

Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 1st, 2018: Cynthia's House, Enosburg (thank you Cynthia!)

Attendees: Cynthia Scott, Wendy Scott, Paul Stanley, Mike Manahan, Brian Jerosé, Lucy Jerosé, John Little, Jenevra Wetmore, and Lindsey Wight

- 1) Introductions; Welcome guests.
- 2) Review of September meeting minutes – **CS motions; JL seconds; all in favor.**
- 3) Administrative business

Welcome Jenevra: **Jenevra gave us a synopsis of herself; Lindsey gave an overview of Jenevra will be focusing on.**

Contractor Vs. Employee: **We've had some hints that the state is wanting organizations like ours to have the coordinator as an employee rather than a contractor. It would mean having workman's comp at least; Lindsey will check to see what else will be necessary and explore options.**

- 4) Outreach

Bugworks update: **One more sessions to be covered by the W&S grant. Kurt has had success with a new school-wide, all-day model. Great to spread the word further; ask Kurt to be sure to note the MRBA's role in creating this program.**

- 5) Financials & grants update

Cynthia went over our 3rd quarter financial report for 2018.

CVNHP: **we received funding to work on designing a fishing platform in partnership with W&S on village-owned property in North Troy. There are some concerns about placement and more research will need to be done on what will truly fit with the site and the desires of the community.**

Ben & Jerry's: **will ask for funds for Bluegrass Against Blue Green Algae.**

LCBP: **will ask for funds to plant trees, to map Japanese knotweed, for Org Support to collaborate, and for "thank you" project that highlights the work we've done with landowners – postcard mailing. Discussions: funds for storm drains – possibly paint them bright to attract attention, instead of the usual words? What about funds to cover the potential raised cost of switching from contractor to employee?**

Annual Appeal: **in addition to annual report/membership drive? Water-sampling specific ask? Rather than mailing list wide ask, maybe a nudge reminder to previous donors?**

2019 calendar for sale at 14th Star event – **we will ask \$15 this year.**

Applying for funds from CVNHP for signage/work on the fishing platform on the North Troy property.

- 6) Projects Update

Lindsey had an inquiry about if there were any wetland restoration projects in the MRBA past? Dale Cahill – **planting or brushrolls?**

In the interest of leaving plenty of time to discuss the 14th Star event, we will shelve discussion of the other projects until a later meeting.

- 7) Events

Nov 7 benefit concert at 14th Star. **Please continue to help spread the word.**

Attendees will get a pint glass, a wrist band, and a drink ticket when they check in.

2 bands – Paul has been working to organize the space, the bands, and the sound. Dave Stetson will do the sound for \$125.

Schedule: We can access the Hall at 3pm for set up; doors will open at 5:30 – please plan to be there before that. Our biggest need will be folks to man the door/sell tickets.

We will have games/activities, and other groups will set up tables: FNLC, FWC, TD Bank, St. Albans Museum.

Emily Houston has offered to set up the food table. Thanks to everyone for signing up with their delicious-sounding offerings.

Program: Lindsey will intro the event, thank attendees, and then have Paul intro Rusty Bucket. Between sets, Lindsey will intro the MRBA, Board members, AmeriCorps members; Brian will talk about soil health and tree plantings; John will talk about bugworks and water sampling; Tom will introduce The Schroons.

We will have pint glasses for sale if folks want extra, and also calendars. These will be on display at our info table, and for sale at the door.

Suggested that perhaps Tom could play the banjo between sets? Could we bring the rainfall simulator, or a video of it? We should put a little “membership drive”/appeal in the pint glasses.

8) 2019 event plans

We will make our 2019 plans during the December meeting.

9) Next meeting – December 6, 2018 – *POTLUCK* at Cynthia’s house at *6pm*. Families welcome.

January 3, 2018 – Annual meeting – Enosburg? Should we try to make this a bigger deal or hold in February to try to attract more attendees? Combine with Forum?

10) Adjourn – JL moved; PS seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:10.