

## **Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting August 27, 2022 8 a.m.**

**Present:** Rhonda Shippee, President; Bonnie McWain, Secretary; Jean McKenny, Treasurer; Linda Buzzell, Secretary; Tim Buzzell, Erik Lessing, Bruce Barter, Bruce Remick, Bill Bilowus, Tom Adams, Sean Selby, Woody Woods, Denis Fortin

Rhonda welcomed Denis Fortin as our newest Board member.

1. Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting 7/23/22 - Motion made to approve, approved.

2. Old Business: Rhonda discussed the letter we received from Chris Herrick, Vermont Fish & Wildlife Commissioner basically refusing our requests to dredge the boating access or to put a permanent electrical pole on the property. Some discussion but no ideas as to how to go forward at this time.

3. New Business: Bruce Remick said that the Town Selectboard is also dealing with the State because apparently the beach parking lot is actually an "overflow parking area for the fishing access". The Town would like to be able to have ATV & snowmobile trailers and recreation vehicles park there as well. They are going to make a formal request for an exemption.

Sean Selby: discussion of a trailer to replace the boat launch shack so that we will be able to move it in winter more easily. Sean will price one out and get back to us. Beth Torpey would add it to our State grant application.

4. Treasurer, Jean McKenny: updated Denis Fortin, as a new board member about her financial reports. Our investment policy has always been to have "no principal risk". Should we start looking at CD rates at Edward Jones if their rates remain significantly higher than CNB when current CD's mature? It was decided to look at it closer to 9/25 when #2 comes due before making a decision.

We reviewed the "Inspection of SLA Financial Records" by Marie Tule and discussed her suggestions for the coming year. This report is in hard copy with Secretary's files.

Bonnie made a Motion and it was seconded to have the Executive Board put together a Budget for the coming year. Some discussion. Approved.

5. Committee Reports:

Activities: Bonnie has agreed to take over the Chair from Frank Antonelli. We will possibly have an on line RSVP for next year rather than send out over 360 postcards.

Newsletter: Denis Fortin has agreed to take over the newsletter and said that Erik is helping and things are going well. He has asked that articles be submitted by Oct 1 if at all possible.

6. Membership: Tom Adams and Bruce Barter

Bruce has decided to retire from his position as "membership secretary" as he calls it but it is a huge position requiring good computer skills. Jean said she feels she is the logical person to take over inputting the amount of membership fee and donations as part of membership renewals as the actual info comes to her and there is some duplication. Bruce's software is old

and not "sharable" or transferrable. He is doing research into another program. We are exploring a subscription membership service - Club Express possibly. Chuck Nichols is helping with this research and said that they have just been bought; why? what is the new company like? can we download info as backup as well as upload? There was much discussion about how to subsidize monthly payments. One is to stop sending free newsletters to lake front owners (about 148) and other property owners in Morgan who are not members. It was agreed to stop this after the November newsletter. We established a working committee of Rhonda Shippee, Bonnie McWain, Jean McKenny, Chuck Nichols, Tom Adams and Bruce Barter to further research this management service and get back to us by the next board meeting.

Membership fee discussion: Rhonda would like membership fees to cover operating costs - only covers 59% now - rather than using donations. 2007 was the last and only time we've raised membership dues. More discussion at another time.

Next Board of Director Meeting: September 24 at 8 a.m.

Motion made by Tom Adams to adjourn at 10:30, seconded by Bruce Remick, approved.