

Seymour Lake Association Board Meeting- Minutes - Saturday, 6/28/2014 - 8:30 Morgan Town Offices

Attending: Lyman McWain, Chuck Nichols, Jean McKenny, Ted Jewett, Erik Lessing, Tim Buzzell, Peggy Barter, Bruce Barter, Charles Woods, Dave Anderson. Guests: Tom Bonneville (Morgan Select Board), David Kelley, Ron Kolar, Candy Moot

Lyman welcomed Tom Bonneville from the Morgan Select Board as the select board's new liaison to SLA

David Kelley reviewed SLA's lawsuit against the State of VT, giving a review of the issues, the current status and explanation of the state response to the SLA complaint, and the next steps and then took questions from the board.

The minutes from the meeting of April 12, 2014 were approved.

Jean McKenny passed out current financial report – all looks good. Jean then reviewed the fundraising for the lawsuit. As of the meeting \$5550 has been raised with another \$1000 promised. The board decided by voice that the board secretary should be a second possible signer on the checking account (checks still just requiring one signer) – Jean to add Linda Buzzell.

Committee reports:

Activities - Annual Meeting on July 26, 2014 at 9 AM at the Community House (Jean has arranged) was discussed. Lyman McWain will not be present at the meeting. Chuck Nichols will coordinate getting an agenda ready. The question of having to notice the meeting was discussed and it was pointed out that the by-laws set the date for the meeting. It was decided that no speaker was necessary for the meeting. David Kelley will have "Talking Points" regarding the lawsuit, which can be used at the annual meeting. The board will meet before the meeting to set up the room. Board members to provide goodies as possible.

Summer Social - August 2, 2014 to be held jointly with the Echo Lake Association at Camp Winape, hosted by Ron and Janet Kolar – much thanks. Frank Antonelli informed Ron Kolar that invitation cards are ready to be mailed to SLA members and Echo Lake will do theirs.

Audit – Lyman to talk with Steve Massicotte re membership and heading the audit committee.

Boating – Tim Buzzell reported that the July 4th boat parade will be held July 5th at 1 PM with the 6th as rain date – all is set. It is intended that the boats proceed at a lower speed to keep wake to a minimum. The boat access was discussed and the importance of getting the new ramp fixed and that the real issue is that the area needs dredging. Boaters are starting to use private accesses to the lake which goes contrary to have the access monitored. Also boaters do show up quite early for fishing before the monitors are at the access.

Dam / Lake Level – Tim Buzzell - nothing additional to report

Development / Education – no report

Fishing – need to ask Ron Frascoia to do report for annual meeting

Grants - Peggy Barter – Morgan applied for a Better Roads grant

Ice Out – no report – there was no ice out contest this past winter – committee needs revitalization

Loons – Charles Woods – loons did lay eggs, but did not mind nest. No babies. Woody called Eric Hanson at ANR. It happens. Woody also discussed some disturbing vegetative issues around the lake (not in the lake).

Maps – Ron Kolar – the board decided that the map needs updating with new property lines and owners – Ron will handle getting quote.

Membership – Bruce Barter – continues apace

Milfoil – Chuck Nichols will act as the new board member to oversee program until the by-laws are revised to reflect that a board member is not required. Beth Torpey will be hired as the program head replacing Janet Selby. Board members expressed much praise regarding Janet's efforts and involvement in the milfoil program and other SLA activities.

Newsletter – Eric Lessing – the board expressed its appreciation for the newsletter and Erik's efforts. After the applause stopped Erik reviewed some changes he wanted to make to the format starting with the fall 2014 edition. The board concurred.

Nominating – Dave Anderson reviewed the recommended '17 nominees for the board and officers. All board members with expiring terms have agreed to serve again. Officer nominations: Chuck Nichols, president; Lyman McWain, vice president; Jean McKenny, treasurer; Linda Buzzell, secretary. The board concurred. Dave also offered to begin a process to revise the SLA by-laws. The board concurred. A number of board members volunteered to assist Dave – Chuck, Ted, Bruce, Tim. Any and all are welcome to participate.

Water Quality – Peggy Barter reviewed various programs - septic systems / Lakewise evaluations / Buffers for Blue Lakes program. Peggy indicated there may be a number of grants available for Seymour to assist our efforts for clean water. The board agreed that Peggy and Woody should work with Bruce to do an email blast ASAP to the members re the various programs.

Website – the board agreed the website needs a makeover. Lyman will talk with Allan Wooley and Bruce will explore talking with a few folks re possible costs.

Next board meeting - July 26th before the annual meeting. The board president will suggest future board meeting dates.

Other business:

Contribution to Northwoods - \$100 – board agreed.

Memphremagog Watershed Association involvement – Chuck to ask Sue Davis if she would like to do this.

Coalition of Vermont Lakes – board agreed that Chuck will ask them if they would do an amicus brief for the SLA lawsuit, which David Kelley would prepare. The board decided that SLA would not join at this time.

Shoreland Protection law – materials will be available at the annual meeting and some time will be set aside to discuss.

Samuels Memorial was discussed. The board agreed to explore the memorial (benches, etc.) being done at the flagpole outside the town offices. Jean will contact town to see where property lines are and if possible. This decision made after finding out that a permit would be needed at the access area. SLA might be able to get some assistance from the North Country Career Center with the project.

The board adjourned at 11:45