

Meeting Minutes for
The regular meeting of the August 2023 of Lake
Maspenock Preservation Association was called to order
at 7:00 PM on August 15, 2023 at Jaime Goncalves's
residence by Jaime Goncalves

MEETING DETAILS.

Location: **Jaime Goncalves**
92 Downey Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

Meeting Facilitator: **Jaime Gongalves President**

Date: **August 15, 2023** Time: **7 PM**

ATTENDEES.

Sabines St. Pierre, Scott Caldwell, Yvonne Riley, Michael Riley, Paula Toomey, Joe Baldgiga, Shawn Smith

ABSENT

Amy Uliss, John Coutino

PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES.

The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

The agenda for this meeting was distributed and approved.

REPORTS

Report #1: Monthly Balance Sheet

Details: Distributed by Yvonne. Bank balance has increased by \$150.00 from \$9,672.37 to \$9,822.68

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Item #1: Condition of the Lake - re: Weeds

Details: Use of herbicides and list of conditions to use.

OTHER ITEMS.

Item #1: Weeds

Details: Joe: Boat to go out for late summer weed survey (8/31/23). It is important to see the lake as a whole, not as a dynamic system.

*After Westerling departure, things fell back;

*Coordinate with K. Reed and herbicide;

*Put out RFP in late winter and then herbicide late May.

*Issue: Types of weeds: broad leaf or Spirulia.

Sabine: Do the same herbicides cover all weeds or are they customized to the particular weed?

Joe: ConCom letter writing campaign

Sabine: Is it feasible to meet with ConCom and with Kerry?

Sabine: Letter writing should be strategic - re: safety.

Joe: Funding is 60K/year per Westerling

Jaime: Covers costs of professionals. Money is also for weed removal. If ConCom approves of herbicide in budget, it will be included in the budget.

Joe: List of conditions to use tools: two step dance; we satisfied the condition of herbicide - re: drawdown. CIG has to approve, DPW agree, DPW submit proposal to ConCom for approval.

*Can ConCom have a condition upon a condition? Is this legal?

Jaime: Letters to the town and newspaper. Highly volatile issue. LMPA send out form letter.

*Genuine letters to Hop News and Hopkinton Independent

Sabine: Get a weed survey; Email about weeds, CIG's plan; put on FB and email all members.

*Update membership on what is happening; provide email addresses for ConCom as well as contacts at Hop. Independent and Hop News.

*Dave Mitchell (TownConsultant) needs to be proactive. Weeds are closing in.

Jaime: Lake is too shallow and rocky to harvest. Barge has to be loaded; weeds need to be de-watered and shipped off. \$60k just for North Basin.

Sabine: Who writes draft about the health of the lake? Will call Hop News and Hop. Ind. and pitch a story about the lake.

Item #2: Welcome Wagon

Details: 7:50 - Sabine will follow up

Item #3: Sandy Beach re: Drowning

Details: 7:50 - Sabine: will email Kerry and Parks & Rec.

*Beach needs to be upgraded.

*Kerry met with the Fire Chief. That was a big part of the discussion. Weeds were also a part of the discussion as they were part of the problem with the recovery.

Mike: Signs & Sharp Drop Off - shared three steep drop off signs; multi-lingual pictures

Sabine: Maine beaches gradually slope down. Lake Maspenock is not a natural beach because of erosion. Sent pictures to Parks & Rec. waiting for a response.

Item #4: Boat Ramp

Details: 8:00 - Scott:

*"It is the Law" QR Code on sign and website to educate the public

*Please no power loading picture, no wake picture, pamphlet holder (\$50/2 clear acrylic).

*Put QR Code on website, FB page, Mass Laws

Item #5: Community Building

Details: 8:15 - Thank you note to Tony Pinto and Rens for allowing LMPA to use their property.

Yvonne: Cornhole committee will write letter.

Jaime: As a thank you, give each a one year membership and two Spring Fling tickets.

Jaime: New people for Cornhole committee. Current committee at end of tenure.

*Runs itself, but that is a problem.

*App to enroll, but there are glitches. App is huge for getting people to sign up. Rosemary was instrumental.

*Need to engage younger people.

Mark: People want to see the board.

Mike: Well oiled machine.

Sabine: Post on FB recruiting people.

Item #6: Chili Cook-Off - September 24, 12:30 Start

Details: Will be at Sabine's. 12:30 start; 1:00 game.

*One chili category - Non-traditional chili. Best chili wins.

Item #7: Mater Plan

Details: 8:31 - Jaime: Risk Assessment - have not met yet. Will update next meeting

Item #8: Next Meeting - Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Details:

ADJOURNMENT.

Jaime adjourned the meeting at 835 PM.

Minutes submitted by: _____ Print Name: Paula Toomey, Secretary

Approved by: _____ Print Name: Jaime Gongalves President