

## MRBA Meeting Minutes Thursday June 1st, 2023: MRBA Office

Attendees: Craig Cimmons, John Little, Paul Stanley, Kate Donlon, Sarah Cushing, Brian Jerose, and Lindsey Wight

- 1) Meeting began at 6:36pm
- 2) Review of May meeting minutes: noted an error in "other business" - PS motioned to accept with this addressed, SC seconded. All in favor; minutes accepted with correction.
- 3) Event overview: the Enosburg Fishing Festival was well received, and fun to be a part of. A good collection of organizations had booths, and we had at least 54 attendees (likely more). Hopefully there can be energy to do it again next year.
- 4) Administrative business
  - Board members looked over the May Warrant; either when it was sent out or at the meeting. No questions; PS motioned to accept; SC seconded; the May Warrant was accepted.
  - Bank updates: moving forward with opening an account with CNB. Lindsey needs paperwork from folks who will be check signers.
  - Board recruitment - any ideas of additional recruits, or ways to spread interest?
- 4) Communication/volunteer opportunities
  - June 8th Montgomery Bioblitz with students at the Montgomery Town Forest. Kate may be interested; Lindsey will connect her with the organizers.
  - July blog post ideas? Swimming holes - Craig volunteers to draft.
- 6) Projects: two strong candidates for our LEAP internship positions. Lindsey will share the planned LEAP schedule with the Board - we do need more Match dollars this year (the other grant spanned two years), so we will be seeking volunteer assistance for any and all activities, if any Board members wish to join!
- 7) Grants update: received funds for 2 project development projects (North Troy and Sleeper Pond dam), and funds to construct an engineered log jam stabilization along the Trout River off Longley Bridge Rd (downstream of the part threatening the road). Lindsey will share the final design plans for this project.
- 8) 2023 events: June 3: Circle of Courage performance in Montgomery - Paul noted that we should make sure to tell them to avoid Enosburg, due to the Dairy Days parade that morning. June 8: Montgomery Bioblitz; Women Farmer's on the Water paddle from Lowell-Lane Rd. June 11: ANM paddle event - Louie's Landing out to the Lake. July 8: Cleanup from Enosburg (below dam) to Kane Rd. Also a cleanup at the end of July, planned by the interns? Quebec visit/get-together?  
  
ANM plans to hold their River Celebration event again this year - Aug 26th. Can MRBA fund VINS again? (we have ed funds through W&S that could go to this). Yes.
- 9) Organization Planning: pushed off until a future meeting (- July?).

10) Other business: Concerning our (semi) vacant treasurer position: if the QB reporting is largely being done by our bookkeeper, and our treasurer's role is more to review quarterly reports and provide oversight: PS may be willing.

NPR recently had a radio show about paddling the Missisquoi; Lindsey will share the link.

Hidden Landscapes: is anything known locally about native American archeological sites? Maybe check ANR atlas? But that could be sensitive information.

11) Next meeting - July 6, 2023: BBQ at Paul and Linda's! Invite Canadians? Pierre LeDuc?

BJ motions for adjournment; JL seconds; meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.