

Minutes for the MPCA Board Annual Meeting held July 8th, 2023

P=Present A=Absent E= Left Early

Rhonda Adams (RA)	P	Barbara Corey (BC)	P	Patrick Cranson (PC)	A	Chris Donovan (CD)	P
Fred Laferriere (FL)	P	Mark Swistak (MS)	P	Virginia Renfrew (VR)	P		

Meeting called to order at 10:09am by Rhonda Adams

Moment of silence for Laurie Miller who passed earlier this year

Minutes from 2022 Annual Meeting presented for approval. Mark Swistak Made Motion to accept, 2nd, seconded and approved

Membership update provided by Chris Donovan - No questions

Treasurer's Report presented by Virginia Renfrew

- Questions:
 - Discussion of targeted reserves for MPCA - Virginia discussed her work with Federation of Vermont Lakes & Ponds (FOVLP) and the financial burden at lakes with invasive plants costing upward of \$60,000 in addition to what state paid. Rhonda also discussed charitable giving to Concord School and the ongoing desire to continue to donate to local nonprofits.
 - Sharlene Corliss discussed possibility of MPCA purchasing a keg for year end social so there is no cost. Rhonda reminded folks that every member gets 2 free beers

David Richardson made motion to pass, seconded and approved

Lake Water quality and Loon update provided by Virginia

- Further info was provide on FOVLP which was founded in 1971 in order promote water quality and preservation of our lakes and ponds for future generations. The board has decided to become a member of FOVLP
- The greeter program was having it's funding cut this year which would impact not just Miles Pond but all ponds and lakes. Virginia worked with FOVLP to submit a funding request and the state has appropriated 500,000 annually to support the program. This support will also result in the Lakewise program not being cut
- Virginia has continued water testing and informed us that the newest testing is checking for caffeine levels which indicate if septic systems are leaching into the pond
- Hours of the greeter program was discussed. Number of hours provided is total dollar amount divided by \$12 an hour. Bob Briggiman questioned why we have greeters when it rains and can we only have greeters at peak traffic times. It was discussed and agreed that given todays labor market staffing is an issue and if we start sending employees of the program home whenever it rains it will be harder to attract future employees.
- Virginia informed us that the loons on the island did have one baby and that the pair of the beaver lodge have renested and currently have two eggs

General Updates

- Rhonda thank all the volunteers that help with so many projects, i.e. black board, little library gardening opportunities, water testing fundraising, RSVPs, BBQ, grant writing, wash station, ice out, coffee hours and so many more projects
- Rhonda reported board decided to accept paypal on the website and all members should subscribe to email updates through the website as email will no longer be sent from the chair's personal account
- Barbara Corey gave an update on recent and upcoming events:
 - History night will be on July 29th at 6:00pm
 - Little Library still needs children's books especially 10 and under
 - Barb discussed the Sid's Pantry collections and Chili cookoff. \$998 and 137 items were collected. All funding for the event is donated with no funds coming from the association. Scott Cromack's Pig Pile Chili was the winner by secret ballot
- Mark gave update on BBQ and following Karaoke
- Rhonda reported \$500 donation to Concord schools and that the board would be seeking input for a worthy nonprofit in the community for next year
- Chris reported on ice out and that going forward it would be off his and Sue's dock
- Rhonda reported that Patrick Cranson will be leaving the board as he finished his term and asked for people to forward interest in joining to the board
- Open discussion that included many items:
 - Lost property
 - Respecting speed limit
 - Being courteous and considerate as we celebrate, walk dogs and share our special community

Motion to adjourn