

Seymour Lake Association

Board of Directors Meeting - May 23, 2015 - 9 a.m. - Morgan Listers Office

Present: Chuck Nichols, Jean McKenny, Linda Buzzell, Lyman McWain, Bruce Barter, Peggy Barter, Tim Buzzell, Charles Woods, Ted Jewett

Also Present: Tom Bonneville, Town Selectman

Present by Phone: Erik Lessing

Absent: Susan Davis, Frank Antonelli, Dave Anderson

Chuck opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Old Business:

President spending, needs more research.

Kal Samuels Memorial - discussed it with both Woody Woods (on Planning Board) and Tom Bonneville about putting the bench near the Town office. If it is on the State fishing access, we would need a permit every year and it would have to be removed every winter and stored.

Chuck will email Mrs. Samuels this week. Tim, Jean and Lyman will help. Chuck will ask if she is interested in the annual picnic at her property as well.

Minutes of the last meeting: Motion to accept by Peggy, seconded by Woody, and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Motion made by Tim to accept, seconded by Woody and accepted. Jean will contact Doug Gimler in regards to an audit.

Legal Fund - David Kelley agreed to do the work for \$5,000 and has been paid half. A motion to Alter or Amend has been filed, State has responded, SLA will file response in the next week or so and then wait for the judge again. David will push that the judge did not address the law. If it is no again, we can appeal to the Vermont Supreme Court or address the fact that the water has overlapped for 4 weeks to ANR again. If they refuse, we can then go to the Environmental Court.

FOVLAP - With SLA Board members as part of the FOVLAP board and committees, should we assign one of them to vote in SLA's interest? Erik suggested one of the Barters. Tim made a motion to choose Bruce, Woody seconded it, approved.

New Website - a motion was made by Jean to thank Bruce, Erik and Karen Abada for their work, seconded by Peggy and approved. Linda made a motion to thank Alan Wooley for the work he has done over the years, seconded by Woody, approved. Chuck would like a group picture of everyone involved for the website. Lyman suggested a newsletter article.

Nominating Committee - Dave Anderson, chair, Tim and Ted

By Laws - there was much discussion about who constituted a voting member. The committee will work on it and bring it back to the board.

Annual Picnic - the Kolars have agreed again to host the event this year.

Membership Dues - The membership committee will discuss this further and bring it back to the Board. Ted feels we need longer range thinking about our financial investments - change CD's to Mutual funds, do fund raising activities. Lyman suggested a Budget Planning Committee.

SLA approved for up to \$16,000 for the Milfoil Grant.

Water Quality - Blueberry bush program (FOVLAP), Lake Wise Training & Spiny Water flea - programs will be announced at the Annual Meeting and implemented for 2016.

- o **Blueberry Bush program** - Lyman suggested we invest in training programs rather than discounts on bushes.

- o **Lake Wise Training - SLA** could sponsor a workshop where landowners are trained to landscape their own property. OK to pursue workshop for 2016.

- o **Spiny Water Flea** - A tremendously invasive species, affecting all levels of fish population and reduces the biodiversity of the lake. We should consider a boat wash with a grant - Beth Torpey will research.

Next Board of Directors' Meetings:

June 27

July 25th Annual Meeting

August 22

Will schedule a fall and February BOD meeting

Bruce made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Woody and approved. Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.