

# Meeting Minutes

Lake Bomoseen Association, Inc.  
Board of Directors

Revised: 11/22/16

By: John Hale, Secretary

Date: November 17, 2016

Location: Castleton Community Center  
Rt. 4a, VT

## Attending Board Members:

Bob Franzone  
Wenda Byrd  
Terry Moran

Gary Chapman  
Steve Moskowitz  
John Casella, II

Davene Brown  
Bill Wood  
John Hale

## Absent Board Member(s):

Luca Conte  
Ellen Oppenheimer  
Steve Bender

George Davis  
Alan Rashes

Maryjean Hochberg  
Jay Sabataso

## Also Attending:

Diana Reynolds, Director  
LBA Greeter Program

## Guests:

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- The meeting was **called to order** by President Franzoni at 7:00 p.m.
  - The **Meeting Minutes** for the October 13, 2016, meeting were approved as presented.
  - Treasurer John H. presented **Financial Statements**: Balance Sheet at November 17, 2016, and Income Statements for the 12 months ending June 30, 2015, and for the 4 ½ months ending November 17, 2016. Total Assets are 143,383.86.

**Treasurer's Report (cont.)**

He reported that he has decided, after discussions with Bob F., to change back to Quicken as the accounting software, letting the Aplos software subscription expire.

John reported that as he transitions from the Aplos accounting system, details of the Income and Expense totals he presented on these Income Statements will be generated and distributed within the next 30 days. He confirmed that the Balance Sheet figures reconcile with the bank records.

\* Bob F. presented the **President's Report**:

\* Bob met with **Ann Bove of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation**, Watershed Management Division, Lakes and Ponds Management and Protection Program as planned. Ann suggested that a speaker from the Agency of Natural Resources address the LBA at our next Annual Meeting with particular focus on practical advice on how to be good stewards of our Lake. She introduced the Lake Wise Program to Bob (see below.)

\* Bob proposed that a special **Membership Information Packet** be generated and mailed to all Association members including an introduction to the Lake Wise Program.

A general discussion ensued: care to be sensitive about presenting the Shoreland Protection Act as some people are still angry about this State law; be sure to include an invoice for membership dues; any mailing should be done in February; the usual give-aways such as the logo decal and the Perk Card should be packaged in individually addressed envelopes to be picked up at the Annual Meeting rather than being mailed in response to receipt of a member's dues payment; Bob F. Will draft the packet wording for further consideration; Wenda B. offered to assist with the Shoreline Protection element.

Note: In this conversation, the **Association Dues** structure was discussed and confirmed by consensus to be retained at - \$60 for Individual Membership; \$80 for Business Membership; and \$40 for Friend Memberships.

\* Bob spoke of his plan to have our summer Greeter Program personnel pass out **garbage bags** to inputting boaters with the request that they take their garbage away with them for proper disposal.

**President's Report (cont.)**

- \* Membership (\$50 per year) in the **Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds** was discussed. The LBA was a member of this 402(c)3 but did not renew membership after an apparent misuse of the LBA name in some position paper. Some Board members said they thought this organization was so close to the State Agency of Natural Resources as to be “controlled” by them - that the organization is suspect because of that supposed association. Bob is to research the organization, its antecedents, its goals, its autonomy, and report back to the Board.
  
- \* Ms. Hillary Solomon, Director of the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District has been in conversation with the LBA (Bob F.) about a **Hot Water Pressure Cleaning** process that might be operated to service boats entering and/or leaving our Lake. Ms. Solomon has written a draft **grant application** for LBA possible presentation in either the State's December or February grant cycles. The grant, up to \$15,000, could be approved for the entire cost of the program: physical unit, operating costs, personnel expenses, etc. A general discussion ensued without conclusion: Bob F. will research more specific details and report back to the Board.
  
- \* Bob reported on the **2017 Fourth of July festivities** planned: the Boat Parade and the Fireworks themselves will take place on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> with a July 3<sup>rd</sup> rain date; the street parade and likely a community cook-out will take place on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.
  
- \* Diana Reynolds, the LBA **Greeter Program Director** spoke about the need for more active supervision of the Greeter personnel during their deployment in the summer.

Note: Steve M. and Maryjean H. will be writing next year's **Greeter Program grant** for the Association with the help of Ellen O.

- \* **Water Quality Committee** Bill Wood presented a summary of a number of **weed harvester machines** for the Board's consideration. There was general agreement that the LBA should aim to replace the Eco Harvester recently sold back to the manufacturer; that a machine of appropriate size and characteristics with all the functionality required to service our Lake should be identified; that necessary funds should be raised as required; and that this effort should be executed as soon as possible with an eye to having a boat in operation on Bomoseen by June, 2017.

**Water Quality Committee (cont.)**

Note: Exhaustive Detail of the options identified so far have been emailed to you by Bill Wood on Nov. 17, 2016, and are available upon request.

John C. offered the opinion that purchasing a larger machine first off rather than graduating from a smaller machine to start, would be prudent. The question of machine size generated a discussion about how, even whether, to service the Lake north of the Float Bridge. The concept of large donors being offered priority service was raised. No consensus or conclusions were reached. More fund raising was thought to be required at the hand of the Lake Bomoseen Preservation Trust.

- \* John H. and Bill W. confirmed their intention to pursue the printing and sale of the **topographical maps of the Lake bottom** as a fund raising technique.
- \* Bob F. proposed and all accepted the idea that the Board hold a **December meeting on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Community Center, to discuss the Membership Information Packets and the weed harvester situation only.
- \* The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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