

SLA MINUTES BOARD MEETING 6-27-08

Attending Ron Kolar, Lyman McWain, Allan Wooley, Eric Lessing, Jean McKenny, Jan Selby, Ted Jewett, Peggy and Bruce Barter, Anne Moore, Richard Miller, Peter Poulin, Tim Buzzell, Kal Samuel, and Peggy Bolduc

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Peggy Bolduc - Moved and approved secretary's minutes from last meeting as corrected and emailed to everyone.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT – JANET SELBY

Balance in checking \$ 4,126.61

Balance S.B. acct. \$ 30,596.84

January 1-June 27, 2008

Membership 4,955.00

Donations 5,515.00

Ice out 985.00

New maps 75.00

Old maps 46.00

Bruce Barter discussed his membership list with explanations. 181 membership forms in but due to a computer failure last weekend, does not have his detailed report.

Discussion of available funds through the grant secured this year and the possibility that we might actually have a little more than needed. Jean McKenny asked if a washing station might be a good idea but due to the location of the ramp and the lake and the rivers, it would be a problem to wash off the problems, leave them in the area to end up back into the lake or streams nearby.

Jan asked what else board would like her to do as treasurer. Suggested to account for every expenditure by category to help with future budget planning.

3. DAM/LAKE LEVEL – RON KOLAR

On 5/21/08 Lake was 10" above Low Pin. The Lake level was dropping nicely but in late May and early June there was lots of rainfall.

On 6-1-8-08 Lake was 11-1/2" above Low Pin. (our goal is 6 to 8 inches above the low pin) Usually by July 4 the Lake is at around 8 to 9 inches above the Low Pin.

On 6-27-08 Lake was 12-1/2" above the Low Pin. Ron Kolar is measuring every week and enjoys doing it, so he will continue recording the levels.

4. DEVELOPMENT/EDUCATION - LYMAN MCWAIN

Lyman said a goal for 2008 was to raise 25,000 by 100 donors. Goal for membership was 325. With the funds we have raised and will raise we will communicate, educate, and be ready for an invasion event with the greater emphasis on preventing invasion.

Website, sampling LaRosa, new map, new directors, expanded outing with board having governor present at 2008 outing, refined goals and purposes, much new information and a lot of future opportunities to receive more information are the main achievements of this working year so far.

Meeting Lyman attended with lots of important state workers present:

1. photographer in Cabot who does nature pictures (Joe's Pond) has a CD/DVD which Lyman plans to get before the outing. Mostly taken on Seymour, except for mountain lion and bear!
2. Lots of educational material including waterproof book for identifying aquatic growth.

Overwhelming if you let it keep pouring over us!

Wants directors to take active role in taking on responsibilities and getting some of the work done or research or planning, etc.

Membership process—needs change. Brings up member forever and send invoice. Other groups have levels of membership. Need to draft ideas about possibilities and discuss at annual meeting. Need mailing separate from newsletter to ask for dues by a certain date every year. Lyman hoping to inform people at annual meeting of these changes but seems premature to have all the details determined. Lyman will communicate details of proposal to be considered for billing existing members for their dues each year, encouraging new members to join, etc., by email to board members.

Board members might want to review the 3-year plan Lyman handed out last year in a navy and clear folder.

5. FISHING – JANET SELBY FOR HOMER SELBY

Jan reports not hearing of a lot being caught lately. Great bay hydro doing study at twin culverts to learn if fish going up and yes, there are plenty. Lyman said he thinks SLA/Morgan should have input on that project. State's plan to put a concrete bridge there? Lyman questions fishing report need. Report is mainly to communicate the stocking numbers each year and anything new or changing.

6. GRANTS – JANET SELBY – will check on where the official copies are for the grant for Milfoil prevention this year.

BETTER BACK ROADS – PEGGY BARTER

- Ben Copans has made an additional site visit and is developing a plan for an early July meeting with Linda Broadwater. They will finalize plan to propose to the Wayeeses Road Association at annual meeting.
- Lyman recommends we (SLA) meet with Linda Boudette, a Better Back Roads Technician.

LA ROSA SAMPLING ON 6 TRIBUTARIES

- State provides protocols, materials (maps, sampling bottles), transport of samples (this year only) and lab services. Quality control is under EPA protocols.

- Landowners Ken and Carlisle Whitehill, Robert and Carol Cargill, Claude Seguin and David and Genese Blanchette enthusiastically gave permission for us to cross their land to access tributaries. Mary Killian is writing thank you notes.
 - 6/2/08 sites finalized with Ben. Training in field with Ben.
 - 6/7/08 32 p. EPA document submitted and accepted.
 - 6/18/08 First sampling by Tom Pombar. Present Ben Copans, P. Barter & Mary Killian.
 - 6/19/08 Bottles, labels, forms for next 23 samplings ordered.
 - 7/2/08 Second sampling with Ron Kolar & Erik Lessing trained by Tom Pombar.
 - Erik will sample in July.
 - Ron will sample in August & September.
 - Reed Hubbard will fill in one August sampling.
 - Data will be assessed & interpreted by P. Barter and interested samplers with much guidance from Neil Kamman. We should begin to learn what nutrients and sediment are entering the lake from tributaries and land they drain.
7. SLA MAPS – We are selling the 50 maps we received with the SLA order plus the Indexes for \$12.50 each. Give a map and index to new members. Need to determine when we will reorder.

8. MEMBERSHIP/OUTINGS – TED JEWETT

Annual SLA picnic JULY 19, 2008 at Camp Winape at 5:00 PM with earlier events (see below)

INVITATIONS were prepared by Derby press (\$40.00) and mailed the first week of June inviting about 525 people. Ted and others prepared them for mailing. We will monitor the RSVPs and about 7 July will start telephoning the unresponsive. We want the board to talk it up with friends, neighbors, and the like. Invitations will be posted at local businesses and the Clerk's office.

RECEPTION – on the lawn with tables, chairs, and sign-in with name tags, initial introductions (Janet, Mina, Bonnie)

GREETERS – front porch – **TO ARRIVE AT 4:00** - introductions, directions, explanations, questions...use #6 SLA newsletter, "What Your Association Does", posters on the porch, Lyman will get them to Ted. (David & Nancy, Katherine & Rob Walker)

PARKING – 3 different areas (Ron and family)

FOOD – planning for 150 people

Hamburgers, hotdogs, cheeseburgers, and rolls – (Ron to order)

Condiments (lettuce, tomatoes, onions, ketchup, mustard, relish, & mayo) (Ann Torpey)

Coolers, ice, paper plates, dinner napkins, soft drinks. (Ted)

Coffeepot, cream, sugar, coffee, salt & pepper (Mina)

Grills, tools, gas...& cook (Homer, Jim, Tim)

Supervision of salads, veggies, & dessert table (Ann Torpey)

PORT-A-LET Juddy.

CLEANUP – Mina, Ted, Janet, Homer, Ron & Family, Bruce & Peggy Barter, Ray and Peggy Bolduc, & volunteers.

Ted will communicate to Ron by 7-9 his latest estimates of number attending-think 150.

DOCKS-Erik Lessing to check with Derek Moore for possible temporary dock.

BOAT DISPLAY – set up at 4:00

ACCESS AREA - Governor Jim Douglas, and Secretary George Crombie to arrive for their photo at the Access Area at 4:00 with a boat ride for the Gov and Sec, plus Homer, back to Camp Winape starts at 4:15 (FOR THE PHOTO WITH THE GOV AND SEC, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE JAN, PEGGY BARTER, TOM EMERY, BUD, REED, JIM, BETH TORPEY, LYMAN, HOMER AND RON.) Richard Miller prefers to meet the governor as he arrives at Winape at the dock along with Board members. Jan Selby will ask Sean Selby to be available to transport the governor's car over to Winape if they would like that done. Ron will find out the answer and let Jan know.

FOOD SPONSOR – Ann Torpey

COOKOUT AND COVERED DISH DINNER STARTS ABOUT 5:30 to 5:45

THANKS to Governor and VT ANR Staff and announcements – 6:30 – Fireplace area in Dining Hall with Ron, Lyman, Jim, Jan and Peggy Barter.

AUCTION – wine by Lyman and others (15 minutes)

9. MILFOIL – summer 2008 staff and hours. Memorial Day to end of October. Weather permitting, inspection station is manned 5:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Tim Buzzell said when he put his boat in the water this year there were no checkers and other were putting in also. Thinks we might need to start checking earlier. Jan explains unlikely that in the very cold early start of season it would be unlikely that milfoil would be transported from another lake at that time. If it has been dry for several days it won't spread. Ted questions if schedule for checking was reduced to stay within available funds. Lyman wanted more details about checking schedule of 2007, start dates, hours, ending dates. Asked Jan to send email to review those facts. Tim questioned seaplane landing on Seymour wondering if it comes from Memphragog and worrying about that. Has landing gear that tucks up under. Presby Environmental, owner of the plane, Whitefield, NH, have septic tank system business. Have two cottages on Elliot Acres (new ones). One from Sleeper to Presby. Not

members—yet. Docks go in almost as soon as ice goes out, which is nearly a month before we have checkers at the landing.

Jan reminds everyone to keep up with volunteer hours this summer and turn those in to her.

10. NEWSLETTER – Fall news letter to be mailed out ____? Winter newsletter to be mailed out 1-10-09?

11. NOMINATING – see handout of List of Officers and Directors with * by new positions that will be recommended to the Membership on July 26 and voted on. Ron to prepare script for Jim to read.

12. SWIM PROGRAM – CAROL POMBAR, COORDINATOR.

Held July 14-25 2:00 to 4:00 PM and in 2 sessions. This is a new time.

WATER QUALITY REPORT 6-27-08 SUBMITTED BY PEGGY BARTER

I. Cooperative Efforts with Memphremagog WA & W Council

A. Council, in past year, has identified issues and ways to solve. Next>Create Action Plan

4 Top issues – invasive species, nutrient enrichment, contamination, habitat quality

Tools to Use – existing laws & enforcement, education, incentives, partnerships & existing plans/work.

B. SLA has been represented at meetings by Ron, Lyman, Janet, Ted, Beth Torpey, Bruce and I. MWA eager to have SLA represented on MWA Board. I think we should have a designated person representing the SLA at these meetings.

C. On 6/24/08 I attended MWA shoreline walk on Clyde River. Susan Warren, Ben Copans, and Susan Alexander led. I asked if other groups have a way to contact/educate new shoreland owners. S. Warren suggested an information packet (assembled by lake association) to be presented to buyers by the Town clerk (if willing). We brainstormed possible contents—cover letter (include request that disturbed land be guarded from erosion by monitored silt fence and replanting be fast), DEC lake protection Bulletins, lists of native plants and where to buy them, local sources of phosphate free cleaning products, boat safety info, milfoil & zebra mussel alert folders, loon info sheets, and perhaps a gift such as a coupon for a free video rental.

Also, eroding shoreline stabilization plants:

1. Red Osier Twig Bundles
2. Alder branch sections

D. COMING EVENTS

TH -- **Jul. 17** - VIP Training

MO – **Jul. 21** – MWA/MWC Joint Meeting. Presenters re: Phosphate Pollution Handout-Local sources of phosphate free products including household cleaners and boat cleaners.

SA – **Aug. 9** – Derby Line days, MWA has a booth – do we want to supply SLA Membership forms? Maybe Bulletin #2?

WE – **Sep. 17** – Information for Selectmen, city Council Members & Village Trustees (all have been contacted) led by Millie Archer WQ Coordinator for VT. League of Cities & Towns.

II. SLA EFFORTS

- A. Beach Culverts – Richard Miller, V Trans & Shaw Austin have agreement for Shawn to place rip rap at outlets of pipes to trap sediment.
- B. Beaver Dam Break – Ben Copans interested in learning about 7/12/03 event. He and I met with Penny Thomas. He has studied Bruce's photos. Penny was most helpful.
- C. Agriculture – On Mon., July 7, at 10 am at Barter cottage Susan Alexander (NRCD WQ/AG liason) will meet with us re: forming a working relationship between SLA & watershed farmers. Ron has already been working with Susan to follow up on concerns of SLA members.

D. Possible SLA Events for this summer – LEADERS NEEDED!

- 1. Lyman recommends a rain garden workshop.
- 2. Shoreland walk with Susan Warren and Ben. Need 4-6 adjacent properties. She (they) would discuss lake friendly property management, situations that threaten WQ and ways property owners can remedy those situations. She has time in August.

E. Add active WQ names in next newsletter including Tom Emery, Richard & Rosemary Miller, Linda Broadwater, Bruce Barter, Ron Kolar, Tom Pombar, Erik Lessing, Beth Torpey, Reed Hubbard, Mary Killian, Allan Wooley, and Janet Selby.

F. Lay Monitoring Report for 2007

The numbers: Clarity 7.2 meters (slightly better)

Chlorophyll (algae) 2.4 micrograms/liter (slightly worse)

Phosphorus 7.2 micrograms/liter (better)

ALSO NOTE: Spring clarity & phosphorus (2008) done by Neil & Kellie-both above (worse) mean since 1979.

What the data tells us

-Lakes are dynamic, complex systems. Therefore, data for one year is significant only when enough time passes for a trend to become apparent. (see our P for 1979-2007, Lake Carmi secchi data).

- Keep working to minimize known sources of sediment and phosphorus.

- + runoff from bare ground, lawns & impervious surfaces

- + construction/development-urge maintained silt fences, rapid (days, not weeks) replanting.

- + forestry-use BMP's

- + septic systems

- + farming/agriculture

- + shoreline alteration

Anne asked how the grants are given. If SLA notes any dirt roads making a mess in the lake, and there is an association for that road, we might want to suggest to them that they might contact the state to see what grants might be available to help them with solutions to their problems.

13. SCHOLARSHIPS—due to time constraints we did not discuss this item from the agenda.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN WQ REPORT:

THIS YEAR 2008

**7-19-08 ANNUAL OUTING/PICNIC 4:00 BOARD, GREETERS, ETC
5:30 FOOD**

**7-26-08 ANNUAL MEETING – 8:00 AM BOARD 9:00 GENERAL PUBLIC
BOARD MEMBERS BRING MUFFINS, COOKIES, DONUTS
JAN SELBY TO SET UP COFFEE, CUPS, JUICE, NAPKINS**

7-28-08 VT FEDERAL OF LAKES PONDS – MONTPELIER ELKS CLUB

9-06-08 NEXT SLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 9:00 AM (SAT.)

NEXT YEAR FOR 2009

7-25-09 SLA ANNUAL MEETING

8-01-09 SLA ANNUAL OUTING/PICNIC