**Friends of Lake Mary Ronan**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

Cothern’s Home

January 6, 2023

1:00 P.M.

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

**Board Members Excused:** Andy Larsson

**FLMR Members Present:** Pam Watne and Jeannine Olson. Ann Grant (Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by Jim Baker at 1:24 pm.

**Approval of November 4, 2022 Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written by email prior to this meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** As of January 6, 2023, the bank balance is $31,539.79. Income was received for t-shirt sales, general donations, Benevity and Amazon. $5,200 in donations are to be deposited and $5,000 in legal expenses are to be paid. FLMR spent more in 2022 than was collected mainly due to legal expenses.

**Water Quality Initiatives**:

1. DEQ sampling study results: DEQ will present the results at the February meeting:
2. Lake County Lakeshore Protection Act update: Jim G is trying to find out when the Act will be presented to the Lake County Commissioners.
3. Flathead Lake Biological Station (FLBS)– AIS Grant Proposal – Seek board approval for FLMR involvement: The grant ends December 31, 2023. Jim G would like to postpone our response until after the DEQ presentation in February. Jim B – the grant should be submitted in 2 weeks so our response can’t wait that long. He also thinks our involvement would be minimal as there would not be much activity at LMR. He also thinks FLMR wouldn’t receive any grant funds for our participation. FLBS would receive the grant funds. FLBS just wants our support. He also thinks this would be a good fit for FLMR as it cements our relationship with FLBS. **A motion for FLMR to be involved with the FLBS grant was presented by Jim Baker and seconded by Dave Olson. All in favor. Motion passed**. Lynn would like to get the resorts more involved in AIS education.

**Lake County actions:** Rick C **-** Nothing to report.

**Educational initiatives:**

1. Dayton PTO Christmas Caroling – Thanks to all: The event was very successful. School kids were cute as can be, also good singers. Good participation by the neighborhood families. Thanks to The Lodge for site preparation and their support. Discussion. The members decided to rotate the event between The Lodge and Mountain Meadows yearly.
2. Dayton PTO – FLMR Fire and Ice Party – February 17?. The group agreed to this date from 1-4 with set up at noon. Some members will be gone but enough will be here. Jane will get LMR state park permit. Coordinate set up, ice preparation, etc. with Jim B. Coordinate food, drinks, etc. with Jane.
3. FLMR packets: No progress on this to date
4. Annual Fundraising – we had targeted February 14th. Jeannine and Jim B will compose a “Valentines Day” fundraising letter. “Even a Lake Needs Love”. A return envelope will be included with letter targeted at the same group we sent out to last year. We will also try to identify newcomers to LMR and the surrounding area.

**Other Business and/or comments:**

1. FLMR Technology. Jim B reported there was no additional cost to Louise Baker for FLMR to use her zoom account.
2. Pike in the lake: FWP replied to the letter Jim B wrote asking what was being done to remove or significantly reduce the pike in LMR. All felt frustration that FWP’s response sounded like they gave up on saving LMR from the pike Joan: Could there be more tournaments to catch pike? Mountain Meadows had the “Pike Eliminator” tourney last year, but no pike were caught. Rick C: Could FLMR do the netting since FWP doesn’t have the staff to do it? Lynn: FLMR could enter into a “no cost “contract to do the netting. Is there a grant FLMR could apply for that could help with netting? All agreed that FLMR should keep the pressure on FWP. Jim B will invite FWP to our March meeting to hear our views and discuss the possibility for LMR to do the netting with FWP nets, FWP to provide the appropriate training, etc.. Jim G.: Don’t put anything regarding this on the website until after we confer with FWP.
3. Other: Lynn and Carla will work on the website to create a better response system, e.g., a comment box that could be monitored weekly and responded to in a timely manner.
4. sDNA sampling results: Cornell University has not released the results yet. Possibly the results will be available in early spring.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, February 24, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Olson’s home**.** The March meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 17, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Olson’s home.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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Respectfully submitted:

Jane Nolan, FLMR Secretary