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### Minutes to Board Meeting May 16, 2020 Lake Rescue Association

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

Location:            Zoom Teleconference  
Time:                9:00AM            May 16, 2020

B. Zanca called the meeting to order about 9:10AM noting that the meeting had a quorum with all 9 Board Members present. The meeting agenda attached and minutes from the September 7, 2019 LRA meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting.

- 1) **Approval of September 7, 2020 minutes** - B. Zanca made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 2) **Treasurer's Report** - A. Rose presented the Financial Statements as of May 14, 2020 and gave the Treasurer's report and was approved.
- 3) **Dock Update** – B. Silver reviewed the discussions and events that occurred with the State of Vermont since Sept, 2019. LRA met with state representatives to discuss other ideas and settlement. LRA prepared and submitted an alternative dock proposal at the settlement meeting which the state rejected. Now the State has submitted a permit amendment to move the 48-foot dock from the west side to the east side of the ramp. There was a trial pending for the Environmental Court, which has been delayed due to Covid – 19. The Board discussed the costs incurred to date and upcoming steps in the process. On a motion made by P. Newell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Vanneman to continue LRA's objection to the next Pre-Trial Conference with an estimated cost of \$1,500. The motion was unanimously approved
- 4) **Sedimentation – Dredging/Better Roads Grant** K. Golmont indicated that a draft of the Lake Encroachment Permit Application (the "Application") was provided to the LRA Board ahead of the meeting. The permit requests permission from the VT Department of Environmental Conservation to dredge approximately 2000 cubic yards of sediment from the mouth of the Black River and the Narrows. P. Newell made a motion and seconded by B. Vanneman to approve the Application, the applicable fee and to file the Application.

**Better Roads Grant** – B. Silver reviewed that LRA had submitted to the Town of Ludlow 5 potential projects for the Better Roads Program. The Better Roads program manager determined that one project related to the stream crossing under East Lake Road and entering the lake off Archibald Lane maybe eligible for a Better Roads Grant. The Application for the Grant was filed in December 2019. Funding for the program has been cut and award notifications have been delayed until mid-June. Current status was unknown and will be followed up.

- 5) **Membership/website** – J. Diesenhouse reported that she had redesigned the Lake Rescue Association member webpage and that members and new members can join LRA through the website. The new webpage was active for Board Members prior to the Board meeting to renew their memberships and provide feedback about the website. Several Board members had used the site and reported the site working well.
- 6) **Milfoil – Greeters** B. Zanca reported that last year's greeter Chris Mott will be returning in 2020 and Chris' wife Janet will be his backup. B. Zanca provided an email from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife outlining new conditions and requirements that Greeters must follow due to the outbreak of Covid – 19. The estimated cost of the Greeter program is \$5,900 offset by \$3,527 grant from VT for a net cost of \$2,373

**Milfoil Remediation** – B. Vanneman reported that he had looked into 12 new bottom barriers with a cost of \$6,000.00 including the rebar to anchor the barriers and would seek authorization from DEC for placement. B. Zanca motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Golmont to purchase the new bottom barriers. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Milfoil – Divers** B. Vanneman reported that LRA will be using the same milfoil divers as in prior years. The estimated cost for the diver program is \$16,000 for 31 days of service.

In summary the total estimated cost of the Milfoil program is \$26,000 including but not limited to the \$2,373 for Greeter Program, \$6,000 for barriers and \$16,000 for divers.

P. Newell motioned, Seconded by J. Diesenhouse to approve the Milfoil program for Greeters, Additional bottom barriers and Divers for a total estimated cost of \$26,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 7) **MR Batesole Scholarship** – N. Fisher reported that a committee of B. Silver, Michelle Zanca and N. Fisher reviewed the 7 applications that were received for the Scholarship. The 2020 recipient is Olivia Bernier a senior from Green Mountain Union High School and will be attending St Lawrence University to study Conservation Biology.
- 8) **Newsletter** - N. Fisher reported she will be preparing 2020 Summer Issue of Lake Breezes and requested the various committees to provide their reports for the Newsletter.

- 9) **Beavers** – Beaver activity has been reported on Lake Pauline. Ludlow Animal control was notified however animal control will not do anything until the Beavers create a dam. No Further Action will be taken at this time.

**New Business** – The Annual Meeting was set for Saturday, August 1, 2020.

The Annual July 4 picnic will not be held this year, J. Diesenhouse suggested that an alternative acknowledgement such as flying a banner or Christmas Lights to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting is set for June 13, 2020 at 9:00AM with a site TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35AM