

**Seymour Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting**  
**July 29, 2019 6 pm**

**Present:** Chuck Nichols, Rhonda Shippee, Jean McKenny, Linda Buzzell, Tim Buzzell, Frank Antonelli, Tom Adams, Bill Bilowus, Bruce Barter, Erik Lessing, Woody Woods, Bonnie McWain (by phone)

**Absent:** Sean Selby

**Committees:** Peggy Barter, Water Quality

Chuck introduced guest, Ben Copans, VT ANR Memphremagog Watershed Administrator, who is working with the Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District and Tim Buzzell (Chair, OCNRCD) doing water samples at farms in the watershed, taking samples upstream and downstream of the farms.. Two years ago, phosphorous and nitrogen levels were high and Sarah Damsell, Exec. Director OCNRCD, started working with the farms to make improvements. One year ago the levels were lower mainly because the farm on Sucker Brook did not have any cows. This year they are pasteurizing heifers and not milking right now. The owner is open to doing projects with Sarah. 10 years ago Seymour had increasing phosphorous levels but now it is staying stable as compared to other VT lakes. All of our work has been helping.

**Treasurer's Report:** financials attached. Some discussion of income and expenses. Auditor's comment is that we have to be careful of our spending and make sure we keep ahead of it. Tim made a motion to continue the \$500 sponsorship to GMCC for 2 campers, but not Reining Hope this year. Seconded by Rhonda and approved.

**Secretary's Report** - Woody made a motion to approve, seconded by Tom, approved.

**Boat Parade:** Need to talk to the State about a permit for next year. Parade will be July 4th period, no rain date.

**Membership:** We can get addresses for new homeowners and send packets to them. Some concern about Air B&B - boat access? SLA Membership? Andy Barter has offered to go through the By Laws regarding proper voting at meetings; i.e. one family member?

**Boating:** Do we want to pressure ANR regarding the boat access? Tim felt we should put it on the backburner for now. Bill feels we should inundate them with letters. Chuck will draft a letter including electricity at the access, dredging and camp next to Tom Adams.

**Water Quality:** Regarding logging on Wayeeses, Tim talked with Jared Nunnery (OCNRCD), and he said the logging is in compliance, legal distance from the lake. He is aware of the logging on the Jordan Farm, also no violations. Rhonda said no one has an answer to how to dispose of the invasive plant species after cutting. Peggy said she will be getting signage from Northwoods for the new rain garden at the boat access. There was discussion regarding how to print "Sharing the Edge" with the November newsletter. Erik suggests we address the porta-potties at the access too. Rhonda said she will call Dillon, the State Access Coordinator.

**Maps:** We need to get the names updated on the website.

**Fishing:** Not great this year but there is a committee including Woody, Tim, Bill and Bob Steenrod working with the VT Conservation Group and the State to raise smelt at the fish hatchery. Now that you can move smelt from one lake to another in 2020, this should be successful.

**Other Business:** Andy Barter has offered to renovate the Kiosk at the boat access. He will also help as web administrator with Candy Moot taking in info and distributing it.

Adjourned at 8:40 pm