

Minutes
LMPA Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 9, 2022

The 116th annual meeting of the LMPA was held at the Lake Morey Inn on Saturday, July 9, 2022. President Laura Tucker called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. She welcomed the group.

Member introductions

- 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.

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 Lucy Atkinson, Bobbi Gallerani, and Keith Farnham.

Approval of Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting

- The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting have been available on the website. Approval was moved, seconded, and passed.

President's Report

- Laura noted that we have, thankfully, started to move beyond Covid protocols. First Friday is one such event that has returned. The regatta and the ice cream social will both be held next Saturday. The golf tournament was held today.
- The lake monitoring program, in conjunction with the Lake Morey Commission, continues. The Greeter program continues under the guidance this summer of a new manager and the town of Fairlee. Sue Minard leads the Adopt-A-Lake program. The form compiling hours of effort for this program is available online and on the agenda for this program.

- A new initiative – Watershed Action Plan – is designed to study and improve water quality. This initiative is grant funded and will be described later in the meeting.
- Next year the LMPA will absorb the credit card fees involved in paying dues online.
- Laura thanked Don Weaver for his service to the lake and read a letter from the State acknowledging his work in lake monitoring.

Treasurer's Report

- Bill Minard presented the Treasurer's Report poetically. It was noted that the 2022-23 budget has been made available to all by including it with the Annual Meeting agenda.

Election of Directors

- Sue Minard announced that Lynne Fitzhugh, Kemper Pierce, and Judy Stone were nominated to the Board of Directors. The motion was stated, seconded, and approved.

Election of the Nominating Committee

- The Nominating Committee will be made up of Carol Wertheimer, Sue Minard, and Karen Larson. The motion was stated, seconded, and approved.

Unfinished Business

- Water Quality Report (Greg Allen & Don Weaver)
 - Greg thanked those who have assisted with the lake stream sampling. Samples are collected and analyzed ~6 times a summer. Most of the data have shown very good results.
 - The results of secci testing have shown very clear water.

- Don reported on the history of the milfoil program which was started on Lake Morey in 1991. Last year's treatment resulted in no milfoil in the lake. Don thanked everyone for their work in keeping the lake pristine.
- Fairlee Selectboard Report (Cathy McGrath)
 - An engineering study of Lake Morey Rd. was done a couple of years ago. A plan was created and is in process.
 - Policing has been enhanced by the addition of hours from the Orange County Sheriff's office.
 - The moratorium on building on the lake is through September, 2022, with an option to be extended for another year. A survey was conducted by UVM interns who gathered information on the cleanliness of the lake. The watershed study will be the next piece of information gathered. This may be a factor in extending (or not) the building moratorium.
 - A question was asked about assisting young folks to gain their WSI certification next year so that swimming lessons could be offered at the beach.
- Lake Morey Foundation (Bob Wertheimer)
 - The LMF wishes everyone a wonderful, safe, and happy summer on the lake.
 - The LMF is an enabler that provides funding for many of the lake initiatives, as well as in and around the town of Fairlee. The generosity of everyone here has been noted and appreciated.

New Business

- Proposed By-Laws changes (Ginny Reed)
 - The proposed By-Laws changes were described. A motion to accept those changes was made, seconded, and passed.
- Loons (Bill Minard)
 - Loons that had nested on the platform this year have left their nest. It appears that anxiety from fireworks may have caused the loons to leave and that predation destroyed the egg.

- Wake boat (wake boarding) petitions (Bill Minard)
 - If current petitions banning the use of such boats are approved, Lake Morey would be the only lake in the area that would have a small area that allowed these boats and their activities. Surrounding lakes are too small to have allowable areas, making Lake Morey vulnerable. The LMPA, LMF, and LMC have proposed a 500' prohibition of the shore zone. Public comments are sought until July 29.

- Watershed Action Plan (WAP) (Bill Minard)
 - As previously noted, a new initiative – Watershed Action Plan – is designed to study and improve water quality. A local committee has been formed to assist with this. Applying for the Lake Wise Award is one way to be involved.
 - Information will be available on the LMPA website about how to apply for this program.

Sailing Regatta

- The Regatta is scheduled for next Saturday, July 16. It will start and end at Breezy Beach.

Results of the Golf Tournament

- Vince Pisegna reported that 20 members played in the tournament today..The winners were Debbie & Dennis Baker

Call to Adjourn

- Smith Reed noted that LMPA maps are available. Revisions typically happen every three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.

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