

Minutes
LMPA Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 10, 2021

The 115th annual meeting of the LMPA was held at the Fairlee Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, July 10, 2021 President Laura Tucker called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM. She welcomed the group.'

Moment of Silence for Passed Members

- Since the last meeting, news of the passing of several members and friends has been received. A moment of silence was observed for Clark Johnson, Kazuhiko Itagaki, Grover Boutin, Dana Low, and John Wetzel.

Member introductions

- Member introductions were joyfully resumed this year! Laura Tucker noted that no matter how many years folks have been members, all are valued members of this community. She also reminded everyone that there are a myriad of ways to be involved and asked new members to introduce themselves so that they can be greeted at the reception following the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting have been available on the website. Approval was moved, seconded, and considered passed.

President's Report

- Laura noted the new meeting location and thanked all the volunteers who worked to make this possible, including those who helped with set up, scheduling, planning, insurance, and AV systems.
- She noted the return of historic LMPA social initiatives including First Fridays, the Sailing Regatta and Golf Tournament, and the Ice Cream Social. Congratulations to the July 4 float winner that represented the LMPA.
- She updated all on the lake monitoring initiatives, noting that the LMPA is working closely with the LMF and LMC to ensure the health of the lake, in particular through the Greeter and Adopt-A-Lake programs.

- New and continuing initiatives include focus on the lake road and forest logging concerns.
- New this year is the enhancement of our electronic capabilities including an upgraded website with new tabs for members and business members, a way to pay annual due online, and the availability of the directory online.
- Finally, Laura thanked Carol Wertheimer for all her hard work in organizing the post-meeting reception and Chapman's for sponsoring the reception. She reminded all of us that restrooms in the Town Hall will be available during the reception and that we should each keep our reusable LMPA cups.

Treasurer's Report

- Bill Minard presented the Treasurer's Report poetically. It was noted that the 2021-22 budget has been made available to all by including it with the Annual Meeting agenda.

Secretary's Report & Membership Update

- Ginny Reed noted that as of this minute we have received 164 paid memberships. The number last year at this time was 186. She reminded folks that we are happy to receive membership checks today:-)

Water Quality Report

- Input stream and lake waterbody chemical issues
 - Greg Allen noted that the LMC has been involved in measuring total phosphorous that affects water clarity and algae. This is monitored closely. About four years ago, measuring water quality from input streams was undertaken. Not much change has taken place over the past few years. Sulfides and chlorides coming into the lake appear to be from the underlying geography.
 - Greg has attended two webinars about cyanobacteria, trying to learn more technical information. The VT DEC and Dept. of Health have also had outreach about this topic. The information can be viewed online.
 - In response to a question, Greg reported that there were a few blooms early this year. He recommends staying out of the water if folks see something that they think could become harmful.

- Milfoil control
 - Don Weaver reported that a chemical treatment was completed on June 16 with Solitude using ProcellaCOR. The treatment in 2019 was very successful in some parts of the lake. The north end, however, was not as successful. Thus, there was need for an accelerated treatment at two locations on the lake. Divers will suction/harvest 14 acres of the lake later this summer.
 - In response to a question, Don noted that chemical applications will generally occur every three years.

Greeter Program

- Peggie Bissell passed around a notebook with supporting materials as she discussed the 2021 Greeter Program. The Greeter team has two returning greeters and two first-year greeters. We also have a volunteer providing 4 extra hours each week at no additional cost.
- She noted that zebra mussels (passed around in a jar) were found on a boat and trailer coming out of the lake on June 21. These mussels are prolific spreaders and cause a lot of damage. The State made a site visit at which time they performed a 'rake pull' to gather information. Lake water was collected and put through a fine filter for an environmental DNA test. This provides baseline information. Awareness is important – so learning to identify zebra mussels is key. It is suggested that folks snorkel around their dock areas to gather information. At the end of the season, be sure to check equipment and your boat propellor. This is an opportunity to act positively as a community.
- The State continues to prioritize AIS programs, with greeter programs at the top of their list. Peggie hopes there will be increased coverage in the future.

Adopt-A-Lake program

- Sue Minard reported that the State credited us with \$17,000+ for milfoil control last year. The Adopt-A- Lake Program has a new State requirement that volunteers need to document their time by indicating the activity pursued, time spent, and the date. Filling out these forms is important! The form is available on the website. Sue thanked the monitors who distribute forms and observe for milfoil.

Upper Valley Land Trust: Morey Mountain Conservation Area update

- Jason Berard from the UVLT reported on the amount of land conserved on the Palisades and Morey Mountain. A number of endangered species live within these areas; thus habitat preservation is important. The trails are all maintained by volunteers.

Fairlee Selectboard Report/Help@Fairlee update

- Cathy McGrath noted that there are a lot of year-round folks who make a difference all year. This includes the Town officers and staff.
- She reported that the immediate tasks of the Selectboard include both hard and soft infrastructure. Rebuilding Lake Morey Rd. on the east side of the lake and replacing culverts will continue this year.
- The Town Forest has been a hot topic of conversation. Later in the summer, the Forest Board will be having a conversation with the community to discuss the future of this resource.
- A new town policy concerning cyanobacteria is to observe and report. Chris Brimmer, the town health officer, can be called if suspected cyanobacteria is found.
- Housing is a topic being discussed by the town.
- A lot of the cool stuff happening in town now is being done by the next generation, particularly the Chapman's projects. Fairlee Community Arts is another example. The lighting and sound systems here in the Town Hall were coordinated by this group. The Animating Infrastructure grant is an additional opportunity for town improvement.
- Help@Fairlee has operated all year, handing out food. This will be finished at the end of the summer.
- In response to a question about speeding and road safety, Cathy noted that this is primarily a summer issue. She noted that it may make sense to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph in the summer. Temporary speed bumps are being considered. One suggestion was to purchase a speed sign that takes photos of those exceeding the limit.
- Another question addressed the issue of motorcycle noise. There is not currently a noise ordinance in Fairlee. Cathy noted that the public are invited to attend Selectboard meetings and to read info on the website about what is already being done.
- Another question addressed the potholes on the Lake Morey Rd. Cathy said that filling some of these is on the schedule for this year.

Lake Morey Foundation

- Bruce Durgin noted that the LMF is a 501-C3 charitable foundation designed to focus on lake quality, as well as on the town and lake community. Morey Mountain was purchased by the LMF which raised all the funds needed. Bruce asked that folks consider the LMF when making decisions about charitable donations. LMF.org is the place to find information. LMPA members who are LMF board members stood to be recognized.

Nominating Committee Report

- Debbie Baker announced that Ginny Reed was re-elected as Secretary and Phil Zalinger was elected to the Board of Directors.

Webpage/Member's Only section/Directory 2021

- Denise Drouin noted the many changes have been made to the website this year. Security and encryption are important features. A member's only section requiring review has been added. She noted a number of reasons why moving to electronic communication makes sense with security and accessibility being major reasons. Information can also be kept current if members update their profiles. Online payments were also added to the website this year. She thanked those who have helped with the process.

Sailing Regatta

- Bob Wertheimer reported that the regatta is tentatively scheduled for July 31 at 2:00, starting and ending at Breezy Bay. The rain/no wind date is August 7. He noted that while most of the participants are from the camps, lake folks are welcome!

Results of the Golf Tournament

- Vince Pisegna reported that 18 golfers turned out today for the tournament. The winning pair were Steve and Nanci Carstens. A trophy was awarded☺

Other New Business

- Smith Reed noted that LMPA maps are available.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 PM.

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