

Meeting Minutes

Lake Bomoseen Association, Inc.
Board of Directors

By: John Hale, Secretary

Date: October 19, 2017

Location: Castleton Community Center
Rt. 4a, VT

Attending Board Members:

Terry Moran	Bob Franzoni
John Hale	Mark Miller
Gary Chapman	Luca Conte
Alan Rashes	Paul Collodi
Collin Fingon	

Absent Board Member(s):

Wenda Bird	Davene Brown
John Casella	George Davis
Bill Wood	Jay Sabatasso
Steve Bender	Ed Patch
Ellen Oppenheimer, Immediate Past President	

Also Attending:

Ray LaMoria, LBA Member
Patty & Tim Daren, New Neighbors
Tom Suly, LBA Member

Indian Point Homeowner Group:

Gil Nadeau	Lauri Kamuda
Joe Duffy	Leo Fairbanks

Guests:

None

- X The meeting was **called to order** by President Fanzoni at 7:00 p.m.
- X Secretary J. Hale presented the **Meeting Minutes for the July 20, 2017 (J. Hale); August 17, 2017 (G Chapman); and September 27, 2017 (G. Chapman)** were approved as previously presented.

X **Treasurer J. Hale** presented various reports:

- * **Membership:** Individual 306, Friend 17, Business 27. (This is a 36% increase in Individual memberships from those registered in July, 2016.)
- * In final figures, the **BomoBash Annual Picnic** had a net cash inflow of \$8,963 overall with \$6,990 accruing to the LBA and \$1,973 accruing to the LBPT.
- * The end-of-season **Sip Bomoseen dinner** generated a net cash inflow of \$1,064 accruing to the LBPT.

Note: Luca C. explained the **nature of the Lake Bomoseen Preservation Trust** (a 501(c)3 corporation, as being the “bank” for partners focusing on the ecology of the Lake, including the LBA.

- * **Net Worth at 10/17/17 was \$138,290** with a net cash out-flow of \$20,190 for the two and one half months of the fiscal year ending 10/17/17, primarily due to the \$19,175 final payments to Swamp Thing for the Pilot Project.

Note: **New Map** sales to 10/17/17 were \$12,500 with 75 Maps distributed.

* The **Indian Point Homeowners Group** presented and explained their proposed rule change Petition to the State:

- * The two principal goals of the rule change requested are **Safety** of swimmers close to shore and removing **Navigational** impediments to shoreline residents’ boats powering to and from the Lake.
- * The Group suggests a **three prong approach** to the overcrowding issues at Indian Point: Rule Change Petition; Policing the Lake; and Educating the boating public.

President F. thanked the group for their diligence and they left the meeting.

* **Indian Point Discussion:**

- * Tom Sully - definitely an issue
- * Paul Collodi - reasonable request
- * The Daren's - reasonable
- * Collin F. - questions the concept of State control of individual behavior
- * Terry M. - generally against governmental regulations; could live with supporting the group's right to petition, but without LBA endorsement
- * Ray LaMoria - if the requested rule passes, it would likely open a "can of worms" - everyone will want such a regulation in front of their property
- * Alan R. - this petition will not pass; we should submit the document without our blessing; the Board has an obligation to the other members
- * Luca C. - we may be rushing into a decision; agrees with Bill W.'s email comment that this should be discussed and voted upon by the general membership at an Annual Meeting; the LBA could be tarnished by not giving voice to all members; research is required to see how other Vermont lakes have handled these issues; consider making the area an official State Beach; while premature in our deliberations, would support passing the petition through without endorsement; Water Safety Committee should research further going forward
- * Gary C. - agrees with Alan and Luca; 200 feet is a huge distance; adding rules begets more rules; don't want such strict regulation like Lake George; would like a total buy-in from the membership
- * Mark Miller - agrees with Alan, Luca and Gary; would create precedent; feel for the homeowners but more diligence is required
- * John H. - have drafted an Alternate Cover Letter forwarding the Petition to the State authorities but without specific LBA endorsement; personally impacted by a 200 foot rule - grandchildren would have to leave an anchored boat and traverse through 65 yards of water to play on the sandbar.
- * Bob F. - a child was killed on Lake George last year from a traffic congestion issue and we don't want that here.

Note: President F. mentioned that a **final Board decision** will be made at the October 26th meeting. eMail voting will be accepted up to 6:00 p.m. on Oct. 26th: Please email both Bob Franzoni and John Hale choosing among the **three options** of 1) LBA letter presenting the Petition to the State with LBA endorsement, 2) LBA letter present the Petition without LBA endorsement, and 3) no LBA letter, the Indian Point group presents their own petition.

- * **Buoys on the Lake.** Bob F. presented the subject of the Association placing navigational warning buoys on the lake. The State police will not take on that responsibility. The Association's liability insurance does not cover any activity on the Lake. Eric Splatt of Woodard Marine has offered to sell the LBA "solar regulatory buoys" at his cost; place, remove and winter store the buoys.

Alan R. moved that the Association **purchase three such solar buoys** for up to \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Luca C. and passed unanimously.

- * **Greeters Program Update.** Bob F. reported that over this summer season, 2,241 boats were inspected during which 246 invasive species were discovered and cleared. Paul Collodi is writing the grant exit report.

- * **Lake Implementation Plan.** The next meeting of this State sponsored deliberation will be at the Castleton Community Center on Thursday, October 26th from 5:30 to 7:00, just before the next LBA board meeting.

- * **The Fourth of July Committee.** Comprised of Bob F., Davene B. And Jeff Larson, the Committee is planning the 2018 celebration. They hope Khele Sparks of the Lake Bomoseen Lodge may become involved with the Committee. All celebrations will be held on the actual Fourth which falls on a Wednesday in 2018. They are working with a \$6,000 budget.

- * **Sip Bomoseen.** Bob F. reported that a Fine Time was had by all at the dinner party which generated a profit of \$1,064 for the LBPT which was financially responsible for the affair.

- * **The 2018 Annual Meeting** will be held on Saturday, June 30th at a location to be determined; the Lake Bomoseen Lodge's third floor is being considered.

- * **Dues and Fund-raising.** Chairman Collin F. mentioned that his committee feels an increase in dues before finalizing plans for equipment purchase or other specific expenditures would be premature. Armed with a specific objective, fund-raising would be more successful.

Bob F. asked the Board whether the **Membership Letter (dues reminder)** expected to go out in January, 2018, (because of the change to calendar-year accounting) should be US Mailed to all 1,000 lake-front property owners as we did last year, or rather only to dues paying members on our records. It was decided that a full 1,000 name mailing will be done.

- * The **November Newsletter** will be published shortly. Articles to be included must be presented to Bob by 10/26.

- * **Water Quality Committee.** Terry M. reported that his committee is researching harvesting equipment: two harvesters, one transport barge, and one conveyor/trailer. Three manufacturers are under consideration. The current thinking is for those whose property-fronts are to be harvested, to pay individually for the service - Pay-to-Play. Terry mentioned that the Town of Castleton is holding \$17,000 in a reserve account earmarked for use to “control invasive weeds”. Grants for funding harvesting are to be pursued. Larry Kovar, Aquatic Analysts, New Jersey, is under consideration to provide equipment and personnel necessary to harvest privately (LBA members only) for the 2018 summer season. If equipment is purchased, a management company will be required to operate the machines under contract with the Association.

- * President F. will contact board member **Jay Sabatano** to see if he wants to resign.

- * The **next Board meeting** will be held Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Castleton Community Center.

- * The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00 p.m.

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