



BOARD MEETING MINUTES 7/8/25

Location/Time: Sportsman's Club @ 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:05 pm

NOTICE OF QUORUM- YES

ATTENDEES:

Board Members:

Dave Shelberg, President
Gary Christopher, VP
Brittany O'Mara, Treas.
Carole McCollum, Sec.
Maggie Shumbo
Bill Robida
Jim Lindner

Others:

Pat Lacey
Wayne Rydzy

Absent:

Stan Shumbo
Mike Toomey

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

- Minutes from 6/10/25 accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Capital Fund Balance: \$2,588
- Operating Fund Balance: \$47,583

MRPG OLD BUSINESS

- 2ft Draw down application was submitted by the Town last week, still no State response.
 - No update from Jim Ventres as of 7/8/25.
- Grass Carp
 - Contacted Irene Haines to see if she can assist. Response to her email to the State was that Moodus Reservoir is a large body of water and DEP must be involved and survey.
 - Dave attempted to contact, but recipient on vacation.
- Newsletter – Next newsletter should be after information has been received regarding the 2ft drawdown and also after the boat parade. Suggested that 2 newsletters be published – one at beginning of season and one at end of season.
- Boating Safety Course – Class dates of 7/22/25 and 7/24/25 set up with instructor. Posted at billboards on both reservoirs. People are being put on waiting list as 40 student limit has been reached. Noted that people are registering for classes from towns outside of the immediate area. May be possible for locals who have been placed on wait list to join class, if others do not attend.
- Wake Boats –After attending meeting with Town on 6/25/25, it was suggested that Moodus Reservoir be separated from Bashan Lake regarding any ordinance about wake boats as the lakes are very different, namely in depth. Letter has been written and will be submitted to Irene Haines. Motion to submit letter was made and accepted. On 7/16/25 there will be a Selectman Meeting to discuss the wake boat issue and whether it should be brought to vote.

MRPG NEW BUSINESS

- Membership meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 10:00 am at the Sportsman's Club. Brittany will put on Facebook. Maggie has membership forms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUND RAISING SUBCOMMITTEE:

Old Business

- Update to boat parade
 - MRPG has rented the town beach pavilion from 11-4 to host awards ceremony post parade – requires \$100 deposit
 - Wayne's Wings food truck will be on site with food for purchase (Confirmed)
 - Parade (judging) will be at noon, Irene Haines and Dave will judge the winners from causeway
 - 50/50 Raffle and possibly Canoe Raffle tickets can be sold
 - Need help with set-up and clean-up
 - Signs to be made and posted - Wayne
- Picnic was June 21st, unfortunately there was a low turn-out. Seems attendance has been dwindling and it was decided to cancel picnic next year as we only netted \$1,186 this year vs \$3,040 last year and it requires a tremendous amount of work. Motion was made and accepted to suspend picnic.

New Business

- Canoe Raffle –Dave has the permit and will submit. Bill Robida will coordinate the raffle. Need to determine ticket price and quantity. (Canoe is valued at \$5k.) Suggestion made to add additional prizes. If time permits, may begin selling raffle tickets at boat parade.

EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE:

Old Business

- Harvester had a structural failure – inadequate welding, similar to first issue, on opposite side. Gary got it rewelded and he and Stan got it up and running. Working great again! Need more people to volunteer to run machine and/or haul, but it's working great and have pulled 14 loads from lower reservoir and 16 loads from upper reservoir. It will be returned to the lower reservoir on 7/23, with work beginning again on 7/24. Need more volunteers especially on the lower reservoir. Volunteers can contact Gary.

New Business - none

SOCIAL MEDIA SUBCOMMITTEE:

New Business

Old Business

- Wilson has created a new website. May be a small fee to change domain. Motion was made and accepted to switch to the new website.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned 8:35 PM