence in Lake Pauline
 5. Motion was made and passed to hire Yoders for next year and purchase 12 more barriers at a cost of \$5,200, pending state approval. In comparison, suction harvesting through Chris Sheldon would be \$2K a day.
- 7. Sedimentation issues.** Frank, Natalie, and Bruce met with state people to discuss dredging and view the sedimentation build up in Round Pond – Frank is unsure how positive the meeting was. We will need input from Tod Menees, the River Management Engineer from the VT DEC
1. Bill noted a VPR radio broadcast that emphasized the need to focus on land management rather than dredging to get at the source of the problem – Julie Moore
 2. Grants – Barb will contact Scott Murphy again about upcoming grants
 3. LRA will continue to monitor catch basins and communicate with the town when any need cleaning
- 8. State dock**
1. Barb discussed the potential of hiring DeWan Associates as our expert in developing a report for the state negotiation this fall. Barb will speak to Dewan to get better idea and sample of report to be sure they focus on safety info not just aesthetics. Too expensive to approve without more info – perhaps need an engineer rather than a landscape architect. Anybody in VT rather than Maine? Jacalyn will make call one of her contacts.
9. **Other:** Newsletter – Natalie is traveling and will likely be in touch about content when she returns. Ann and Barb will attend to the 2020 MR scholarship after the holidays.
- 10. Election of officers** – the 5 present board members agreed to approve the same slate, pending agreement from officers elected: Barb Silver/Bruce Zanca, Co-Presidents; Kevin Golmont, Secretary, Ann Rose, Treasurer
- 11. New business**
1. A letter of complaint was received in July about fast traffic on East Lake and Red Bridge Roads from Sadowski. It was agreed that this is a problem we have all experienced. It was agreed that Ann will copy and forward the letter to police, and will write back to Sadowski thanking them for their concern and forwarding issue to police, since LRA has no control over the situation.

2. Red Bridge dam repair – town indicates the dam is not in imminent danger of needing repair. We should get in touch with long-range planning committee to get on their budget. Budget deliberations occur in fall. Suggestions offered to talk to selectman, write a letter and go to meeting. Barb will talk with Bruce.
3. 2020 meetings – May 16, June 13, July 11, Aug 1, Sept. 12
4. Clean up day for downed trees? Discussion focused on liability – agreed to not formally sponsor anything, but to allow individual property owners to do privately – hire tree service, etc.

Adjourned 11:45 a.m.