

**April 15, 2010 Board Meeting
Messalonskee Lake Association
Minutes**

Present:

Mike Willey
Lorne McMillan
Bob Nardi
Mark Fisher
Dave Corwin

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

2010 Membership Drive / Newsletter

Bob Nardi reported that the Newsletter draft had been started, but that we needed to review and add more material. The Board reviewed the draft and suggested several possible additions including:

- Appeal for volunteers and equipment for the Milfoil Initiative - Willey
- Information on the Milfoil Workshop at Colby in June - Nardi
- Information on the Aquafest program being sponsored by BRCA - Nardi
- A brief article on the contractor who rescued one of the lake residents from going through the ice this past winter- Mark Fisher

Information will be given to Bob in the next week so that Bob can finalize the draft with Haskins Printing and plan to mail the newsletter by the end of the month.

2010 Maine Milfoil Initiative

Based on the information gained at our last Maine Milfoil Initiative workshop, money will be distributed in the following fashion:

- One half the grant (\$6750.00) will be distributed initially, probably in a couple of weeks from now
- One quarter of the grant (\$3375.00) will be distributed mid summer after an initial report
- One quarter of the grant will be distributed at the end of the summer after a final report

MLA will manage and coordinate Milfoil Management in conjunction with the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance. (BRCA). BRCA has the infrastructure to help administer, account, and hire resources to work on the program. MLA

does not have this infrastructure at this point. MLA will pay BRCA \$1500.00 for this management and administration of the program..

Lorne and Mike reviewed a preliminary budget (attached). There are still a lot of loose ends including the fact that the Oakland funding is dependent on approval at the Oakland Town meeting and the fact that we just learned that both Sidney and Belgrade did NOT approve our request for \$500.00.

Additional Grant applications for matching funds are also being tracked. There are three grants outstanding at this time

Heritage Fund - \$5000.00
DEP Milfoil Grant - \$3000.00
Grassroots Grant - \$2500.00

The board agreed to focus on the following Milfoil activities for the next month as we need to keep the process moving to be prepared for the summer season:

- Recruit a Project Manager for the Milfoil Initiative Project. This could be a hired position that will require approximately 160 hours of time starting about the middle of May and ending at the end of August. Mike Willey and Lorne McMillan will follow up with Peter Kallin on this in the next week.
- Meet with Peter Kallin and Dan Buckley to review the plans for mapping the lake. This activity needs to be started early to create a base line of data for our work. Previous surveys need to be updated and mapped to select targets for the summer and to provide benchmarks for the effect of our actions. Peter has been asked to arrange this meeting soon
- Publish the newsletter no later than April 30th
- Draft an add that will be used in the newsletter, on the website and published in the local paper that requests help and equipment on specific needs including:
 - Divers for Hand Pulling and DASH boat work
 - Assemblers and Installers for Benthic Barriers
 - Lake resident milfoil monitors to survey their areas and to supplement the Milfoil Mapping
 - Donations of a Pontoon Boat platform for DASH construction or Barrier Placement

Corporate Sponsors

Lorne McMillan will follow up with the corporate sponsor letters to get them out close to the publication of the newsletter so we can include the newsletter in the appeal

Lake Safety Boat

Ned Hammond and Ed Pearl have previously reported that the boat auction that took place on April 1st was not successful and that our bid was low by a substantial amount. Follow up at the next board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm

MLA Stand Alone Activities and Budget			
	Income	Expenses	
Membership Dues	3500		
Belgrade Contribution	0		
Sidney Contribution	0		
Oakland Contribution	2500		
Corporate Contributions	1000		
General Expenses			
Conservation Corps Fees		1750	
Courtesy Boat Inspections		1500	
Newsletter		800	
Website Maint		450	
Annual Meeting Charges		350	
Director Insurance		500	
MLA Cash Match		1250	
Boat Related			
Boat Purchase			
Insurance			
Boat Maintenance			
Boat Operating Costs			
Boat Storage			
Registration			
Bank Balance 5/1/2010	11000		
TOTALS	18000		6600

Maine Milfoil Initiative Budget			
	Grant	Match	Expenses
Fish & Wildlife Grant	13500		
DEP Grant		3000	
Grassroots Grant		2500	
Heritage Fund		5000	
Conservation Corps Fees		1750	
MLA Cash Match		1250	
Travel, Boat Expenses, Other			700
PBR Renewal			65
Field Coordinator			3000
Management and Plan Update			5000
Detailed Mapping			4000
Installing Eight Barriers			4000
Hand Pulling with Divers			1000
DASH Boat Rental / Operation			5000
Publicity			350
Equipment - GPS, Aquascope, etc			1000
BRCA Staff Support and Oversight			1500
TOTALS	13500	13500	25615