**LRA Board Meeting: June 18, 2022**

Present: B. Zanca, K. Golmont, B. Silver, N. Fisher

Bruce convened the meeting at 9:04 am.

**Minutes of May 25 Meeting**

* Bruce moved to approve the Minutes, as amended; Kevin seconded.
* Minutes approved
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**Treasurer’s Report**

* One of the CDs at Berkshire Bank matured in May and those funds, $11K, have been moved to a money market fund at Huntley Financial.
* Kevin went over the expenditures in May: donations continue coming in, 15 bottom barriers, $1K to school for MRB Scholarship, IPad for greeter, insurance renewal, payment to divers. We are now paying our divers $46/hr.
* There was some discussion about whether our intended bonus (for bringing in the bottom barriers) was paid to the Yoders last year. Also, whether to pay them another bonus this spring for putting out barriers. Kevin will investigate further.
* Natalie moved to accept treasurer’s report, Barb seconded. Motion carried.
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**Milfoil**

* Bruce submitted the milfoil report on behalf of the milfoil committee/
* Our divers report that the water is clearing, and there are fewer ‘blooms’ (or heavy patches) than other years. The bottom barriers will cover the areas where there these ‘blooms’ had been.
* The bottom barriers will be put down the first week of July.
* The DASH boat and trailer have been registered with the VT DMV. Last year we had a temporary registration while we waited for sales tax waiver (available for non-profits). Now that has been resolved and we have a permanent registration.

**Sedimentation**

* Water depths are such that we can wait until next year to dredge.
* We are talking to Griggs Land re: a bathymetric survey in the fall.
* The Better Roads grant for the Archibald Ln area has been approved. We don’t have a timeline. The deadline for this to be finished is June 20, 2023.
* The Scott’s Landing/Tepper Dr project: Chris Yurek of MARC indicated there is funding available for this project, but the town has to apply for it. Bruce said he would stop in to talk with S Murphy about this project.
* Efforts to reach Scott M by phone and email have failed so far. Red Bridge Rd project is stalled because of getting permissions from homeowner. Outreach to the homeowner has failed to get a response.
* Bruce will stop in to talk with Scott

**Membership – Picnic**

* Barb submitted the report from Spencer.
* 80 people registered for the picnic so far. (22 households)
* Several raffle baskets have been donated by town businesses.
* Flyers will be handed out door-to-door before picnic.
* Hats will be available, Shopping bags also.
* Port a Potty ordered.
* Off the Rails will do food, Ice cream truck will come.
* $770 spent so far.
* Lake Breezes went out, with advertising for the picnic.
* Picnic reminder will be sent out next week.
* Neon software has to be updated for $75 membership fee starting in July. First year will be an 18 month membership, until Dec, 2023

**State Dock**

* Son of George Mc Naughton, Ethan McNaughton has not been responsive to our calls and emails.
* We need to consult with an Environmental Lawyer to help us decide whether to proceed with the trial.

**Nominations**

* 2 board position offers have been accepted by Gigi Katsiff and Jackie Thong
* They have been sent the ‘New Member Orientation Package’.
* We need one more candidate in August, to replace Barb.

**Annual Meeting**

* Community Center has been reserved for August 6th.
* Hybrid format with Zoom and in-person attendance.
* Power-point slides will be used for the presentation.
* Okemo Valley TV will record the meeting.
* Scott Murphy and Bruce Schmitt will be invited as speakers.
* Invite a game warden to speak or Jocelyn Stohl, volunteer law enforcement officer.
* Bruce will call the person in charge of the game wardens to try and get a presenter.
* We will prepare a presentation as a template for the presenter, so that our concerns will be addressed.
* There was a discussion about Lake Safety and some efforts to regulate wake boats, which cause excessive wakes and shoreline erosion.
* The organization, ‘Responsible Wakes for VT Lakes”, is looking for support from individuals and lake organizations. This is being organized by John Widness.
* LRA does not want to take a position in this matter. Boaters are already responsible for any unsafe conditions caused by their wake and existing rules should be enforced before creating more regulations. There is very little enforcement presence on our lakes.
* ANR will be having a ‘Public Comment” session on the wake boat topic soon.

Kevin moved to adjourn; Barb seconded. Adjourned at 10:35

**ADDENDA**

**MINUTES OF LAST MONTH’S BOARD MEETING**

**LRA Board Meeting: May 25, 2022**

Present: B. Silver, P. Newell, G. Thomson, S. Rubin, K. Golmont, N. Fisher

Barb convened the meeting at 7:33 pm

**Minutes of Feb 22, 2022 Meeting**

* George moved that the minutes be accepted. Kevin seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* The new DASH boat motor has been delivered and installed at Woodard Marina.
* Because of this purchase we are over the budget ($25K) for the DASH boat
* Liability insurance will renew on June 13
* American Portfolios ($18K) has been added to the Balance Sheet. Previously the Balance Sheet only showed balances in NEON, which were Bank (cash) based and didn’t include our brokerage account.
* A third Exhibit showing P&L transactions, broken down by July 2021-Jan 2022 (7 mos) and Jan 2022-April 2022(3 mos).

**By-Laws**

* Following a legal review by Mark Gregory, some minor changes were made.
* Kevin moved to accept the draft By-Laws as amended. Phil seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
* This will have to be approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting in August.

**Milfoil**

* George reported that the final installment of the 2021 grant was received in the amount of $3,810. This makes a total of $9,585 received from the 2021 grant. This is the highest amount we have received from the state.
* The new grant for 2022 has been approved for a max of $16,599. We may not get all of that money depending on the expense reports we submit at the end of the summer.
* Cat has to submit a map daily showing where she removed Milfoil.
* The Annual Review of the Bottom Barrier permit will require us to show on a map where wetlands are and where we will be placing the barriers.
* We are asking to add 15 more barriers to add the existing 48 barriers.
* Mischa Cetner says our permit does not limit the number of barriers we can put down. so that should not be a problem.
* This barrier permit was effective May 2019 and is good for 10 years.
* The DASH boat permit was effective in 2016 and will expire in June 2025.
* There was a discussion about speaking with High School guidance counselors to see if students could get ‘community service’ hours by skimming Milfoil fragments during the summer.
* There was discussion about dividing the lakes into ‘zones’ and recruiting volunteers to ‘work’ a particular area.
* ‘Kayaks and Coffee’ …. Lisa Hamm-Greenawalt may be starting an initiative in her area.
* Discussion about how to track volunteer hours. Phone app? Google Docs? Not clear how to accomplish this to satisfy state requirements.
* Create ‘Swag’ to reward volunteer skimmers. Use Facebook page to publicize.
* Sandwich boards to be put out in Round Pond (2) and 1 by the Lk Pauline dam. Kathy Burns donated these a few years ago…’Avoid shallow shoreline, etc.’
* Spencer’s team is planning on visiting every house to distribute leaflets. He will contact Jim Norman to print more leaflets.

**Sedimentation**

* A Better Roads grant has been approved for the project at E Lake Rd and Archibald Ln. It is for $16K, which represents 80% of the cost and Ludlow will cover the rest.
* Dredging – water level is high now in the spring.
* There will be a meeting with Plymouth Twp officials and Marie Caduto on June 22, 1PM to look at the steep section of Patch Brook Rd. Patch Brook seems to be the main contributor of sediment. The water coming in from Echo Lake at Tyson is clear. But the water coming in from Patch Brook is typically cloudy, especially after a rain event.
* SWMP – The Red Bridge Rd Project will need permission from the property owner before the Town of Ludlow can move ahead with an application for a grant. There is no information from S. Murphy about the Scott’s Landing/ Tepper Rd project.
* We need to follow up with S. Murphy.

**Rescue Our Lakes Committee**

-Spencer reported that there is still $94K in pledges outstanding. The total Rescue Our Lakes fundraising is more than $375K.

 -Memebership…Picnic plans are moving along. Permission from Spauldings and Mahoney are been secured. Insurance coverage is arranged. BBQ, Ice Cream, Live Music arranged. Pop Up Concerts being planned for the summer. Leaflets will be distributed to all homes. There will be a LRA table at the picnic to promote membership. ‘Events’ should be updated on website.

 - Neon - Spencer is managing this for now. We might hire someone to help manage this. Kevin records donations on Neon as well as Quick Books.

**Dock**

* George Mc Naughton has died and son Ethan is taking over the caseload. Our hearing date has been delayed for 60 days. We have to decide if we want Ethan to be our attorney. We have already spent what was budgeted and our chances in court are 50/50. We need to contact an environmental attorney to get an honest assessment of our chances of prevailing in court. Bruce needs to be in the loop.

**MRB Scholarship**

* Decision coming this Friday
* The 7 schools in our county are included in the pool.

 **LRA Board New Member Orientation Package**

* Barb and Natalie submitted a draft of a new board member orientation package.
* Committee structure and composition was discussed. There was discussion about adding volunteers to the ‘committee’ list. It was decided to only include board members in this document.
* Board Responsibilities – A new board member would receive this document, and acknowledge acceptance and agree to abide by the enumerated responsibilities. Acknowledging by email will be sufficient. It could be retained in DropBox.
* Remove wording about ‘resolution of issues among LRA members’ in this document (in the section on ‘Status’) and align with wording in the By-Laws. (first page of By-Laws)
* Latest Financial Doc will be added
* Following discussion, Phil moved that the package be accepted. Kevin seconded and it was unanimously approved.

**Nominations**

* Spencer and Bruce are the nominations committee
* There are 2 open board seats and a 3rd opening next August when Barb retires.
* Several names were put forth and discussed at length
* It was agreed to invite Gigi Katsiff and Jackie Thong to join the board now because of their contribution to the ROL committee and their expressed level of interest and skill sets.
* For third spot (for August) reach out by email.

**Newsletter**

* Milfoil, Better Roads, Picnic, MRB Scholarship, Nothing about open board positions.
* Dock , Ice Out Chart.
* Article about Lake Score Card

**Annual Meeting**

 **-**August 6 Meeting

- Barb will reserve the Community Center and look for a speaker.

George moved to adjourn at 9:45.

Barb adjourned the meeting.

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**Addenda: To view Addenda, go to last month’s minutes.**

**Treasurer’s Report** -- at June 18, 2022 Meeting





