

## **Seymour Lake Association**

### **Board of Directors Meeting: May 28, 2016, 9 a.m.**

**Present:** Chuck Nichols, Jean McKenny, Tim Buzzell, Linda Buzzell, Peggy Barter, Bruce Barter, Ted Jewett, Frank Antonelli, Woody Woods, Alan Franklin

**Absent:** Lyman McWain

**Guests:** Candy Moot, Beth Torpey, Jim McWain

**Secretary's Report:** Peggy moved to accept notes from March 10, Woody seconded, approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report attached. Jean briefly explained that 2015 was not really negative - donations came in 2014 and expenses were paid in 2015. Most of Administration expense was for the Samuels bench, but was essentially a wash as money came from them to pay for it. Dave moved to accept, Tim seconded, approved.

### **Committees:**

**Activities:** Ron Kolar has again offered to have the Annual Social July 30th at Camp Winape, same format. We will bring up a kids' social at the Annual Meeting the 23rd.

**Audit:** Doug Gimler will do a simple review before the Annual Meeting.

**Boating:** Boat Parade will be July 2nd at 2:30 p.m., July 3rd at 2:30 p.m. in case of inclement weather. Bruce will send everyone a postcard and an email blast on other lake and local events and a poster at the store and Town office.

Tim Buzzell has been chosen to be on the Board of Supervisors for the Orleans County Conservation District. Getting a Federal Grant for \$674,000 to be matched by other organizations to look at nutrient loading to watersheds. He will try to emphasize SLA role. Will have an intern doing research, and will try to direct this person to Sucker Brook.

**Dam:** We lost the lawsuit in Superior Court and cannot proceed again unless something happens to the lake levels. We will keep on top of it.

**Fishing and Loons:** Catching "small lake trout", not sure why as the lake has smelt and perch for food. Woody would like to know if anyone catches a lake trout bigger than 24". Has seen many small mouth bass nests. Chuck asked if we should meet with a fish biologist and Woody will follow up. The loons were on their nest by May 25th and there is a live cam to keep track of them. Chuck will put a link on the website.

**Maps:** Chuck will have Ron Kolar print about 25 more.

**Membership:** Bob Kern will have a meeting June 13th. As of April 14, we had 254 members. 368 at the end of 2015. New forms are coming in.

**Milfoil:** Beth Torpey - we are approved for up to \$25,000 this year from the State. We have to match \$8,000. The Town received the Grant and acts as the Fiscal Agent. If the salaries are more than the Grant, we split the difference with the Town. We are purchasing a Boat Contamination Wash to remove plants and animals from boats entering Seymour Lake from at risk water bodies such as Champlain, Bomaseen, Memphremagog etc. Plan is to run water through the engine and live well, and power wash if they were at anchor in at risk water bodies. Hope to have available by July 4th. There will be training and have liability and workers comp insurance for damage to boats or injury to employees. Beth will come to camps with private launching access to check guests boats - please call her.

**Newsletter:** Chuck congratulated Erik on the latest newsletter. Erik would like suggestions for history articles as well as local news and events and will ask in the newsletter for history photos.

**Website:** Working to keep it current and to remind people to keep referring to it for latest news and events.

**Nominating Committee:** Dave Anderson will meet with Ted and Tim - 2 slots to fill.

**Water Quality:** Peggy's report is attached. We will share an intern with Northwoods this year. Dave moved we donate \$250 to Northwoods this year. Ted asked if that was enough. After discussion it was decided to stay with \$250 this year. Seconded. Approved \$250. Peggy asked about tasks for the intern; many were made including core samples from the boat access, affect of liquid manure and corn.

**Discussion:** Solar & wind survey committee met in March - Woody, Jean, Beth and Candy - report attached. There was much discussion about surveying the membership about solar and industrial wind projects. There will be a Town meeting July 18th at the school with a vote by permanent residents and second home owners as to their opinion. The Town should take the lead against industrial wind and we should support them. A motion was made by Dave to approve the committee's recommendation to survey the membership following the Town meeting July 18. Seconded by Tim. Approved.

**Annual Meeting:** consensus that there be no speaker.

**Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.**

**Next meeting June 26th at 1:00 p.m.**