

**Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting  
August 16, 2018 6 pm**

**Present:** Chuck Nichols, Linda Buzzell, Tim Buzzell, Frank Antonelli, Jean McKenney, ERik Lessing, Bruce Barter, Sean Selby, Woody Woods

**By Phone:** Bonnie McWain, Rhonda Shippee

**Committee members:** Peggy Barter, Water Quality; Beth Torpey, Milfoil/Invasive Species

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept the minutes from 6/29/18 made by Woody and seconded by Tim, approved

**Treasurer's Report:** see attached. Jean made a few comments about still having to pay Greeters & unemployment taxes. We have \$50,000 in our checking account and we need invest some in a CD. Peoples Bank has a one year CD at 1.9% and a two year at 2.15% but we have to have a checking account at their bank, good news is it only needs to have a \$25 balance. Tim made a motion to put \$30,000 in a 1 yr CD at Peoples, Bruce seconded. There was some discussion and Tim amended the motion to include "checking account should be the minimum amount to include fees". Bruce seconded, approved.

**Boating:** We received a letter from Charles Evans (attached) asking us to ban jet skis on Seymour. We have no authority to do that but Chuck will answer him and direct him to the State agency with the authority. Discussion about having a newsletter article regarding jet skis and a loon connection. Woody agreed to write the article. Greeters will make jet skiers aware of the loons. Beth said we are getting new adaptors for the decontamination station for jet skis.

Letter to ANR - Tim wrote a letter to ANR demanding an answer to the access siltation issue and gave it to Julie Moore, Secretary of ANR and Governor Scott at the annual social. Need to follow up. Beth also had a discussion with them regarding Trevor's study on Sucker Brook.

**Annual Social:** Chuck commended Frank. Last year we had about 60 people, and this year between 120-130. We need to send a thank you to the Kolars in the newsletter and a personal note by Chuck. Tom made a motion that we do so, seconded by Tim, approved.

**Milfoil/greeters:** Beth's report attached. DEC did an intensive survey of the US side of Memphremagog last week for zebra mussels. None on our side. Discussion of a sticker program for boats only used on Seymour Lake. Saves time and prevents invasive species. Need to start decontaminating every fishing boat. Also need to move the operation closer to the shore because of water issues. Tim and Tom will research right size pump and generator for the job.

**Membership:** Ted is distressed that 70 people who were members are not this year. He will send out a letter to those who still haven't joined. It was brought up that people like to pay on line and we need to research how to do that.

**Water Quality:** Peggy introduced Trevor's map of the lake showing where properties have invasive species i.e. phragmites, Japanese Knotweed, Loosestrife and honeysuckle. He has given each property owner who has invasives a packet of information. A Task Force has been formed to help cut them down. Piperwort at Elliott Acres is a native plant, good for the lake. A Committee will meet to see where to go next.

**Newsletter:** Woody & Erik are arranging to have aerial photos taken of the lake and have them available to download on the website. He gave a list of the various articles he intends to include in the next few issues.

**New Business:** Ted brought up donating money to Raining Hope in Morgan, a horse therapy non-profit in Morgan. Linda will talk to Christine Mason, the owner and Bonnie offered to help. Sean Selby made a motion for SLA to donate \$1,000 for scholarships to GMCC and Raining Hope. Woody seconded, approved. Linda and Bonnie will investigate.

**Loons:** We have 8-10 loons on the lake this year but no chicks. Woody feels jet skis are the issue but it was also brought up that Seymour does not have enough bait fish and it is affecting the fishing and loons. Tim suggested the Morgan hatchery switch from trout to smelt. Woody agreed and will talk to the State fisheries people.

**Maps:** We received 24x32 (wrong size) and The printer is bringing more of the 18x24 at no cost to us.

Next BOD meeting TBD

Adjourned 8:05 pm