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Lake Mohawk Preservation Foundation

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Board Meeting 6/27/18

LMCC, 21 The Boardwalk, Sparta, NJ

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Bill Askin

In attendance: Bill Askin, Brenda Klumpp, Marie Cramer, Mike Whittam, Jim Wardell, Laura Parker, Tom Murray, Karin Kraska, Holly Fiorella, Pam Vreeland, Craig Kalucki

Volunteers: Bill Askin Sr (Treasurer), Gene DePrez (President Emeritus), Ernie Hofer (LMCC Liason)

<u>Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Meeting Minutes</u> – Quorum was confirmed and Bill introduced the meeting minutes from 5/23/18. Vote to approve May 23 minutes, motion was called by Brenda, seconded by Jim, no additional discussion. Vote to approve was unanimous.

Presidents Report -Annual Insurance bill for officers is due.

Action: Jim made a motion to pay the bill for DNO insurance, Mike seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous.

<u>Membership Committee</u> - Mike presented a "share session" about ACT software-our database of volunteer and donor names.

Suggestions about need to add vendor list: Sponsors of events, engraver for awards. Brenda asked about the bulk importing of donors and will contact Mike for uploading. Mike encourages all to go online and add info as needed.

Action: Mike will resend login information to all.

<u>Finance Committee/Treasurers report</u> - Monthly and year to date treasurer's report presented. Financial records can be uploaded into ACT software. Discussion about spend policy. Discussion about budgeting for events. Discussion about possible need for a corresponding secretary for thank you notes, or confimation that thank yous have been sent.

Mike presented a motion to approve the spend policy as written. Marie seconded.

It was mentioned that we need to include current goals and bylaws in the document. These are older. A spend policy is for spending on grants *not spending on fundraisers*-they are different (event should have budgets).

Spending on events/budgeting needs to be discussed in the future. Bill suggests making a budget by Jan. 2019. Mike suggests not restating the policy regarding asset allocation in the spend policy document.

Action 1: Motion for spend policy is tabled until next meeting.

Karin asked to delete some sentences, Mike also wants deletions. Laura suggests a different spend amount as well as adding history committee spending as a restricted account. Email comments to Pop. We will vote on this at our next meeting.

Action 2: Laura made a motion to approve treasurer's report; seconded by Holly; Unanimously passed.

Bill, Tom and Mike left the meeting. Volunteer Brian Romanowski from fishing club came.

<u>LMCC Fishing Club</u>: Would be interested in running a 50/50 or raffle on behalf of LMPF. Laura made a motion to allow the fishing club to collect money in our name as long as it complies with our investment policy statement. Seconded by Pam.

After much discussion about restricted funds, the motion was tabled until we have a spend policy in place.

<u>Grant Application Committee</u>: No recent requests for funding. Laura announced that the LMCC Lake Committee is beginning a "citizen scientist" project for evaluating lake water quality. At this time only the big lake has a plan for maintenance. The committee is beginning the endeavor with a children's program at Upper Lake. There may be a future grant request for small items like backpacks or t-shirts.

Gene discussed the Floating Classroom boat at Lake Hopatcong. The purchase of the floating classroom was made by support from <u>USA TODAY Network's "A Community Thrives" program</u>, the James P. Verhalen Family Foundation and the Szigethy family. Information is available on thier website: https://lakehopatcongfoundation.org/what-we-do/education/floating-classroom/

Gene would be interested in investigating this further by renting the boat for the day as we consider possibilities for Lake Mohawk. There are some differences, Lake Hopatcong is a public lake, lake Mohawk is private. Board members do have contacts with the organization.

<u>Annual Lake Preservation Recognition Celebration -</u> November 16, 2018. Marie mentioned that she is acquiring quotes for Audio Visual and has one for \$3,000. There will still be a need for volunteers to help with set up and tear down like last year (we used volunteers from Pope John). Marie was asked to contact Debbie Graybill for identifying other companies for AV. Pam also has a name of someone who lives in the lake who does this kind of work and will connect.

Pam discussed the company she found who does silent auctions. She will ask about pricing.

<u>Earth Day</u> - Craig is planning for a big kickoff on Friday night next year. Followed by a smaller cleanup. Laura asked that it be held the weekend after Earth Day (ED is a Tuesday) to get the best weather. Ernie mentioned that a big celebration is fine but we should not overlook the need and purpose of the cleanup.

Labor Day 5K -Monday 9/3 Sponsor donations are coming in.

<u>Communications Committee:</u> Website is updated with minutes. Please give her any sponsor names for 5K so that she can add them to site. Still having issues getting LMCC website to link to our site. Pam will followup.

<u>LMCC Liason report</u> - Plans to bring Snake Island to a conclusion in 2 months. Ernie is meeting with Princeton Hydro and understanding the DEP regulations. Costs range from \$30,000 to \$250,000. The club has no surplus funds this year. We could consider Snake Island a "special project" and have funds donated to it specifically.

Grant opportunities: Stormwater management/erosion control s are needed by LMCC.

<u>Fundraising Committee</u> - Holly and Craig are working on getting a date at for an event at the Tiki Bar. Movie night is still a consideration. Beach 3 has the equipment. Mike has the knowledge. Other locations for it: Happy Valley and Beach 5 in August. Still evaluating possibilities for a "lake tour" for next year.

Action: Holly and Craig to report back

No further Business discussed

<u>Calendar</u> - Dates set for 2018 Board meetings. **Next meeting at 6pm**

July 25

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 28

Motion to adjourn: moved by Holly/seconded by Pam. Passed by unanimous vote.