

Board of Directors Meeting

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10th, 2019, Work Commons

President Mary Pat Goulding opened the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Present: Officers: Mary Pat Goulding (president), Dave Converse (vice president), Jennifer Hopkins (treasurer), Stan Chop (secretary) Board members – Marnie MacKenzie, Andy Major, Vincent Montoro, Hillary Potter, Bill Round, and Pat Vana. Also attending: Member, Valerie Dillon Absent: Don Hendrich, and Beth Torpey

Secretary's Report:

Pat moved and David seconded approval of the minutes for the March 13, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

Memberships are coming in. Jennifer just deposited about \$200 of membership dues. Kendall and Jennifer are trying to set up an accounting system that will help clarify monies that come in one year but are subsequently used in the next year, which can be confusing.

May Pat will meet with an organization on 20 May to see if the organization will become a benefactor. Mary Pat, Marnie, Kendall and Jennifer have worked on a powerpoint presentation to entice organizations to donate. Money will go to the general fund. It was suggested that the powerpoint could be put on the website.

By-laws

Jennifer received some corrections regarding the new by-laws. Mary Pat mentioned the his/her issue needs to be consistent. The members present tonight gave suggestions for rewording to avoid the dilemma. Membership year coincides with the calendar and fiscal year. Mary Pat suggested that all persons interested should be allowed to join the association.

Mary Pat brought up a point in reference to director and assistant director as covered by Article 7. Also in article 7, it was suggested to capitalize and spell out Electronic Vote. Mary Pat also mentioned that there should be consistent use of "shall" and "will." Pat, Bill and Jennifer were thanked for their work on the by-laws.

Pat moved and Bill seconded the motion to approve the new by-laws as discussed today. The motion was passed.

PO Box Change

We have a PO Box in Derby which is good until June. For \$74 we can set up a PO Box at the Newport PO. Mary Pat suggested 2007 for a PO Box number. Pat moved and Bill seconded the motion that we changed post offices. The motion was passed.

Upcoming Events

We will be doing the Prouty Beach 3rd grade exploration event again this year during the last week of May and the first week in June.

Friends of the Missisquoi will do a bird walk on 8 June at Eagle Point at 8:00 am.

Green up day, 4 May. We will join the city and possibly the Land Trust to work on clean up.

June 29. Gail has reserved kayaks for the event.

Committee Reports:

Water Quality

Andy mentioned that Kimberly Jensen from Vermont State will organize an invasive species talk from 9-2 on Lake Salem on July 28th.

There will be about 6 greeter trainings. Salem folks will go to Westmore for the training. Greeters in Newport will be city employees.

Membership

Hillary, Pat and Stan met to develop a membership plan. Pat did an email blast to past members and a blast to the boat slip owners.

Hillary has been working on the Barton/Orleans area for membership.

Valerie mentioned that generally no-one signs up for a committee. There was discussion on how effective these email notices are. Andy mentioned that he would share our membership information at his next Salem Lake meeting. Maybe we should go to the marketing teacher at the high school for help with social media. Victor mentioned sending the schools a notice regarding a possible contest to develop a social media project promoting membership to the association.

Hillary mentioned that she won an hour of Mark Shelton music that could be used for our membership meeting. Mary Pat is also trying to get a speaker for the event.

Scholarships

There are six students that have already applied for our scholarships.

Employee Report

It was sent out.

Other Business

Dave mentioned that ownership of the Northern Star hasn't occurred yet. The hold-up is paperwork that needs to go to the Coast Guard.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stan Chop
MWA Secretary