

Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting - August 12, 2021 6 pm

Present: Rhonda Shippee, Bonnie McWain, Jean McKenny, Linda Buzzell, Sean Selby, Bill Bilowus, Erik Lessing, Bruce Barter, Bruce Remick, Tom Adams, Tim Buzzell, Woody Woods

Absent: Frank Antonelli

Committees: Peggy Barter

1. Secretary's minutes 7/16/21 - Tom Adams made a motion to accept, Sean Selby seconded, approved.
2. Old Business - Do we want to print a new supply of Sharing the Edge publication? Erik says it is on the website so why print it. We just need to let people know where to find it.
3. Treasurer's Report - attached. Most of the summer's expenses have not been paid out yet. We have received a \$5,000 anonymous donation. We've received about \$16,000 in donations for the David Weisemann project, \$14,000 in expenses. Erik says he has about \$1000 in additional expenses. Sean Selby moved to accept, Woody Woods seconded, passed.

Candy Moot has organized two press events - (Aug 16 and Aug 23 both at 11 a.m.) - to publicize David Weisemann's new kayak lift. WCAX couldn't make it until the 23rd.

4. Annual Meeting - decided no need for food at next year's meeting. Maybe take a couple of breaks. No speaker.

5. Activities:

Smelt/fishing: Bill Bilowus hoping to ask for an additional year (4 years) for the smelt project. The fishing is terrible, no bass to speak of, small lake trout. Seems to be a lack of State manpower despite grant money available.

Membership: We are about even with September 2020 already, 264 total. Need to promote to adult children of current members.

Boating/Boat Launch: Chuck Nichols is preparing a letter to the State about dredging the boat access.

Milfoil/VIP program - not much to add at this point

Maps: The new company has the Town's approval to use data. About \$250 to get new added to the website. Agreed it's worth the money to have them do it.

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Newsletter: Next copy is expected Nov 1st. Maybe an article on fishing in the next issue. Erik is always looking for interesting articles for the future.

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Water Quality: Peggy Barter

Land Based Invasive Plants – Through Lake Wise we learned that we should not try to control Japanese knotweed and Phragmites by ourselves anymore only by pulling or cutting (physical means). Pulling and cutting remain the preferred method to use when these plants first appear in small amounts. However, because physical means have not been successful in controlling the spread and the environmental damage continues, all the major environmental groups now recommend carefully controlled use of herbicide. Our closest licensed provider of herbicide

application is Sam Perron at Northwoods Stewardship Center. The best way to contact him is to visit <https://www.northwoodscenter.org/wordpress/> Then click on Contact Us and fill out the form.

Lake Wise – Amy Picotte and her assistant Precious Ozoh completed 16 evaluations/re-evaluations this summer. At least 5 properties received the Award and most of the others will receive certificates. Most of the rest will take advantage of the Northwoods Stewardship Center's Grant offer to install new Best Management Practices which include planting more natural vegetation, infiltration steps and water bars.

Reclassification to A (1) – SLA formed a temporary committee, the Reclassification Investigation Committee with the members being Larry Labor, Bill Kilpatrick, Sean Selby, Tom Adams and Peggy Barter along with Rhonda consulting frequently. We have had email discussions, sought answers to questions members had and have a meeting with scheduled with Morgan's Select Board on August 23. The Agenda for our meeting with them includes responding to their previous questions, updating them with new information from Oliver, and listening to what they have to say and ask.

Page two (below) consists of a new watershed map for Seymour Lake, provided by Ben Copans, and a chart showing the amount of Seymour Watershed land in Morgan, Holland and Charleston.

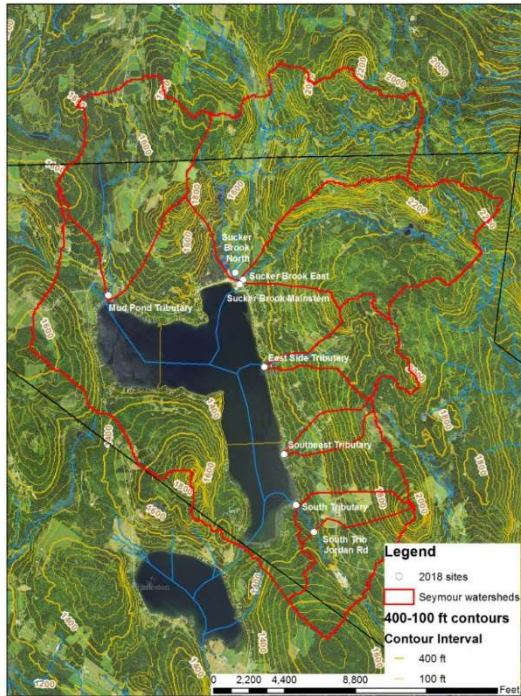
SLA's Web Site Renewal – Work has begun to provide up to, modernized water quality information to SLA's Social Media Committee as they work to update SLA's web site.

FOVLAP Related Information –

- a. FOVLAP's Ad Hoc Committee on Aquatic Invasive Species has conducted a survey. Data from the survey will appear in FOVLAP's fall newsletter. Beth has been active with this group.
- b. Lake Bomoseen is ready to file a petition to the state soon to address "overuse in its waters which challenges safety and water quality". The overuse consists of 75+ boats which have been moored for extended periods in one section of the lake.
- c. VDEC receives 37% of motor boat registration fees to use for AIS grants. For the 2020 – 2021 year this amounted to \$459,000 for grants. Oliver reported that at least \$450,000 should be available in the coming year. We should urge all folks to register their boats in order to keep this money coming. (Possible SLA Newsletter blurb?)

If you are interested, check out this web site and enter "Morgan" to see what Clean Water Projects are being funded:

<https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/cleanWaterDashboard/ProjectExplorer.aspx>



	watershed area (acres)	Percent of watershed	Watershed area - lake (acres)	Percent of land watershed
Holland	2003.76	15.15%	2003.76	17.50%
Morgan	11017.86	83.31%	9240.66	80.72%
Charleston	203.8	1.54%	203.8	1.78%
Total	13225.42		11448.22	

Sucker Brook Update: Tim Buzzell - After a field trip with the State in 2020 to address erosion with the property owner, Cargill, the State discussed buying the property and do Trees for Streams. Tim recently contacted Sarah Damsell at OCNRCD on the status. Peter Emerson with the State will try to negotiate with Cargill. Meanwhile Sarah has money for undefined projects. Tim will keep on it and maybe do the project anyway before the State buys the property.

New Business: Doug Gimlor resigned as auditor. Several names were suggested and Rhonda will follow up.

FOVLAP annual meeting September 9 @ Lake Morey. No registration fee has been set but we will pay for Bruce Barter (official SLA rep), Peggy, Beth and any officers/directors to attend.

Bruce will do a group registration to get a reduced rate. Rhonda also suggested any VIP volunteers who would like to attend will also be covered.

Adjourned 7:50 pm