



**Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group
Sunday, July 28, 2018
Moodus Sportsmen's Club
299 East Haddam-Colchester Turnpike
Moodus, CT. 0646**

Meeting Called to Order at 10:04 a.m. by Al Howat, Secretary

Attendance: 21 people total, including:
4 Officers: Dave Shelberg, Gary Christopher, Tim Varriale, Al Howat
4 Directors: Barbi Batchelder, Maggie Shumbo, Brittany O'Mara, Dan O'Mara sr.

Notice of Quorum announced by Secretary, Al Howat.

Al Howat welcomed everyone and explained the events of the past year. The MRPG has been actively pursuing fundraising with numerous activities and events and has raised \$55,000 for the purchase of the Eco-Harvester. The target goal remains at \$100,000.

Election of MRPG officers and board members:

Board recommended slate (terms expired June 30, 2020)

- One year term
- President: Dave Shelberg
- Vice president: Gary Christopher
- Treasurer: Tim Varriale
- Secretary: Al Howat
- Board member: Dan O'Mara sr.
- Board member: Barbi Batchelder
- Board member: Martha Cohen
- Board member: Brittany O'Mara
- Board member: Maggie Shumbo

Motion was made to nominate officers and board members per the recommended slate, Motion Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report Tim Varriale reported the following:

Operating Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$4,700
Dues & Contributions	2,900
Expenses	<u>(2,600)</u>
Fiscal Year End Balance	<u>\$5,000</u>
(Current Balance \$4,000)	

Capital Fund

Beginning Balance	\$21,000
Donations/Fundraising	32,000
Expenses	<u>0</u>

Fiscal Year End Balance
(Current Balance \$60,000)

53,000

Tim stated the Town has a Capital fund with \$45,000 of which our portion is \$15,000. There is a Finance meeting on August 12th, MRPG will be attending.

Grants:

- a. Dominion reject our grant request
- b. Eversource Grant is pending
- c. Flat-rock Grant is pending

Reports of Subcommittees

Equipment Subcommittee: Gary Christopher discussed the following:

1. Gary gave a brief overview of the ordering of the current model of the eco-harvester.
 - a. Current Version #2.5 Eco-harvester is listed at \$84,498
 - b. They previously listed a 15% discount for orders placed by October. Gary will confirm if this is still available.
 - c. Gary stated they make 29 units a year and will likely increase production as the machine is gaining in popularity in all areas.
2. Operation of the unit will require only one operator with support staff on shore to transport weeds. The disposal of weeds after harvesting will be going to one of several places nearby. The town will take all weeds at the transfer station at no cost and the farm will also take as many weeds as we can deliver.
3. A question from the audience asking if a priority list of property owners who pay a fee would be a consideration. Tim responded that currently we plan on doing weed removal at no cost to property owners. Starting with shorelines and moving toward the middle. The exact starting point has not been determined but it makes sense to start at the upper reservoir and progress downstream.

Fundraising Subcommittee: Dave Shelberg discussed the following:

Previous Events

- a. Picnic, raised over \$5000, will be held yearly.
- b. Member Social was a huge success and raised over \$6500, this will be held yearly as well.
- c. East Haddam Events, set up table to distribute info and sell raffle tickets and Tee shirts.

Future Events Planed

- a. Lake side Dan's Event August 23 – August 25
 1. Fried Dough
 2. Corn-hole
 3. Raffle will be drawn on August 19
 4. Tee shirt sales all 4 days
 5. Dave asked all members to get the word out.

Membership Dues: Dave reminded all members to pay dues

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Audience of Members:

Dave Shelberg reminded members that MRPG & Fundraising meeting are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Sportsman's Club @ 7:00 PM.

Volunteers are needed to help with fundraising efforts.

Next Meeting: To be announced

Meeting Adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Howat

Secretary, Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group