



**LAKE MOHAWK**  
PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

**Science and Nature Working Together**

**Lake Mohawk Preservation Foundation**

*A Tax Exempt 501(c)(3) All Volunteer Charitable Organization, lakemohawkpf.org*

**Board Meeting 1/22/20**

at LMCC

MINUTES

In attendance: Bill Askin, Jim Wardell, Brenda Klumpp, Marie Cramer, Laura Parker, Rebecca Gillespie, Craig Kalucki, Lauren Karnacewicz, Tom Murray

Volunteers/guests: Bill Askin, Sr. (treasurer), Julia Kelly, Emily McGuckin (AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador), Tom Nerviano, Jeanette Burke, Kaela Burke, Mike Madden, Barbara Wade, Sabine Watson

Call to Order, Special Guest, Sabine Watson – Quorum was confirmed at 6:40pm.

Sabine spoke about a DEP Grant application to battle HABs. Matching funds from the requesting organization is required (1/3,2/3). LMCC has confirmed that they will cover this portion. The grants are only available to 501c3 orgs or governments (not LMCC). Time is tight for the application process. The requirements for the grant make it difficult for most communities. LMCC must spend the money, then be reimbursed.

Our Lakes are very different than others in the state because many effected lakes are reservoirs and are deep. Our lakes need special “out of the box” treatments for HABs because they are shallow.

Costs for treatments outlined by Sabine: \$160,920 state/ \$79,910 LMCC. Current LMCC budget allows for some of this expenditure. But LMCC needs backing from a Govt agency, municipality or nonprofit.

Bill suggested that maybe we could give some money as a show of cooperation.

**Action:** Motion to support & apply for the grant as outlined by Sabine was made by Jim, seconded Laura. All trustees voted in favor of Sabine applying for a grant on behalf of LMPPF.

Introductions – Welcome guests. Kaela is a Junior in HS/interested in participating with our activities. Jeanette is a realtor in town.

Approval of minutes—Craig moved to approve minutes/Jim seconded. Vote to approve minutes was unanimous.

President’s report – Pam Vreeland resigned from the board but will be continue to participate in activities. We now have an open position. Discussion involved the number of trustees we have and want.

Discussion about a Strategic Planning Meeting for **Saturday, February 29. 10am-2pm.** Location TBD.

We will not have a speaker. Below were the December ideas for the meeting:

*Ideas for Strategic Planning meeting:*

- Set a calendar/schedule for events
- Who wants to be on what committee?
- Consider a new winter event
- Brainstorm Recognition Celebration (1-1 ½ hours)-more Formal? Casual? Band?
- Conflict of interest policy
- New Education Event? Rain Garden.
- 50/50

**Action:** Craig will contact Tanti Baci to see if we can have lunch there for 12 people. Consider a budget of approximately \$35 pp.

Bill reviewed our 2020 calendar. Pam had recently taken on the position of corresponding secretary, writing thank you notes, etc.

**Action:** Lauren volunteered to be corresponding secretary.

Finance Committee/Treasurers report- (Pop, Jim, Brenda, Joe Biondo) Pop reminded us that we can always see a copy of the balance sheets if needed. Current assets \$64,787.23 (\$47,150 in the investment account). No solid numbers from the November Event. Sorting is difficult as money for raffle tickets, silent auction, checks (both donations and sponsorships) all came to Pop in a brown paper bag which will require sorting. Over \$900 has come in over PayPal and through Facebook since last fall.

**Action:** Special mention donations from John & Grace Soldoveri Foundation for \$1000 and Richard Shindell of Rainbow Trail, \$3000. Can our corresponding secretary send a thank you?

Pop would like to have someone assist him with treasurer duties. Please speak with Bill & Pop. Brenda has expressed an interest.

**Action:** Motion to accept treasurers report made by Craig, seconded by Laura. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee- (Jim, Rebecca, Pam) Nominations for new 2020 Officers and Trustees:

- Two open positions: Holly and Pam resigned (positions expire end of 2020)
- Renewal positions are: Craig, Tom, Laura, Marie

**Action:** A recommendation was made by the committee to reactivate Laura, Craig, Marie and Tom for terms that expire 2022. (Jim made motion, Rebecca seconded). Motion approved

The committee made a recommendation to fill our 2 open positions.

**Action:** Jim motioned for Tom Nerviano to serve on the board, Marie seconded, Motion carried. Rebecca motioned for Julia Kelly to serve on the board, Laura seconded, Motion carried.

Lake Preservation Recognition Celebration (Brenda, Marie, Pam) Volunteers needed for this committee. Brenda revised a verbal report about the event. No concrete numbers. She will work with Pop to make a report. Will discuss at Strategic Planning meeting. Awaiting written report.

Earth Day- (Craig, Laura, Rebecca, Lauren). Sat. April 25. Will distribute supplies and advertise with a table on Friday, April 24 at LMCC. Will distribute supplies in am there as well. Party starts at 5pm Saturday. The theme is climate change (national earth day foundation). We have a band who will play for no charge.

We have decided to go with Beanies rather than shirts at a lesser expense. We are looking for sponsors. Suggestion to contact environmental attorneys, REI, PSEG Patagonia and others. Emily announced that DEP is also celebrating 50 years and we can add our information to their announcements/website. Emily can assist. Kaela is interested in getting support from HS students. Next meeting will be to discuss sponsors and advertisement.

**Action:** Next Earth Day meeting Feb. 12 at LMCC, 6:30.

Grant Committee- (Laura, Craig, Marie, Holly) No report

Communications Committee- (Rebecca, Craig, Laura). Rebecca will email another newsletter with details for Earth Day. Bill suggests a meeting is needed to coordinate communication efforts.

Fundraising Committee (Craig, Bill, Pop, Lauren) Lauren discussed event for next Spring.

Education Committee (Marie, Craig, Emily) Laura mentioned that she has reached out to Rutgers for a speaker on Rain Gardens.

Old Business- none

New Business- Emily discussed the Sparta Environmental Commission. They are interested in mapping all waterfront areas in town. We should participate on this commission and with this effort.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20. Motion by Jim and seconded by Marie.

Meetings 2020, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7pm

Feb. 26

Strategic Planning Feb. 29 10am-2pm, Tanti Baci, White Deer Plaza

Mar. 25

April 22

May 27

June 24

July 22

Events 2020

April 25, Earth Day, celebration in the evening

Sat. June 20, Paddle for Clean Water

July/August Tiki Bar event?? Bill

Sept. 7 Labor Day 5 K

Oct. Fall cleanup

November 20, Award Celebration

Other events??

Hold 50/50 raffle at each event??