

Friends of Lake Mary Ronan

Board Meeting Minutes

Cothorn's Home
November 4, 2022
1:00 P.M.

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

Board Members Excused: Andy Larsson and Dave Olson.

FLMR Members Present: Pam Watne and Ann Grant.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Baker at 1:13 pm.

Approval of October 7, 2022 Minutes: The minutes were approved as written by email prior to this meeting.

Treasurers Report: As of October 28, 2022, the bank balance is \$28,879.70. \$335 was received for t-shirt sales, \$250 was for general donations and \$35 from Benevity donations.

Water Quality Initiatives:

1. sDNA research project update: The testing has ended. Emily collected the reports and last samples from the "barn." Discussion with Emily regarding potential problems with the results due to excessive rain, Elmo fire, 2 homes were not occupied as much as expected, extremely low water and mud in the lake in September and October. Cornell will contact Emily to discuss results of the testing. Question: What is the discrepancy between the deep-water samples and our shallow water samples? Why would sDNA be confused with environmental DNA? Jim B thanked all for their help with this study.
2. DEQ results from LMR study: None yet
3. In-flow/out-flow Stream access update: FLMR has received the signed easement for Donaldson Creek. The digital recorder will be installed in the spring.
4. Hydrolab measurements: None.
5. Lake County Lakeshore Protection Act update: Lynn sent an email to all re: a draft of the Act. Both Lynn and Jim G think it is a good document. Final comments should be sent to the Lake County Commissioners by November 6th.
6. FLMR – AIS Initiative: Lynn stopped at the Big Arm fishing access and visited with a lady taking samples with a hydrolab. Flathead Lake Biological Station is administering grants for AIS outreach. FLMR was asked if we would be interested in applying for a grant. Discussion: What is the definition of "outreach"? The grant application is very vague. Lynn will get the grant application to find out the time frame, requirements, scope, etc. Is this something we could or want to do? With or without a grant, the group would like to include AIS information at the next annual meeting, prepare packets with AIS information for LMR residents, have information available at resorts, possibly an electronic presentation showing pictures of AIS species and plants.

Lake County actions: Nothing to report. Rick L said no one has heard anything.

Educational initiatives:

1. FLMR Packets: This will be a winter project. Jeannine, Jim B, Jim G, Lynn and Julie volunteered to help put these together.
2. Dayton School Partnership Update: Jim B and Jane met with Brycen Ek, new principal, on November 2, 2022. He is excited about the partnership FLMR has with the Dayton School and encouraged members to visit the school to learn more about its activities, etc. He supports our current activities, tree planting, fire and ice and Christmas caroling. Another idea brought up was having the students be involved when the salmon are spawning and FWP collects the eggs.
3. Other: New Dayton School and Community Room. Per Jeannine, the REACH Foundation has received sufficient donations to begin this project. The land has been secured and infrastructure has started.

Other Business and/or comments:

1. FLMR Technology. We are currently using Louise Baker's Zoom account. Should we compensate her for this or get our own zoom account? The speaker Lynn brought to use during the zoom meetings is not working well enough due to technical challenges.
2. Water level at outlet: Lynn reported there were issues trying to record the water level due to low water levels, mud and scum.
3. Other:
 - a. Milking the salmon this year: Lynn reported that FWP said the size and number of eggs were down this year. Will FWP be looking for another source for eggs in the future?
 - b. Pike: What is FWP doing to mitigate pike in LMR? The group agreed to write a letter to FWP requesting more diligence in removal tactics, tagging the pike to find out where they are spawning, etc. Jim Baker offered to write the letter.
 - c. Contact info: Lynn suggested we work with Carla to see how we can improve our website contact information, so we are more responsive to website inquiries.
 - d. Thank you to Carla. Group agreed to send a gift certificate to Carla.
 - e. Fire and Ice 2023. Suggested date was February 17th. Last year it was February 20th. Firm up the date at the January meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 6, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Olson's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane Nolan, FLMR Secretary