

Friends of Lake Mary Ronan

Board Meeting Minutes

Olson's Home
October 7, 2022
11:00 A.M.

Board Members Present: Jim Baker (Interim President), Jane Nolan (Secretary), Dave Olson (Treasurer), Jim Grant, Rick Cothorn, Rick Lennon, Joan Folwell and Lynn Maas

Board Member Excused: Andy Larsson.

FLMR Members Present: Julie Von Eschen, Jeannine Olson, Pam Watne and Ann Grant.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Baker at 11:05 a.m.

Approval of August 19, 2022 Minutes: The minutes were approved as written by email prior to this meeting.

Treasurers Report: As of October 17, 2022, the bank balance is \$29,259.70. \$750 was received from the Lodge at Lake Mary Ronan for the Brewfest fundraiser. \$1,364 was collected at Dayton Daze for shirt sales and donations. A few small donations were also received. Expenses paid were \$2,070 for FLMR shirts and \$13,000 for legal fees offset by \$10,000 by a board member.

Water Quality Initiatives:

1. sDNA research project update: We are still collecting samples with the final collection date at the end of October. The samples have been hard to collect because of low water and mud. We have received some results from the testing, but more data is needed. The Flathead Basin Commission and DEQ did a photo shoot.
2. DEQ results from LMR study – tentative: LMR has not been forgotten but we are not a high priority to them. Hopefully, we will have results by the end of the year. DEQ is supposed to provide a restoration plan. There may be a grant to assist in the conducting the restoration plan.
3. Stream access report/stream flow rate measurements: Lynn mailed the Donaldson Creek access document to John Alfson for his signature. He hasn't received it back yet. Discussion: should it be recorded at the county? Probably not because it can be terminated by either party at any time. Lynn would like to install the pipe and ruler this fall once we get permission. The digital recorder would be installed in the spring.
4. Hydrolab measurements: Lynn's boat is not available; however, the Grant's boat is. Jim and/or Lynn may take the hydrolab out this weekend to obtain measurements. Jim G commented on the amount of green algae in the lake. Why? Possibly due to the higher water and air temperatures we are having this fall. Discussion re: other organisms in the lake. They eat algae and the fish eat them.
5. Lake County Lakeshore Protection Act update: The draft will be presented to the Lake County commissioners on November 10, 2022 for their approval. Lynn asked for a copy of it ahead of time but hasn't received it. Lynn and Jim G discussed some of the improvements

they suggested for the plan. They are interested to see if their ideas have been incorporated into the act.

Lake County actions: Nothing to report.

Educational initiatives:

1. FLMR Packets: This will be a winter project. Jeannine will research stickers, folders, bags, etc. that may be used for the project. The website and email should be on all information. Lynn will contact Carla to set up an email address at flmr.org.
2. Dayton Daze Review: The group thanked Lynn, Jeanne Maas and Jane for their efforts informing attendees about FLMR and selling t-shirts. Thanks to Julie for getting the t-shirts in time for this event. Jeannine will keep the rest of the t-shirts in the barn. Contact her if you know of anyone who would like to purchase one.

Other Business and/or comments:

1. Annual fundraising. Discussion on when to send out requests for donations. Decision: Do a Valentine's Day mailing, "Even a Lake Needs Love." The mailings will be narrowed to income level, similar to last year.
2. Flathead Basin Commission meeting: Jim B attended. FHBC doesn't want to see the various commissions combined into 1 large commission as suggested by the Governor. It wants to keep its focus, to maintain and improve water quality and its independence. Most of the other commissions are focused on water restoration.
3. Other:
 - a. Rick L. Mike Maddy is not renting out his land on the west side of LMR for hunting or block management this season.
 - b. Joan F. She has seen increased numbers of elk around the lake since the Elmo Fire. Jim G has seen 2 large herds. They are probably moving around looking for better pasture. Question: Would the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation be interested in this information? Would RMEF work with the Jones family to set aside a conservation easement for elk habitat?

Next Meeting: Friday, November 4, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Cothorn's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm followed by Hwy 352 road cleanup. The group was encouraged to meet at Mountain Meadows after the cleanup at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane Nolan, FLMR Secretary