

Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting
August 24, 2017; 12:00 pm

Present: Chuck Nichols, Ted Jewett, Jean McKenny, Linda Buzzell, Tim Buzzell, Erik Lessing, Bonnie McWain, Bruce Barter

By Phone: Rhonda Shippee

Absent: Alan Franklin, Frank Antonelli, Woody Woods, Tom Adam

Committee members: Peggy Barter, Water Quality

Chuck opened the meeting with a brief discussion of the changing demographics in VT, NH, and ME as well as the rest of the country. The percentage of people on social security and a fixed income is rising drastically and affecting the second home property owners as they age.

Treasurer's Report: Report attached dated 8/21/17. We still need to find an investment account for the CD now in our checking account. Linda made a motion to accept the report, Tim seconded, approved.

Activities:

The annual meeting was well attended this year. Bruce suggested that the board meeting before was too rushed. Chuck asked if we wanted wind or solar on next year's agenda and it was decided that the topic was best put on the agenda for Town Meeting.

Outing: The consensus was that the music was very good but too loud for introducing yourself or having discussions. Committee will discuss it for next year. 2018 Gov. Scott will be attending, flexible on the date, Chuck will form a committee to plan with Frank Antonelli as chair.

Boating: Should we press the State again for dredging now that we have the new depth measurements? Beth Torpey said a State employee told her we could apply for a Dredging Permit ourselves. We need to confirm that is true. To do it ourselves would cost more like \$50,000 than \$3,000. Agreed that we would start with Tim writing a letter to the State.

Buoys: A motion was made by Tim to have SLA pay someone to put out the buoys in the spring and take them out in the fall, seconded by Ted, approved. Chuck will approach Homer Selby or Bob Durgin.

Fishing and Loons: Report by Woody Woods attached.

Grants: There are grants available for land based invasive species. Peggy will check with Ben Copans.

Maps: Work on updating the map is complete. A motion was made by Linda to order 25, seconded by Bruce, approved.

Membership: Report attached. Ted said they continue to trickle in. 59 of last year's members have not renewed. Donations in 2016 were \$14,420 and \$13,160 so far for 2017. We had 349 members last year and 352 so far this year.

Milfoil: The pressure washer is still not working. Beth is still hopeful it will be running this year.

Newsletter: Much discussion on articles Erik can use for the fall and spring newsletters.

Water Quality: Report attached. A motion was made by Bonnie to commit to up to \$4,000 for the intern next year. Seconded by Ted, approved. Erik will include an article in the newsletter with photos about the land based invasive species around the lake.

Other Business:

The drone is on hold. Woody and Erik are exploring Google Earth Pro

Email blast - frequency and content? 10-15 / yr. Appreciate feedback - too many, too little?

Planning Commission Review: Would we like Steve Matson to give us a briefing? Yes, and Chuck will check into it.

Erik made a motion to adjourn at 1:55 pm, Bonnie seconded, approved.