



**Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group  
Sunday, July, 2018  
Moodus Sportsmen's Club  
299 East Haddam-Colchester Turnpike  
Moodus, CT. 0646**

**Meeting Called to Order at 10:10 a.m.** by Al Howat, Secretary

**Attendance:** 61 people total, including:  
3 Officers: Dave Shelberg, Tim Varriale, Al Howat, Tim Varriale  
5 Directors: Martha Cohen, Barbi Batchelder, Dan O'Mara sr., Sam Guy

**Notice of Quorum announced by Secretary, Al Howat.**

Al Howat welcomed everyone and explained the events of the past year. The MRPG has moved from the investigative phase into the fundraising stage. Fundraising is required to buy the Eco-Harvester (Handouts provided), a target goal for fundraising is \$100,000. After many years of investigation and testing, the Eco-Harvester is an excellent option for our lakes. Some of the benefits:

- Harvests up to 1 ½ acres per hour
- Pulls aquatic weeds from the roots using drum / conveyer
- Skims floating weeds, fragments, algae blooms
- Can operate in less than 1 foot of water (10 inch draft)
- Pull weeds next to docks, shorelines
- One person operation
- Harvesting speeds between 3-5 mph
- Up to 10 mph top end speed for transporting weeds
- Drum / conveyer configuration allows weeds to be offloaded
- Automatically – pontoon with dual paddle wheel propulsion

Al thanked the past Presidents of MRPG for their leadership and Guidance:

- Sam & Gail Guy started MRPG from their home. They started the initial lake studies and set the stage for action.
- Jeff King took over and continued Sam's work on the lake studies, studied various methods of weed control, established us as a non-profit corporation and concluded his term with a final decision on the Eco-Harvester.
- Bob Falletti took over for a short period of time when Jeff moved away and continued where Jeff left off.
- Dave Shelberg is the current President of MRPG and is focused on fundraising.

**Election of MRPG officers and board members:**

**Board recommended slate (terms expired June 30, 2019)**

- One year term
- President: Dave Shelberg
- Vice president: Gary Christopher
- Treasurer: Tim Varriale
- Secretary: Al Howat
- Board member: Dan O'Mara sr.
- Board member: Barbi Batchelder
- Board member: Martha Cohen
- Board member: Sam guy

**Motion to nominate officers and board members per the recommended slate, Motion Passed.**

**Treasurer's report**

Tim Reported:

**Operating Fund:**

Beginning Balance	\$3,900
Raised	\$2,800
Expenses	(\$2,200)
Total Cash	<b><u>\$4,700</u></b>

**Capital Fund**

Donations	12,000
Lakeside Dan's Event 2017	1,400
Benthic Barriers	2,500
Picnic	5,200
Expenses	(300)
Total Cash	<b><u>20,800</u></b>

**Reports of Subcommittees**

**Fundraising Subcommittee: Dave discussed the following:**

Previous Events

- a. Picnic, raised over \$5000, will be held yearly.
- b. East Haddam Events, set up table to distribute info and sell raffle tickets and Tee shirts.
- c. Raffle and Tee Shirts will be sold at all events.

Future Events Planned

- a. Lake side Dan's Event August 17 – August 19
  1. Raffle will be drawn on August 19
  2. Tee shirt sales all 4 days
  3. Dave asked all members to get the word out.

Membership Dues: Dave reminded all members to pay dues

Grants:

- a. Jim Ventres is pursuing grants
- b. Dave asked members to check with their employers about matching grants.

**Audience of Members:**

Melisa Ziobron

Bashan Lake Meeting next week

DMV Plates "Save our Lakes"

Possible grant from Bond Commission

Dave reminded members that MRPG & Fundraising meeting are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Sportsman's Club @ 7:00 PM.

Volunteers are needed to help with fundraising efforts.

**Next Meeting:** To be announced

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:17 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Howat

Secretary, Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group