

Meeting Minutes
Lake Bomoseen Association, Inc.

By: Britt Gilman, Assistant to the Secretary
Date: October 15th, 2015
Location: Castleton Community Center

Attending Board Members:

Ellen Oppenheimer, Davene Brown, Terry Moran, Steven Moskowitz, Mike Morris, Bill Wood, Bob Franzoni

The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M by B. Franzoni.

No quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

T. Moran moved to ratify secretary minutes of September 17th, 2015 for vote next meeting. Seconded by E. Oppenheimer. All in favor. Davene abstained because she wasn't present for the September 17th meeting.

Treasurer's report

B. Franzoni stated that B. Gilman is now the administrative assistant for accounting function, and that they are looking at the Aplos accounting system. It is cloud based and costs about \$30 per month. The benefit is that it is geared toward not for profits and is good for keeping track of donations. He also emphasized the important of generating purchase order or receipts for reimbursable expenses.

E. Oppenheimer stated that she understands, but that if you are looking for invoices from individuals, you may have a problem.

B Gilman stated that it does not have to be formal, just something in writing.

S. Moskowitz suggested a purchasing policy.

B. Franzoni stated that he and B. Gilman will discuss a purchasing policy. He also stated that he would like someone to be a co-signer for checks.

Handbook

B. Franzoni stated that M. Hochberg put the correct handbook on drive. We will talk about it December meeting. He expressed concern with follow through on the handbook.

Greeters Program

B. Franzoni recommended next year that the head of the greeters get a very strict job description. He also stated that we need to find someone who would like to do the greeters program as he does not feel he has the time to write the grant for the greeters program. He also stated that he feels greeters need to be better trained.

E. Oppenheimer stated that if the LBA is going to look for more grant dollars, it is important to provide a package detailing what our organization is doing. Every lake that has gotten significant grant money has a greeter program. Without it, the state of Vermont is less likely to award grant money.

B. Franzoni suggested hiring a grant writer. E. Oppenheimer stated that grant writers get 150 dollars per hour, but suggested that someone from the Water Quality Committee would want to write it. Also, Josh Mulholland, the administrator of grants, will come and speak to us about how to write multifaceted grants (harvester, greeter, other activities).

Perk Card

B. Franzoni read an email from L. Conte stated that he was not sure the perk card had value, and that he felt someone else needed to take over the job of seeking perks from local businesses.

S. Moskowitz stated that he has used it at Gilmore's a few times and Birdseye Diner. From a membership point of view, a lot of people seem to want the perk card. It's part of their membership. It is an attractive item whether people use it or not.

E. Oppenheimer stated that she feels it should be continued because it is a viable, palpable membership benefit.

D. Brown questioned whether we are asking too much of businesses to give discounts and pay a business membership. She expressed that she feels the LBA should get rid of the perk card.

B. Franzoni stated that the board would table the perk card discussion until December 3rd meeting. If perk card is valuable to people, then we need to make it work.

North End Cutting

M. Morris stated that the concern was that north end residents felt there was a big increase in lily regeneration after cutting.

B. Wood stated that the only thing that will hold back water lilies is dredging, but it would have to be repeated over and over.

E. Oppenheimer noted that the harvester cannot touch lily pads. She also pointed out that at Little Lake, where they have been aerating-no lily pads or milfoil are present. Aeration costs \$4500 per acre to set up and it is amortized over the length of use of aeration. There is an additional cost of \$270 per month for electric for compressors.

Committee Reports

Social

D. Brown stated that Sip Bomoseen was great and just under \$2000 profit went to LBPT.

Ecoharvester

B. Wood stated that he provided a report at last meeting as a working draft and has since done some minor revisions, which he can distribute via email. He also stated that he spoke to attorney

Gary Kupferer last week. T. Moran was going to call Weeder's Digest. B. Wood provided the attorney with instruction manual and email records. The attorney says the biggest thing we can hang our hat on is that it does not make speed advertised on Weeder's Digest and in the owner's manual.

B. Wood expressed that the operation of harvester cannot be sustained with volunteers. Also, he feels that if the LBA wants to make the harvester a better skimmer, we should modify permit.

E. Oppenheimer stated that the aquatic nuisance manager at the state is writing a letter to the EcoHarvester manufacturer.

Website

B. Franzoni stated that he would contact the graphic design teacher at Hartford to see if any students would be interested in helping with the website design.

The next meeting will take place on December 3rd, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned 8:40 P.M.