



LAKE MOHAWK
PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Science and Nature Working Together

Lake Mohawk Preservation Foundation

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

Board Meeting 2/26/20

at LMCC

MINUTES

In attendance: Bill Askin, Brenda Klumpp, Laura Parker, Craig Kalucki, Lauren Karnacewicz, Tom Nerviano

Excused: Marie Cramer, Jim Wardell, Julia Kelly, Rebecca Gillespie

Volunteers/guests: Bill Askin, Sr. (treasurer), Emily McGuckin (AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador), Jeanette Burke, Kaela Burke, Ernie Hofer, Bob Atkinson

Call to Order– Quorum was confirmed at 7:10pm.

Introductions – Welcome guests. Bob was a previous trustee of LMPF as well as of LMCC, so was Ernie

Approval of minutes—Lauren moved to approve minutes/Tom seconded. Vote to approve minutes was unanimous.

President’s report- Review of event dates. Will discuss at strategic planning meeting.

Snake Island/Bob Atkinson- Presented size comparisons (on engineering plans) from 1930s to current:

From 100 ft in length to 36 ft. now. Area of 2675 SF to 345 now. Ernie and Bob staked it out last year.

Bob proposes to restore it to a “wildlife habitat.” This would be a DIY project. Concept has changed

since he last spoke with the Foundation to a Gabion retaining wall filled with 4” rocks (from boulders).

Approximately, 145 ft. perimeter. LMCC does not have money for this project. FOSI (friends of Snake

Island) has formed and there is a \$10,000 commitment for the project at this time. They would like to

use LMPF as their funding vehicle. We would facilitate fundraising and they would like us to commit

money for the project. We would also need to show the NJDEP that we support the project as a

charitable organization. Papers are currently being drafted to submit to the DEP.

Thought is that the project will cost around \$10,000.

Discussion about the longevity of the retaining walls. Discussion about it being a volunteer project and

volunteer resources. Kaela mentioned that the National Honor Society at the Sparta HS requires Science

volunteer hours. Other sources include SCCC student volunteers.

Action: Bill told Bob that if the LMCC BOT supports this project, we will support it as a sponsor. If the NJDEP supports the project, we will then consider funding for the project.

COLA Update/Ernie- COLA just completed their Strategic Plan and have goals of growing to 100 (from 83) members.

They have re-established an Education and Outreach Committee. The Co-chairs live in our area. They can educate at events, have skills in grant writing, giving presentations, and other areas of expertise. 2020 focus is HAB mitigation and prevention.

Bill asked about dues -\$90, and suggested LMPF should consider becoming a member.

Emily is also able to educate and train as a paid staff member for the Wallkill River Watershed MG. She can train volunteers to test water quality, but only along the Wallkill River (which includes Lake Mohawk).

Action: Will discuss more at Strategic Planning meeting.

Finance Committee/Treasurers report- (Pop, Jim, Brenda) Current assets \$68,487.73 (\$41,457.50 in the investment account). Still attempting to formulate numbers from the November event: Income from donations, tickets and other receipts are \$9,367.98. Expenses are \$4474.50; for a profit of \$4,893.48. Brenda's tally was \$4814.00

Action: Motion to move \$10,000 to investment account made by Brenda, seconded by Tom. Motion passed. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Laura, seconded by Brenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Earth Day- (Craig, Laura, Rebecca, Lauren). Sat. April 25. Kaela discussed helping secure HS volunteers. Plans are moving along. Info has been posted on the website and on Facebook. Looking for sponsors. **Next Earth Day meeting March 18, 6:30 at LMCC**, all are welcome.

Education- (Marie, Craig, Emily) Emily is available to do workshops on the following topics: Zero Waste, Rain Garden and Rain Barrel. She has an idea for a rain garden location near Twin Hickory Docks and will investigate it further.

New Business- Emily-SCMUA is having an **Earth Day Event 4/22 9:30-2pm**. She needs volunteers to man the booth! Contact Emily if you can help.

Old Business- Outline of Agenda for Strategic Planning Meeting for **Saturday, February 29. 10am-2pm**. Tanti Baci, starting promptly at 10.

Ideas for Strategic Planning meeting:

- Legal: revamp COI policy, review/Update Bylaws
- Committees: Recognition Celebration-ideas and planning. Strategy for committees.
- Fundraising

Meeting adjourned at 8:20. Motion by Brenda and seconded by Craig.

Meetings 2020, 4th Wednesday at 7pm

Mar. 25

April 22

May 27

June 24

July 22

Aug. 26

Events 2020

New member reception at LMCC Mar. 22

April 25, Earth Day, celebration in the evening beginning at 5

Sat. June 20, Paddle for Clean Water

July/August Tiki Bar event?? Bill

Sept. 7 Labor Day 5 K

Oct. Fall cleanup, Lauren

November 20, Award Celebration

Other events??

Hold 50/50 raffle at each event??