

Lake Maspenock Preservation Association

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September 19, 2022

Guest: Tucker

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| Present | Member | Position | Term |  | Present | Member | Position | Term |
| Y | Jamie Goncalves | President | 2023 |  | Y | John Coutinho | Board | 2024 |
| Y | Sabine St. Pierre | VP | 2024 |  | Y | Mike Riley | Board | 2025 |
| Y | Paula Garland | Secretary | 2023 |  | Y | Mark Sexton | Board | 2025 |
| Y | Walter Garland | Treasurer | 2025 |  | Y | Amy Uliss | Board | 2024 |
| Y | Sharon Shepard | Comm | 2023 |  |  |  |  |  |

Start time: 7 P.M.

Meeting Minutes – Paula Garland

* Minutes approved from 8-15-22.
  + Motion: Jaime, Second: John

Finance and Membership Update– Walter Garland

* $12,144.27 cash on hand as of Sept 1
* Renewals: 0
* New members: 0

Weed Committee Update – Paula Garland

* Last meeting, we discussed both mechanical harvesting and herbicide.
* We decided to get cost estimates of both mechanical harvesting and herbicide so we could compare.
* We’ll reconvene on Oct 11 at 5pm. **à I (Paula) encourage all of the LMPA board to attend.**
* Dave Mitchell’s report from the last 2 weed surveys is attached.

Water Quality Update

* Water quality results: surprisingly good water quality, likely due to the drought (no runoff) Microbac results for May and August on website and in Fall Newsletter.

Sandy Beach

* Buoy & Ropes: DONE: Mark, Paula, Walter, Drew, Jeff Barnes
  + Need New Equipment:
    - 12 stainless steel 3” carabiners
    - Chain: galvanized 4 x 20’
    - Cinder blocks (Jaime)
    - New rope and lake buoys. Paula: find out what Cochituate uses

Parks & Rec

* Gate system: Mark Gedman investigating electronic swiping Sabine: check with Mark for status.

Microbac Lab Bills (DPW was paying, now LMPA pays, but DPW should be paying)

* John Westerling will pay us back for all the bills we’ve paid. However, those bills paid before July 1 will need to go into the budget as a line item for the town meeting next May. Paula to get that info to John.
* Look into Alpha Analytical Labs in Westboro Paula

LMPA Spring Newsletter: help post for lifeguards and Manager

Pay ahead via cc

Communications Update: Sharon

* Sync calendar
* Set up reminders
* September Call eric about dam closure

Newsletter timing 3 per year:

* Feb/March content: Annual meeting, Spring Fling, post Ad for lifeguard sign-ups and beach manager, Ad for purchase beach passes early, pay with cc thru P&R, *make it cheaper to buy early??*
* May content: reminders for light up the lake, 4th of July, boat parade, safety, cornhole. (
* Sept content: reminder for chili cookoff, review of summer, weed and fertilizer reminders

Community Building Events – Sabine

* Tailgate & Chili Cookoff 9/25 @ 141 Hayward Street Candice & Will
  + Should we get Porta potty? Ask Candace & Will.
  + Sabine has food under control

Welcome Wagon/ Boater Safety Pails

* Need process for free 1 year membership

Tabled:

* Can we pay for lifeguard course? Supports our mission.
* Can we make it cheaper for peeps to buy beach passes early? How?
* Sharon: still interested in apparel?
* Sticker: ONLY for members
* Should we ask the town to pay for water testing at sites other than Sandy beach during the summer months?
* If so, assign to whom, due when?
* John: five year-pass, get a bucket…need a price à Are we doing this?
* Weed Pamphlet trifold (Paula, in progress)
* Separate Weed info into Spring / Fall (Paula, completed Fall – printed in Newsletter)
* Can nonmembers vote in boat parade – make decision as seems to be confusion. --> need to think this through.
* Mike: expectation that board members should be at events; Sabine was the only one there for most of the day for Family Fun Day, Sharon there for part of the day.
* Solution: Work shifts? Signups? Board agreed. Volunteer Plugin or app: Paula
* Figure out procedure for handling free memberships given out with Welcome Buckets.

Suggestions for Next Year:

* Cornhole
* Suggestion to have chicken fingers for kids (Suggestions for NY)
* Suggestion to give hosts $$ à did we decide? (Suggestions for Next Year?)
* Suggested we Firefly’s Banner at events catered by Firefly’s
* Firefly’s sell T-shirts at catered events
* Spring Fling
* Spring Fling at Firefly’s?

Adjourn: John, seconded, Paula. Adjourned – 8:58 pm

Next meeting: Monday, Oct 10, 7:00, 7:00 P.M.