



LMPA Meeting Minutes - Nov 5, 2025

Meeting Started: 7:04

Attendees: Sabine St. Pierre, Amy Ulyss, Yvonne Riley, Mark Sexton, Don Doucette, Scott Colwell, Mike Riley. Not Attending: John Coutinho, Paula Toomey.

Guests: Don Kaiser

October Meeting Minutes: Approved

Finances: Yvonne:

- Started at \$24,455.46
- Ending \$24,322.14
- Net change \$133.32

Membership: Yvonne

- 15 memberships: 2 brand new regulars, 7 reg renewals, 1 senior new and 5 senior renewals

Communication

- HubSpot- Don
 - Don updated the group on his progress with HubSpot
- Website content update
 - Don & Sabine reviewed recommended changes to the website and Don will meet with Patty to share suggested changes to the website

Preservation/ Education

- Risk management Plan
 - Don D discussed the plans to add adapt a drain to the website & post on Facebook
 - Land Protection analysis for Hopkinton - Scott/Mike
 - Mike to set up meeting with Elaine

Preservation/Education (cont)

- Education
 - Schedule Boating Certification with the EP for Members – Mark
 - Monday night, Tuesday night, and following Monday at Masons– Jan 26, 27 & Feb 2nd. 5-8, 5-8, 5-7 on last day
 - Open to the public. We would get first dibs – prefer 20-25 per class
 - Mark to confirm cost
 - Mike to check on the availability of Mason's or alternative
 - Refer to the environmental police website
 - Please see exhibit A at the end of the notes for additional information that Don D. added after the meeting
 - Lake Friendly practices- pamphlet, hand-out, posts
 - Mark discussed the Water Testing results & the fact that the company does not provide analysis
 - Sabine to ask Kerry and Joe Baldiga if they have a company that can provide analysis of the results

Safety/ Education

- Light up Vests with LMPA logo- how much to sell them for?
 - Paul donated \$500 & ordered the vests with this money
 - It will be up to LMPA to decide how to distribute/sell them
 - Sell them for \$10
- Safety Bin-
 - Select winter safety items to purchase - Paula
 - Discuss at the next meeting
 - Chain/lock/alarm for guard chair –
 - John to move & chain to Lifeguard chair
 - Don provided an alarm that will be used
 - Need to determine what we will do for signage
 - Educational Workshop/Demo ideas for fall/winter???

Community Building

- Marathon 2026 bib
 - Agreed to apply for the bib
 - Will determine a process for awarding it
- Hike with Dave Cormier (tentative 11/8)
 - Starts at Sandy Beach at 10 a.m.

- Set calendar of events (Subscribe to the LMPA calendar if you haven't already - special prize if you can figure it out on your own)
 - Jan EPA Boat Certification: (see times above)
 - Spring Fling: March 27 at Cold Harbor 6:30 – 10:30
 - Spring Clean-up: 4/25, rain date 4/26*
 - General Meeting: Monday, 5/11
 - Family Fun Day: Sunday, June 14
 - Light up the Lake: July 3
 - Boat parade: July 4
 - Corn Hole: July 25, rain date July 26

*Note: Don to follow up with Affordable Junk Removal for the fall and spring clean-ups.

Other

- Next meeting: January 20, Don to host

Motion to Adjourn: 8:33 pm

Exhibit A

Notes sent to the group by Don D. regarding MA Boating Certification following the meeting:

Reciprocity with Other States

The key is the **NASBLA** standard:

- **NASBLA-Approved Courses:** Massachusetts will generally **recognize and accept** boating education certificates from other states, territories, and Canadian provinces, provided the course meets the requirements of the **National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)**. Most states' official boating safety courses are NASBLA-approved.
- **Non-Residents:** A **non-resident** operating a boat in Massachusetts waters is typically allowed to use a boater safety education certificate issued by their approved jurisdiction.

In summary: If you or a family member already hold a valid Boater Safety Card/Certificate issued by another state, and that certificate was obtained by passing a nationally-approved (NASBLA) course, it should satisfy the new Massachusetts requirement. It must be carried on board the vessel while operating.

It's up to the individual to determine whether their license/certificate was obtained by completing a NASBLA-approved course.

The information above was summarized from the law exceptions page: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mass-general-laws-c90b-ss-9e#>