

Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting - June 17, 2019 5 pm

Present: Chuck Nichols, Linda Buzzell, Jean McKenny, Sean Selby, Tim Buzzell, Erik Lessing, Bruce Barter, Frank Antonelli, Woody Woods, Tom Adams, Bonnie McWain, Rhonda Shippee (via phone)

Absent: Ted Jewett

Committees: Peggy Barter, Beth Torpey

1. **Treasurer's Report** - Jean McKenny - Report is attached - much discussion regarding CD's vs anticipated cash availability for expenses. Decided to take \$25,000 from checking to CD at Community Bank 2.5%. Tom made a motion, seconded by Sean, approved. Beth commented that this is probably the last year we will get as much from the State. Discussion of whether we should raise donations to FOVLAP and MWS. Asked Beth and Peggy to have the groups give a presentation in July.

Tim made a motion to accept the Secretary's report with an amendment by Peggy and the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Woody, approved.

Linda gave a brief report regarding our scholarships this summer. We have three kids who will receive scholarships to the Green Mountain Conservation Camps this summer. We voted to sponsor two and David and Sylvia Detscher volunteered to sponsor a third (Caleb Nadeau, Bethany Brush and Rosemary Gilmer). We have donated \$500 to Reining Hope and they plan to seed a scholarship program with the donation. Linda will call and find out if they have given a scholarship to their summer camps.

2. **Boat Parade** - will be July 6 at 2 pm this year, with a rain date of July 7.

3. **Annual Meeting** - Saturday July 27 at 9 a.m. at the Morgan Community House. The board will meet at 8 a.m. to set up etc. It was decided that we would get donuts, coffee etc from the Morgan Store.

4. **Activities** - The SLA Summer Social will be at Camp Winape, again hosted by the Kolar Family - Saturday July 20th at 6 p.m.

Decided not to do Ice Out raffle this year.

5. **Membership** - Ted will not be standing for the Board this year. Chuck asked Tom Adams to chair the committee and he has agreed. We discussed having Tammy at the Town Office give a packet to new lake shore owners including SLA information and "Sharing the Edge" brochure. 232 memberships as of April.

6. **Nominating Committee** - Tim, Bonnie and Ted - Board members up for re-election are Tim, Tom and Ted with Ted leaving the Board.

7. **Boating** - Much discussion about jet skis, wake boats and boats inside 200 ft from shore. Have flyers at the boating access regarding rules. Tim will write and email blast to send to the membership reminding them of Vermont boating rules and summer courtesy.

Beth said that the State had responded to our letter regarding the boat access dredging; and while they don't deny there is a problem, it is not high on their priority list. Tim feels it is the State's access and they should set up and take care of the problem and not spend SLA money.

Chuck asked whether we should pay someone to put out buoys. Consensus was no. Sean, Homer and Bob Durgin are taking care of it.

8. Milfoil - Tom and Peggy met with Northwoods. We will not have an intern this year. Suggested we use the money we would have spent on landscaping work at the boating access. Northwoods is requesting a one-time \$1,000 contribution & 10 yr maintenance contract. Sean made a motion, Bonnie seconded, approved. Northwoods may have an intern available later in the summer to do projects if we are interested. Rhonda suggested we let Meg know we are interested at some point.

9. Water Quality - Invasive Species - Rhonda - sending email to people in last year's survey to see if they need help. Northwoods intern for fragmites this year? Fragmites needs to be cut once a year; knotweed once a month. Jean says high school might have volunteers who need community service to graduate. Woody says his neighbor is mowing fragmites regularly and it seems to work getting energy away from the roots. Tom isn't willing to offer help to landowners unless they are willing to be part of the process.

10. Newsletter - Thank you to Doug Gimler for flying over the lake for pictures. New ideas for newsletter: fish hatchery article; old photos; Ted volunteered to do an article on Rossiter Point; article by Betsy Walkerman on Vince Speranza (D-Day article in Wall Street Journal); Mr. Besaw power washing cemetery stones controversy; Seymour Lake Lodge

11. Smelt - Woody, Tim and Bill Billowus have discussed converting brook trout hatching to smelt hatching at the hatchery. Need to set up a meeting to get the energy up. Woody – Smelt is slowly coming back – they need high water in the spring. Ron Frascoia is no longer the chair of Fishing – Woody will become chair and it was suggested that Bill Billowus be asked to join the committee.

12. Loons - Woody reported that the loons are doing well and coming back solidly but eagles are a problem. Canopies are being placed over nesting platforms on some bodies of water to protect the nest. Seymour will probably do this in future years.

13. Maps - Chuck reported that no maps were sold over the winter. We will sell them at the annual meeting – reducing the price from \$20 to \$15. Maps were updated last year and will not be updated this year.

Other Business – Chuck went to the Morgan Town Planning meeting. No wind turbines can be above 1700 feet and solar panels can be in gravel pits only. Comment was made that if Blittersdorf tries to come back he will have to prove his case. The approved Town Plan prevails (Linda – you can check with Chuck on the specifics of the ruling)

Chuck noted that we are removing the Development/Grants Committee from our committee roster.

Update on the Web – Candy will be an administrator and will be the contact for getting information on the web. At the annual meeting it will be brought up that we need a Web Master.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55. Motion made by Sean, seconded by Tom

Next Board meetings July 29 6 pm and August 19th 6 pm Morgan Town Offices