

# MRLA Annual Meeting Minutes June 26, 2021

The 2021 annual meeting of the Mousam Lake Region Association was held at the Acton Fairgrounds on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 68 members were in attendance including directors Mark Rousseau, Rebecca Talley, Amy Chartrain, Gary Thibodeau, Gary Brown, Dick Jagger, Roger Gutner, Jamie Verity, Rich Eagleston, James Gilbert, Glenn Baxter, David Landry, plus a number of invited guests.

**Call to Order:** President Mark Rousseau called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**President's Report:** Mark introduced the directors and officers of the MLRA and discussed the many accomplishments of organization during the past year despite Covid-19. He recognized the heroic efforts of Patty Baxter with the membership roles and the longstanding contribution Joe Field has made by providing sound and AV support for the annual meeting over many years. Joe was presented with a gift certificate. Mark noted the excellent job Amy Chartran and Rebecca Talley are doing with the MRLA Newsletter.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** The Annual Meeting Minutes for 2019 were accepted. No meeting was held in 2020 due to Covid.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jamie Verity presented the association's financial report noting that anonymous donors had contributed \$5000 and \$2500 to the MLRA respectively. The MLRA contributed \$650 to the ASYCC. Jamie noted despite Covid, 75% of members were up to date on their dues with 40% contributing amounts in excess of the dues. He also commended Patty Baxter on her outstanding work with the membership roles. There are currently 491 active MLRA dues paying members.

## **Guests:**

Bill Mageary, selectman town of Shapleigh was acknowledged. Bill noted the work the MLRA has done to protect water quality in Mousam Lake and the town's commitment to lake related issues.

Game Wardens Mike Lattie and Justin Fowle gave a much-appreciated discussion of water safety, enforcement on Mousam Lake, and common boating laws. A substantial amount of time was spent in a Q&A session with the membership asking questions that including loon harassment by boaters, lights on buoys, overcrowding of Mousam Lake, and alcohol consumption by boaters. Two contact numbers for the warden service were given: 207-624-7076 to report loon harassment and 207-477-8588 as a general contact number.

Sherry Brunault of the Three Rivers Land Trust gave a brief presentation of the organization's work including ongoing fundraising to protect lands in York County. A display and handouts were available to the membership.

Kent Haake president of the ASYCC discussed organization's work in regard to Courtesy Boat inspections, Youth Conservation Corps, and Invasive Plant Patrol efforts. There are 12 boat inspectors at the boat launch and Mousam which is seeing incredible boating pressure with almost 10,000 inspections in 2020 which represented over 10% of state's total inspections last year. Kent noted that one of the boat inspectors found milfoil on a boat about to be launched and kept it from entering Mousam. The ASYCC completed 10 projects on Mousam in 2020 most of them for the 319 grant.

**Water Quality:** Dick Jordan gave the water quality report and noted that Mousam Lake continues to see good water quality in regard to secci disc readings. He made a plea for better buffer strips and less lawns.

**319 Grant Update:** Dave Landry gave an update on the 319 grant. There have been 10 ASYCC projects done to date with 5 more planned for this summer. There have been 3 larger road projects done with 2 more planned for the summer of 2021. The Phase 1 part of the grant will finish this year with an addition \$65,994 awarded as Phase 2 money to be used in 2022. The lake protection video, "Storm Water Runoff...a Threat to Maine Lake Water Quality", which was done as part of the grant was shown.

**New Business:** Members brought up and discussed shoreline erosion, higher than usual water levels, and the barge at the Foot of the Lake. Mark Rousseau noted the MLRA Cookbook done by Helen Vallaire. The summer schedule of events including the Boat Parade and the Fishing Derby, and the ASYCC Golf Tournament was noted.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made and seconded to conclude the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Mousam Lake Region Association.

**Director's Meeting:** Following the end of the general meeting Mark Rousseau called a brief meeting of the Directors of the MLRA. Directors with term expiring in 2021; Mark Rousseau, Rebecca Talley, Gary Thibodeau, James Gilbert, Rich Eagleston and Dave Landry agreed to serve another term. With regrets the MLRA accepted the resignation of Mark Rousseau as President and applauded the fine job he has done. Jamie Verity agreed to assume the role of president of the MLRA. David Landry will serve as secretary.

Respectfully,

David Landry, secretary