

Lake Maspenock Preservation Association

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October 10, 2022

Guest: Sandy

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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 |  | N | Amy Uliss | Board | 2024 |
| Y | Sharon Shepard | Comm | 2023 |  |  |  |  |  |

Start time: 7:12 P.M.

Meeting Minutes – Paula Garland

* Minutes approved from 9-19-22.
	+ Motion: Jaime, Second: Sabine

Finance Update– Walter Garland

* $11,536.31 cash on hand as of Oct 1
* Cornhole net +224.34
* Family fun day xxx
* Spring Lake Clean Up $76 –
* Spring Fling $725-

Membership Update – Sharon

* Renewals: 12
* New members: 1
* 146 households
* 105 expired households

Officers Meeting outcome

* Sharon does Hubspot
* Walter does finances

Weed Committee Update – Paula Garland

* CIG meets tomorrow, 10-11 @ 5p via Zoom. Login details were sent along with the minutes from 9-19. **🡪 Encourage all of the LMPA board to attend, if possible.**
* Last meeting, we discussed both mechanical harvesting and herbicide.*This is because we believe if we recommend herbicide immediately after getting the toolkit passed, we don’t think it will pass. This is a longer-term strategy.*
* Tomorrow we’ll compare the cost of both mechanical harvesting and herbicide.

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.
* Ask Town to do ecoli testing more places around the lake, all the docks: Paula
	+ 4 places where town could conduct the tests are: public dock on Oakhurst, Dam, public dock on Lakeshore next to Colleen, West Main kayak launch.

Sandy Beach

* Need New Equipment:
	+ 12 stainless steel 3” carabiners
	+ Chain: galvanized 4 x 20’
	+ Cinder blocks (Jaime)
	+ New rope and lake buoys.
	+ Sabine to Paula Jenny @ Parks and Rec phone# so we can hopefully get the PO of what she ordered for us before. Add 100’ to the rope.
	+ Paula: called HSP and they gave me the person who buys for all the state parks – Regional Aquatic Director - Lauren Hopper: 508.792.77121, Lauren.Hopper@mass.gov
		- The gentleman at HSP said that the buoys & ropes last for 3 years at most.
		- Spoke with Jaime and he suggested LMPA buy the equipment as it supports our mission

Parks & Rec

* Gate system: Mark Gedman investigating electronic swiping Sabine: check with Mark for status.
	+ Sabine checked in with him 3 times; Sabine to check with Jay.
* Dock at approval at ConComm.
	+ Paying for lifeguard - $275 ea? (Table)

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.
* Jaime investigated a different lab in Westboro for next year so Mark wouldn’t have to drive to CT. BUT they were not accepting new clients.

State of the Lake: Feb?

Newsletter timing 3 per year:

Newsletter Content:

* Feb/March: Annual meeting (after March 1), 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

Tabled:

* Can we pay for lifeguard course? Supports our mission.
	+ Decided it does NOT support mission
* Can we make it cheaper for peeps to buy beach passes early? Not us: P&R
* Is Sharon interested in handling apparel? Yes
* Should we ask the town to pay for water testing at sites other than Sandy beach during the summer months? YES
* Paula to check with John Westerling
* 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. Board agreed.
* Solution: Work shifts? Signups? Assign to someone

Suggestions for Next Year:

* Cornhole
* Suggestion to have chicken fingers for kids (Suggestions for NY)
* Suggestion to give hosts $$ 🡪 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
* HCA? Someone can investigate cost or drop it.

Adjourn: Paula, seconded, John. Adjourned – 8:50 pm

November meeting: Monday, November 15, NEED LOCATION, Pregame 6:30, Meeting 7:00

December Meeting: Thursday, Dec 8, Sharon’s, 26 West Elm St, Invite previous board members, Pregame 6:30, Meeting 7:00?