

## **Seymour Lake Association**

### **Board Meeting Minutes May 16, 2009**

**Present:** Lyman McWain, Ron Kolar, Jan Selby, Jean McKenny, Ted Jewett, Tim Buzzell, Linda Broadwater, Allan Wooley, Erik Lessing, Peggy Barter, Steve Massicotte, and Kal Samuels

The meeting was called to order by President Lyman McWain at 9:02 AM

#### **Old Business**

The **secretary's report** was given by Jean McKenny. On a motion made by Ron Kolar and seconded by Peggy Barter, it was unanimously approved.

The **treasurer's report** was given by Jan Selby. On a motion by Ted Jewett and a second by Ron Kolar it was unanimously approved. It was indicated that in the future the budget will be attached to the minutes. When the current budget is completely updated, it will be distributed electronically.

#### **New Business**

Ron Kolar reported for the **nominating committee** that he has spoken to two people who might be interested in serving on the SLA Board. Kal, Erik and Jim's terms are up this year. The potential new people are Chuck Keysar and David Blittersdorf. Various opinions were expressed about board changes. Some felt that it is important to bring new people into the board and committee structure of the organization to increase involvement and education. If more people are involved then, over time, more people understand the importance of the work of the organization. It was also felt that existing members should be asked about their willingness to continue.

Discussion of **2009 probable funding and budget risks** planned to be reported on by Lyman McWain evolved in many parts as other reports were given. A probable budget was developed and will be distributed electronically when it is as complete as possible.

The update from the **membership committee** was given by Ted Jewett, Chairperson. The committee has been busy and will meet again next Thursday. They are getting the "membership packets" ready. They are fine tuning what will go into the packets. The committee is happy with the result and showed a sample packet to the board. Erik Lessing passed out a brochure that he and other board members had adapted for Seymour Lake. It was considered very well done by the board and will be included in the packets. Some feeling was expressed that the packets should be made available to all SLA members and not just the new members. The lake has been divided into eight sections for membership solicitations with members from each area doing the soliciting. The first contacts will be 400 lake front properties. As 224 are now members the remaining persons who haven't joined will be the first priority this year. It is expected that contacts will be made in May, June and July and that the committee will be able to have updated membership numbers available at the annual meeting. Ron distributed copies of a letter that he had sent to our "lost souls." There were 63 members from 2007 who had not renewed in 2008. Research done by Jan reduced that number to 44. Of the 44 contacted recently by Ron, seven have already joined. This initiated a discussion again about the membership committee's recommendation that all members should be

invoiced once a year. The question of whether or not we should post on the website the names of members was discussed. It was felt that this might help people remember if they had joined or not. It was decided not to do that at this time.

The **Wayeeses and Milfoil Grants** updates were given by Linda Broadwater, Jan Selby, and Lyman McWain. Linda reported that the **Wayeeses** Better Back Roads Grant was 99.9% approved. The state said that it was a good application and Linda gave thanks to Ben Copans for his help with the preparation of it. The timing of the work will depend on Shawn Austin's schedule but it is hoped that the work might be able to be done the first two weeks in June to minimize the inconvenience to residents. It was reported that conversation with Beth Torpey indicated that Seymour East had also received some form of a state grant to do work in that area. It was also indicated that there is possibly another project going on in the Wayeeses area on Sugar Bush Road. The board felt that it would be good to find out more about these other projects. Lyman asked Linda if she would be willing to serve as a "consultant" to other projects as we go forward. She indicated that she would be willing to do so. Jan reported that the state grant for the **milfoil** program this year is \$6899 and is down from \$15,649 last year. As the milfoil program is a major commitment of the SLA, hopefully donations and a commitment from Morgan Town will help to make up the difference.

The **swim program** resolution report was given by Jan Selby, Ron Kolar and Lyman McWain. The executive committee of the board recommended to the board that some form of the IROC proposal be adopted, without busing. The program would probably run the two weeks after July 4th. with a class at 1:00 PM and a second class at 2:00 PM (if needed). Each class would be limited to 20 students. Carol Pombar has agreed to do registrations and be available some days to observe the program. It was felt that someone from the SLA should be there every day and members will be arranged to do this. The children and grandchildren of SLA Members, Morgan residents and property owners would be given a coupon for free registration. All other children would have second priority and be allowed to attend if space permitted. Other children would be charged \$50 for a first child in any family and \$45 for a second. Discussions about liability coverage and costs ensued. Lyman asked Jan and Jean to write up a proposal to show to our insurance provider and to IROC. A motion was made by Steve Massicotte and seconded by Allan Wooley to proceed with the plans as discussed as long as there were no problems with liability coverage or IROC. The motion passed unanimously.

The **outing committee** and new 2009 location report was given by Lyman McWain. The location will be the McWain/Colby properties. Discussions ensued regarding parking, barbecues, and a tent, a boat show vs. a boat parade, a fund raiser or not, a speaker or not, board members giving brief presentations, or not, displays of educational materials, and possible invitations to local politicians. The possibility of honoring Tom Emery a local person who has done much for the lake as a lay monitor was discussed. Maybe he would be willing to do a presentation? The McWains will provide the site and the barbeque meats and rolls. Persons attending bring other food items. It is felt that this year might provide a "model" for moving the outing to other areas of the lake in the future. Ron Kolar agreed to be the "officer" assigned to looking into possible outing options for 2010. The question was raised if we need a permanent position on the board for this responsibility. That brought up the previous recommendation of the membership/outing committee of the need for a separate "activities" committee on the board.

The **Annual Meeting** report was given by Lyman McWain and Ron Kolar. Board members were reminded that Jan Selby usually makes the coffee but board members bring muffins, doughnuts or similar items. The date has been confirmed as July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM with the Board of Directors meeting at 8:00

AM to be certain that all is ready for the Annual Meeting. Many questions were asked during discussions. Do we need a speaker? Who would be an appropriate speaker? Should the speaker go first? Can we shorten the reports so that more time is available for the speaker?

The **water quality** 2009 projects update report was given by Peggy Barter. At this time there is no update regarding the future of the funding for the LaRosa project which may be in jeopardy due to state budget cuts. On May 20<sup>th</sup> Susan Warren and Ben Copans will be at a meeting at the Selby's home at 1:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting is our outreach agenda and they will be talking and informing SLA members who attend about organizing "in lake" surveys. This meeting will be followed by a water quality committee meeting. Other opportunities for testing, inspection, education, communication, and regional cooperation meetings were mentioned. On July 29<sup>th</sup> the SLA will sponsor at the Community House a regional meeting where Leslie Matthews will speak about invasive species. Similar regional meetings hosted by other local lake associations take place at other times with a different place and topic available in June. Peggy distributed an April 8 article from the Chronicle requesting demonstration properties for lake shore "buffering." It was mentioned that Dayna Cole is the person to contact for this program and suggested that she might be a good speaker for the Annual Meeting. A "stream survey" walk took place May 12<sup>th</sup> and included information gathering and educational growth for those SLA members able to attend. More complete reports of these activities and meetings are available to anyone wanting to see them.

The **Newsletter & Authors & Advertising** report was given by Lyman McWain. Various types of articles for the newsletter were suggested including land management, notes from members to the association, membership efforts, swim program, the outing, milfoil update, and volunteers requests. Lyman asked if anyone was willing to volunteer to get advertising for the newsletter and nobody volunteered. Erik Lessing spoke of his willingness to be involved in a project that he is interested in. The project would be to bring together information on lake "testing" (since 1977) and information that the town clerk's office has regarding development over time. The intent would be to overlay this information on a graph of the lake. Allan Wooley volunteered to help Erik with this project.

When Lyman asked if there were **additional comments**, Steve Massicotte asked about selling tickets for the 2010 Ice Out Contest at the Annual Meeting. Janet replied that she had plenty of extra tickets (leftover from this year's ice out contest) if anyone wanted to sell some of them.

With Lyman thanking everyone for all of their work and attending the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Jean McKenny, Secretary