

Meeting Minutes

Lake Bomoseen Association, Inc.
Board of Directors

By: John Hale, Secretary

Date: May 17, 2018

Location: Castleton Community Center
Rt. 4a, VT

Attending Board Members:

Steve Bender	Bob Franzoni
Bill Wood	Mark Miller
Terry Moran	Alan Rashes
Tom Tully	John Hale

Absent Board Member(s):

Wenda Bird	Gary Chapman
George Davis	John Casella, Jr.
Paul Collodi	Luca Conte
Collin Fingon	Davene Brown

Ellen Oppenheimer, Immediate Past President

Also Attending:

Doug Casella

Guest:

Sue Kelly, Lake Hortonia

X The meeting was **called to order** by President Franzoni at 7:04 p.m.

X Secretary Hale presented the **Meeting Minutes for the March 22, 2018** meeting which were discussed including a 4/16/18 Revision in the Water Quality Committee - Harvester Acquisition and Operation Plan paragraph which reads “Note A: Refer to the 4/10/18 Minutes for better understanding of the “crane” offloading operation.”; these Revised Minutes were approved as presented.

The **Meeting Minutes for the April 10, 2018** meeting were approved as previously presented.

* Treasurer Hale presented the **Financial Statement for the period ending May 16, 2018** which show Total Assets of \$160,326 principally the checking account balances of \$100,300 and the initial deposit on the Aquamarine harvesting equipment of \$60,000.

Total Income for the 5 ½ month period was \$21,136 principally Membership Dues of \$16,666 and General Donations of \$3,270. Total Expenses were \$3,751 principally two mailings, contributions and legal fees associated with the Casella Construction Inc. contract. In the period, Association worth increased by \$17,385.

Membership currently stands at

Individual	254
Business	26
Friend	<u>10</u>
Total	290

* Bob F. thanked the Water Quality Committee in general and Mark M. and Doug Casella specifically for the fine work on the Harvest Program. Mark M. then reported on the **Water Quality Committee activities** especially the 2018 Harvest Program:

* 146 Payment Letter eMails have been sent out to those indicating interest in the Harvest.

* Using our estimate of four properties cut in a day, if we were to start the Program by June 20th, we would end the First Cut by August 24th; if we start on July 9th, the First Cut ends on August 31st. The Second Cut will commence right after the end of the First.

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These calculations are based on a five day work-week. Doug C. mentioned that working on weekends could be possible.

- * The Aquamarine equipment and personnel are expected to arrive in the last week of June.
- * Woodard Marine: Woodards offer at least three locations for launching our equipment; will shrink wrap and store our equipment off-season; offer their waterfront as an initial practice area; and will provide docking space for overnight mooring as may be required.
- * Bob F. reported that the State has formally approved of our use of both the Green Dump and the Float Bridge public ramps for launching our equipment.
- * Casella Construction, Inc. has assumed responsibility for insurance coverage for our equipment and also for Terry Moran's boat on loan, during the harvesting period and John H. is working on insurance coverage for the off-season.
- * We are offering custom-cuts of less than full property widths. Those interested will be given stakes and will mark their waterfront accordingly. Doug C. offered to supply stakes for those members needing them.
- * The Association will hold a Harvesting Forum on Saturday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m., at the Castleton Community Center; offering information and opportunity to ask questions. The topic will also be discussed at the Annual Meeting on June 23rd (9:00 a.m., Jeffords Center, Castleton University).
- * A Flash Page about the Harvest Program is being developed by Bob F. for our website.

* **Greeter Program - 2018**

- * Hours: Green Dump - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Float Bridge 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- * Some particulars: 14 Greeters have been interviewed, hired and trained; the Greeters are employees of our sponsor, the Town of Hubbardton; all boats are now legally obliged to submit to an inspection; outgoing boats are required to have their bilges drained; Greeters will have spanner wrenches on offer but

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will never touch a boat; the boat registration numbers of boaters who refuse inspection will be surreptitiously photographed and forwarded to the State Game Warden, Rob Sterling; if thunder is heard, Greeters are to leave their post for the day.

- * In-Kind Services: A 100% match of in-kind services is required to support our \$16,320 Federal Grant. Bob F. has proposed a schedule for all Board members who are to visit each of the two locations for about an hour on each of their assigned one or two days in the summer.
- * **By-Law Changes:** The changes proposed by the By-Law sub-committee were sent out to all Board members by eMail. After discussion, Bob F. offered to re-draft some suggestions, add new suggestions and amend technical points:
 - * Calendar Year is to be formally changed to a Calendar Year basis.
 - * The Attendance Requirement for Board members is to be eased to recognize that many Board members go south or are otherwise not on the Lake in the winter of the year. This section is to be re-drafted.
 - * Voting at Regular Board Meetings and also Annual Meetings is to be recorded from those physically present and from those participating via conference call. Voting by eMail is specifically precluded.
 - * In the paragraph for Meetings, the reference “. . . before the beginning of the new fiscal year . . .” is to be eliminated.

Note: There are two ARTICLE VI the **second of which should be changed to “ARTICLE VII:”**

* ARTICLE VI. CONDUCT OF LAKE BOMOSEEN ASSOCIATION BUSINESS, and

* ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

- * John H. proposed that, as to changes to the ByLaws, no conference call voting or eMail voting be allowed; that only those Board members physically present may vote to change the ByLaws.

- * The **State Lake Implementation Plan** was discussed. The State's representative, Josh Mulhollem has agreed to attend the next Board meeting on June 14th.
- * **Social Committee Report:** Davene B.'s written report was presented:
 - * The first social, the Spring Fling at the Tap House on May 15th was successful with about 46 people in attendance. \$195 was made from the raffle. The \$15 entrance fee was passed directly through to the venue for the two drinks and appetizers which were included.
 - * The June 28th Social, to be held at the Palms restaurant, and the July and August socials will follow this same format at local restaurants.
 - * The September social will be the famous Chili Cookoff, a BYOB affair at the Woodard Showroom. The equally famous Sip Bomo social will be held on October 13th.
 - * Davene is now collecting donations for the Silent Auction at this year's BomoBash, to be held on Saturday, June 30th, at 5:00 p.m., lakeside at the Lake Bomoseen Lodge. Each Board member is reminded to bring two dozen cupcakes.
- * Bob F. reminded us that the **Celebrate Castleton Day** will begin Wednesday, July 4th with Breakfast at the Tap Room from 7:30 to 9:30, continue with the Village Parade starting at 10:30 (the new Harvester will be in the Parade); the annual Boat Parade on the Lake starting at 2:00 p.m.; a Barbecue at the Lake Bomoseen Lodge at 4:00 p.m.; and conclude with music at Crystal Beach at 5:00 p.m.; and the fireworks at around 9:00 p.m.. The next day, July 5th is the rain date for the fireworks.
- * Steve B. reported on a request he received for **the commercial use of the Association's mailing list**. After discussion the following **Motion** was made (moved by Alan R. and seconded by Tom T. and Bill W.):

As a matter of policy, the Lake Bomoseen Association will not distribute or provide its Member List under any circumstances to anyone (official Board business excepted).

- * John H. opened discussion of the LBA's relationship with the Lake Bomoseen Preservation Trust in light of recent interaction with that entity. He opined that the LBA Board abrogated its responsibility to decide a course of action and allowed the LBPT to make the final decision about when, and even whether, a course of action can be followed.

John questioned whether the LBA should continue to funnel donations to the LBPT. Bob F. said this subject will be an agenda item at the June 14th Board meeting.

- * The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:58 p.m.

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