

General Meeting  
Minutes 5/8/23

7:10 pm Meeting called to order

Jaime G- opening comments: welcomed membership

**Treasurer Report: Walter Garland**

Financials \$11,323.78

Membership (Sharon Shepard)-

121 active households (down by 30 in the last year)

90 expired member households going back to 2020

6 new member households in 2023

**Elections:**

Jaime G announced that he appointed Yvonne Riley to the treasurer position. She will fulfill the remainder of Walter Garland's term.

Secretary- Darlene Hayes nominated Paula Toomey, motion was seconded and it was a unanimous yes from membership

Board Position #1- Scott Colwell send a nomination form and gave a short speech. Aaron Townsley also showed interested in the board position but gracefully declined to nominate himself and it was seconded that Scott Colwell

run for the position. It was a unanimous yes from the membership for Scott.

Proposed Change to the LMPA by-law regarding changing the amount the Executive Board can spend needing approval from any amount over \$1000 to \$1500. Membership expressed that this wasn't sufficient and that they trust the board to spend the funds wisely and suggested the amount be raised to \$2000. The motion was made to raise the amount to \$2000, it was seconded and was a unanimous yes from membership.

**Weed Management** – Jaime G gave a quick overview and then Joe Baldiga, chair of the CIG explain the situation in more details. The toolbox was approved with herbicides as one of the tools but the CIG still has to go before the Conservation Commission should they recommend to use herbicides as a tool. The town needed to secure bids for the herbicides and then go to ConComm for final approval however the first round for bids was not seen by Solitude, the only company in the state that administers Herbicides and the town decided not to pursue a second round of bids. Joe explained that the new plan is to work with the town manager to get bids during the summer and meet with Conservation in the fall in the hopes for spot treatment of the North Basin in the late spring of 2024.

Mike Riley and John Coutinho expressed the need for LMPA to figure out what we can do as an association to

push this through and make it happen. Joe recommended the lake community send emails and make phone calls to the Town Manager expressing the urgency with which we need to push the town to get another round of bids out asap. Jaime G said he would email Norm offering administrative assistance where needed in order to make this happen.

#### **Ron Haley- Risk Assessment**

He used a drone for an aerial view of the lake to assess run-off, he spoke about reducing salt, some type of water treatment like a fountain and a SMART buoy system to monitor water quality. He suggested we need a vision for the next 5, 10, 20 years and Jaime invited Ron to our June 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Darlene Hayes suggested we need to get lake community members more involved in town boards such as Parks and Rec and Conservation Commission to have more of a voice and a vote in what happens in and around the lake.

#### **Water Quality- Mark Sexton**

Done 3 times a year at 3 different locations around the lake. Ron Haley suggested we test more often. We test for Phosphorous, PH, Ecoli and are adding Nitrogen to the list of tests based on a recommendation from Aaron Townsley. Mark reported that our phosphorous levels are very low, which is a good thing. The LMPA currently pays for the testing but would like to get back to having the town pay for it. There was a discussion

about lake friendly practices, especially using non-phosphorous fertilizers and cleaning out pet waste and leaves from waterfronts in the fall and spring. It was suggested that those that use a lawn service be sure to check with them and assure that they use lake safe fertilizer and DO NOT blow leaves into the waterfront.

### **Events- Sabine St. Pierre**

Spring Fling was a success and the band The Felt was a big hit. Numbers were lower than in the past with a total of about 70. We usually have about 100-120. We are not sure why numbers were lower but will try for a Saturday next year and the committee is open to new ideas for venue, entertainment, menu, etc.

Upcoming events:

June 11<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Day 2pm-5pm. Mike the Magician @ 3pm

Bring a picnic lunch, there will be family friendly activities

June 17<sup>th</sup> USCG Boat Safety Inspections 10am-2pm  
Drew Logan's dock (lakeshore) We will make it with a balloons.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Up the Lake (waterfronts and boats) BE SAFE!

July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade 2pm Sandy Beach

July 29<sup>th</sup> Cornhole Tournament (July 30<sup>th</sup> rain date)

TBD- Fall Tailgate/Chili Cookoff

**Sandy Beach/ Parks and Rec Update** – Sabine St. Pierre/ John Coutinho

Sabine explained the short term- 2-3 year plan to overhaul the beach parking lot, boat ramp and electronic gate system. It will take persistence and constant check in on Parks and Rec to make it happen. Offer assistance where needed to get the job done.

Jaime suggested that if anyone sees something unsafe to call the police and NOT confront people.

Suggestions from membership- More Signs for Fines in the parking area , Security Cameras for more areas of the parking

lot, some type of Neighborhood response system to alert community members to respond, drills for responding to emergencies

Sabine described the large wooden sign project and asked membership for help in designing and building it. We will use it to display safety signs and LMPA info and it will be located near the boat ramp.

NEW business- Darlene suggested we create a scholarship for a student going into some type of environmental program. Have them write an essay that ties into our mission of preserving and protecting the

lake and it's watershed. How would he/she clean and maintain the lake/watershed and prevent damaging run-off.

Mark storm drains- reach out to DPW

Adjourned 8:24pm

Next board meeting June 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm at Amy Uliss's house