

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

June 13, 2019

Freedom Town Hall

Members Present: Chair Jim McElroy, Ned Kucera, Bruce Howlett, Gerard Constantino

Members Absent: Bill Elliott

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Roberta McCarthy, Susan Marks

Quorum: A quorum was met

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes for the May 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

Gerard made a motion, seconded by Ned to accept the minutes for the May 9, 2019, with the following amendment: Move Ned will help Jim go through the applications for the Lake Host position on Thursday to the last paragraph Under the Lake Host positions section of the minutes. **All were in favor.**

Review Invoices

NH Lakes Association

\$300.00

The membership fee for the Freedom Tri-Town milfoil comm.

Gerard made a motion, seconded by Ned to pay \$300.00 for the membership fee to NH Lakes Association. All were in favor.

Jim reported that Berry Bay Association donated \$200.00 to the FAISC.

Jim also reported he has a remittance showing a credit from the State of New Hampshire for \$360.00 dated 3/12/19 and it is unclear as to what the credit is for. Ned will call the number on the remittance to inquire what it is associated with.

Lake Host Position

Ned updated the committee that there is two new lake host. One will be at Rt. 25 boat ramp and will work Friday, Saturday and Monday, and another person has been hired and gone through the training, she will fill in on Sunday at the Rt. 25 ramp and the rest of the time at the Ossipee Lake Marina. A third person has been hired and will start early July, and all of his paperwork is passed in.

Ned has been volunteering hours for paperwork and a few hours at the Rt. 25 ramp. Discussion ensued around needing more volunteered hours worked to match paid hours. The budget was briefly discussed, and the formula how volunteered hours is calculated. Ned received a bill from NH Lakes for \$235.00. The invoice reflects the pledged cash amount, to be applied to the Lake Host. The amount billed is to cover the pay difference, because we are paying \$12.00 vs. \$11.00.

Ned made a motion to pay the NH Lakes bill for \$235.00, motion seconded by Gerard. All were in favor.

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Town contacts were briefly discussed. The Effingham contact is Emelyn Albert. It was also discussed that next year the other towns should help pay towards the Lake Host position (the pay gap). Ned proposed dividing the bill in fifths. Ned reiterated the need for volunteers, and there are classes coming up online on 6/13 and 6/23 the last class is 7/10/19.

New Business

Roberta McCarthy would like to do a follow-up article on the tri-town lake host program. She is requesting information explaining the facts of the tri-town lake host program. Ned will get her the information.

Roberta shared the information she learned while attending an NH Lakes conference regarding the CD3 cleaning station. It is a portable wash vehicle that is powered by solar and does not use any water from the site and uses no toxic chemicals. It works like a wet/vac. NH Lakes would like to set up some pilots across the state to do some education. The Rt. 25 boat ramp was discussed and the concerns with the site not being secure. One of the concerns is that there was not anyone attending the site, now that there is, Roberta would like to follow up with them and suggest that they come for at least one day, either a Saturday or Sunday to demonstrate and educate. NH Lakes Conference owns the machine.

Jim announced he has some health issues and is trying to scale back some on what he's doing. He would like to step down as the Chairmen but would still like to be on the committee. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The new treatment schedule will be coming out soon.

Roberta asked if there should be an increase in hours at the ramp on Rt. 25 during July and August. She suggested the \$200.00 Barry Bay donated going towards the extra hours and making a proposal to Ossipee Lake Alliance. Spot checking the ramp during the week to see how busy it is was discussed Ned suggested extending the hours on the weekend because those are definitely the busier days. Ned said next years process the hours can be adjusted when applying for the grant.

There being no other business to come before the board, **A motion was made by Gerard, seconded by Ned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Recording Secretary**

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