

**Meeting Minutes  
Lake Bomoseen Association, Inc.  
Annual Meeting**

By: Britt Gilman, Assistant to the Secretary  
Date: June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Location: The Jeffords Center  
Castleton State College

**Attending Board Members:**

John Hale, Claude LaPerle, Terry Moran, Bob Franzoni, Ellen Oppenheimer, Wenda Bird, Davene Brown, Luca Conte, George Davis, MJ Hochberg, Mike Morris, Steve Moskowitz, Bill Wood, Mike Rosen

**Also Attending:**

55 general members  
1 non-member

**A quorum was present.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M. E. Oppenheimer stated that this would be her last meeting acting as President, and thanked everyone for all the support.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the annual meeting dating 6/28/14 were unanimously accepted and passed by a floor vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

C. LaPerle presented the Treasurer's Report (please see attached). A summary of his presentation is as follows:

- There is a new item on the balance sheet under Water Quality—Purchase of Harvester/Trailer
- The CD was cashed in to pay for the Harvester
- The checking balance is \$23,890.64
- The money market is back up to \$53,830.89 due to fundraising efforts by the 200 club
- Milfoil management for the North end was not provided due to mechanical problems, but remains in the budget

- The Greeter Program funds are there in case the grant does not cover all the expenses, but it is not anticipated that those funds will have to be used
- A legal expense was incurred due to the LBA forming a sister organization, the Lake Bomoseen Preservation Trust, that would be tax deductible and tax exempt
- The insurance expense surpasses the budget, but that is strictly a matter of timing—the balance sheet is prepared on a cash vs. accrual basis
- The bank charge is for the penalty fee for cashing in the CD
- The operation and maintenance expense under Water Quality is related to greasing of the harvester and providing life jackets for the operators, as well as other mechanical needs
- B. Wood and T. Moran are managing the harvester—operators will not be hired, it will be strictly volunteers
- Increasing membership will be important. Membership has decreased significantly over the course of the past 10 years.
- Support has been requested from Castleton, Hubbardton, and Fair Haven for fireworks
- The website will be upgraded
- \$25,000 has been approved for a plant survey, but that will not be used unless the board feels it is needed or the state requires it
- Contractual work for the assistant to the secretary has a budget of \$1500
- The budget is not balanced, so any shortfall would come out of assets
- Insurance covers only the fireworks and the annual picnic in terms of events—any additional event would cost an additional \$250 to insure
- M. Hochberg stated that the rate is actually quite good for insurance
- Several members raised concerns about insurance not covering other socials, etc. The board will look into this—ACTION ITEM
- The Harvester is covered by different insurance and is part of the operations budget

The floor approved the Treasurer's Report and the Budget unanimously.

**President's Report: Coalition of VT Lakes, Greeter Grant-Speaker, Dawn Custer, Hubbardton Town Clerk**

The agenda item was cancelled—D. Custer was not able to attend due to a family emergency.

**Lake Bomoseen Preservation Trust**

L. Conte described the creation of the Lake Bomoseen Preservation Trust. The board, with attorney input, decided to create a second organization that would be a tax deductible/tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Going forward, the relationship between the LBA and LBPT will be as follows:

- The LBA will put on social programs and fireworks, etc.
- The LBPT will focus on water quality and lake preservation. The sole mission is to improve the quality of the lake. If a second harvester is purchased, the LBA will own it through a grant issued by the LBPT.

- The 200 club is a function of the LBA, but may migrate to the LBPT.

### **Perk Cards**

L. Conte stated that he had perk cards for anyone who wanted them. He also urged people to inform local businesses that they are part of the LBA and that they support their business.

### **200 Club Fund Raising**

It was discussed that fundraising efforts have been going well but will need to continue. Donations can be made via paypal, but checks are preferable.

### **New Bylaws Approval**

M. Hochberg presented a draft of the new bylaws (please see attached) which were also posted on the website. She stated that she changed the structure of the bylaws, keeping as much of the language as was possible but in instances where it conflicted with current state requirements, the wording was changed as needed. She also stated that she did take details out where those details were not necessary. The goal is to allow the board to have flexibility in the management of the business of the LBA.

The floor approved the new bylaws unanimously.

### **Water Quality Committee: Harvester and Updates**

T. Moran described the Water Quality Committee updates. A summary is as follows:

- The Greeters Program is going well. The program began a week earlier than normal, and had a somewhat rough start. A manager has been hired, and things are running more smoothly. 343 boats have gone through the program so far. In the future, efforts will be made to expand the hours of the program.
- There will be continued monitoring of sediment coming down from Sucker Brook, which can create a good environment for milfoil. There is a grant available to help focus on Sucker Brook and the lake as a whole in the amount of \$25,000.
- The Harvester schedule will go on the website once it is established.
- The Harvester was purchased in December 2014 and was delivered May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The permit received from the state is good for 10 years. The Harvester can operate from June 20<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 A.M to 5 P.M. It will operate South of Float Bridge. The milfoil must be transported to non-wetlands locations for composting and drying, and 9 endangered plants must be avoided. The Harvester has been named the Bomobelle. Currently, the milfoil is going to Paul Flanders' organic farm. The first harvest was June 20<sup>th</sup>, and collected 1 cubic foot. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 cubic yard was collected. Volunteers are needed for a commitment of 4 hours every 2 weeks.

### **Membership and Communications**

Please update S. Moskowitz with any changes to your contact information.

### **Events Committee: Social, Recreational, Fireworks**

D. Brown stated that the Bomo Bash would be in the basement of Fishtail in the event of rain.

M. Morris voiced the importance of recreation around Bomoseen, and described some of the trails he has been working with town to maintain. He has also been coordinating with Amy Clapp, Program Director of the Town of Castleton Recreation Department.

### **Newsletter: Electronic Distribution**

B. Franzoni stated that an electronic newsletter will be distributed the last week of each month. Only one physical mailing per year will go out, which helps cut down on costs.

### **Nominations Committee: Slate**

J. Hale presented the slate. There are seven openings, and four people on the board have agreed to serve again: D. Brown, B. Franzoni, K. Cornell, and T. Moran.

There were no nominations from the floor.

The floor unanimously approved the presentation by the nomination committee.

Nominations were made for B. Franzoni for President and J. Hale for Secretary. The floor approved them unanimously.

E. Oppenheimer received a plaque for her service, and she presented the gavel to B. Franzoni.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

A suggestion was made to use the harvester as a fundraiser by offering to clear people's frontage for a fee. T. Moran is looking into this suggestion.

D. Brown stated that members will be getting LBA tags for their docs.

E. Oppenheimer stated that there are about 145 old maps left sell to businesses. Efforts are being made to create a new map.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.