

Seymour Lake Association
Annual Meeting - July 28, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by President, Chuck Nichols, at 9:10 a.m. with about 50 people attending. Chuck remembered Ruby Jenness and Pat Hunt with a moment of silence, two wonderful women who passed away this year and had given so much to our community. He introduced the officers and the board of directors. He thanked board member, Alan Franklin, for his service and who is leaving the board this year.

2. **Secretary's Report**, Linda Buzzell: A motion to accept the report was made by Ted Jewett and seconded by Bruce Barter, Accepted. Linda gave a brief report about the VT GMCC. We had two boys, Josh Epstein and Samson Wiggett, who applied and attended the camp this summer. Josh Epstein sent a thank you note with pictures of his adventures.

3. **Treasurer's Report**, Jean McKenney: Report attached. A brief discussion showed that we have extra cash from 2017 with \$9380 in memberships and \$14,580 in donations. A question was raised about our goal for milfoil and Jean said that it was arbitrarily set at \$75,000 and we have bypassed that goal. Willoughby spends about \$50,000 a year just to keep it from spreading. The extra cash will be there if we have emergencies. After expenses for the greeters, etc., the Town and SLA split any shortfall in money allocated. Chuck read the auditor's report, which is attached. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report, approved.

4. **Nominating Committee**: Tim Buzzell, Ted Jewett, Bonnie McWain. Ted Jewett has decided to resign as Vice President and move to the board of directors. Rhonda Shippee has agreed to leave the board and become Vice President. A motion was made to re-elect Chuck Nichols, President, Jean McKenney, Treasurer, Linda Buzzell, Secretary and Rhonda Shippee as Vice President. Seconded and approved. Alan Franklin, Frank Antonelli and Erik Lessing are up for re-election to the board. Erik and Frank have agreed to stay but Alan has resigned. Sean Selby was nominated to take his place; he is a State Trooper, lifetime Morgan resident. It was moved to accept Erik, Frank and Sean as board members with terms ending in 2021, seconded and approved.

5. **Committee Reports:**

Boating Committee: Tim Buzzell had Bonnie McWain speak to the 4th of July boat parade. We had perfect weather and about 35 boats, reversing the direction worked well, and the parade was a great success. Tim addressed the boat access which is still problem some. While the Governor, Secretary of ANR and the Secretary of Agriculture are visiting today, he will give a letter to the Secretary of ANR, Julie Moore, and alerting the Governor. Some discussion on how to mitigate the problem.

Activities: Frank Antonelli discussed the Summer Social - which is today from 6-8 pm at Camp Winape and hosted by Ron and Janet Kolar. Our special guest is Governor Phil Scott.

Fishing: Woody Woods said that the fishing has not been good this year. The 20" size limitation for lake trout is a problem, catching a lot of fish but they are smaller and not very

healthy. The State is doing a survey of the lake. SLA is testing the water during flooding on Sucker Brook. Brooks are silting in, smelt are not traveling upstream to spawn and are the main food supply for lake trout.

Loons: They did not nest this year on Seymour but Echo was very successful. Loon count last weekend showed 12 loons on 2 trips around the lake. 3-4 are bachelors who move around and about 8 regular residents.

Maps: New maps are available at the Town office and the Morgan Store. List of names is available for printing on the SLA website.

Membership: Ted Jewett said that Bruce Barter's tracking system has been a great tool for the membership committee. There are 10 committee members.

2017: 376 members

YTD: 310

2017: 71% of lake front members joined

YTD 62%

Report is attached. Ted thanked everyone for their generosity. It was suggested that we send more email blasts as a membership tool with a link to the SLA website. We also have a Facebook page.

Milfoil/invasive species: Beth Torpey - this is our 18th successful year keeping invasive species out of the lake. We are the last large lake in Vermont. The decontamination station is up and we are using it. Each boater is asked where they last launched their boat in a body of water with animal invasive species. Every boat is inspected. Discussion of how jet skis are inspected. If you have renters, please have them come to the boat access to have their boats inspected or contact Beth and she will meet them. David Wieselmann is doing a survey in his kayak of plants in the lake and where; trying to identify private boat launches (the State will put a sign about inspections at these launches); and also looking for zebra mussels, which have appeared on the Canadian side of Memphremagog. The State will survey the American side next week and doing samples as well as the larva is microscopic. Beth feels it is necessary that the State bring electricity to us at the boat access for the decontamination station. Suggested that we put a sticker on boats who only use Seymour. Discussion on longer hours Friday night as there are many boats being launched after greeters leave.

Newsletter: Erik Lessing gave thanks to Bruce Barter for his membership lists. Maggie Griffith is our "grammarian". Moving the printing to L. Brown & Sons in Barre has saved us 50% of the costs to print the newsletter. Let him know if you have suggestions or pictures for articles.

Water Quality: Peggy Barter & Rhonda Shippee - see report attached. Peggy thanked Chuck, the board, and others for supporting the programs. **Phragmites demo:** Identify the plant and ask the intern to help you. Cut in late July, below the lowest leaf, burn or stack in dry area or on a tarp or it will root again. **Japanese Knotweed:** very invasive - cut it once a month to ground level for 5 years. Never compost, stack and dry. Herbicides work on both but avoid near the water. Thanks to Tom Emory, a lay monitor, who works a minimum of 10-12 times taking water clarity samples.

Dam/Lake Level: The Town of Morgan is working on their Town Plan & FEMA flood insurance which needs to be done every 5 years. If we want flood insurance, the Town needs to be part of the program. they are doing a survey to identify properties in the flood zone. We would like the Town to be able to manage the lake level as part of this program.

New Business: There was a discussion of Industrial Scale Wind projects. Mr. Bliddersdorf has said as long as Phil Scott is governor, he won't do a project. If the Town's plan is approved, it will have a voice in the process. Good news.

Adjourned 11:15 a.m.