

**Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting - September 24, 2022, 8 a.m.**

**Present:** President, Rhonda Shippee; Secretary, Linda Buzzell, Tim Buzzell, Tom Adams, Bill Bilowus, Denis Fortin, Bruce Barter

**By Phone:** Vice President, Bonnie McWain; Treasurer, Jean McKenny; Sean Selby

**Absent:** Bruce Remick, Woody Woods, Erik Lessing

**Committees:** Peggy Barter

1. **Secretary's Report 8/27/22** - Motion made to accept by Tim Buzzell, seconded by Tom Adams, approved.

2. **Old Business:** Wake boat petition update -David Kelly (Caspian Lake) organized a committee of other lake associations to discuss the petition and they have met once. State wants to modify petition to have wake boats operated 500 ft from shore rather than 1000 ft as the petition now states. The committee will ask that moving wake boats from lake to lake via trailers not be allowed so as to prevent movement of AIS. Boats would be used only on "home" lakes and not allowed on other lakes. There is another meeting next week with Oliver Pearson, Program Manager for VTDEC Lakes and Ponds Management and Protection Program. Much discussion about boats with ballast being quarantined somehow before entering Seymour.

3. **Treasurer's Report** - Jean McKenny - no new report - \$20,000 in checking plus a \$30,000 CD due the 26th. She talked with CNB and Edward Jones about rates and FDIC insurance. Sean made a Motion that we keep \$5,000 from the CD in checking and invest \$25,000 in a 7 month CD, 1.5% rate, at Community National Bank, seconded by Bill Bilowus, approved.

**Committees:**

**Activities:** Bonnie McWain - talked with Ron and Janet Kolar about hosting the social at Camp Winape. They are still interested but date to be decided. Jean is checking on the Community House construction regarding our annual meeting.

**Milfoil/VIP:** Sean Selby talked with the greeters about a trailer to replace the old shack. He has found a utility trailer on wheels at 25% off, \$4050. There was much discussion about how to proceed about paying for it. Bonnie McWain made a Motion seconded by Bill Bilowus to purchase the white trailer for \$4050 now and include the cost in the Town's bill at the end of the year, approved. Sean will store the trailer for the winter and try to sell the old greeter shack for \$250 or best offer. Our costs for the greeter program will probably be about \$10,000 this year. Sending all Airbnb's on the lake flyers about checking boats to leave in their cottages. Rhonda will contact the Town to get on the agenda for the budget.

VIP - David Wieselmann - no milfoil this year - some char algae in shallow areas, but food source for fish.

**Newsletter:** Denis Fortin - two articles so far - one on smelt from Bill and one on GMCC from Linda. He has several in the works including loons. He commented that his cameras on the nests showed 40+ kayaks in the nesting area this summer! Waiting on a Water Quality article focusing on a farm in our watershed. Maybe a game warden article? Shoreland Protection law?

**Membership:** Tom Adams and Bruce Barter - Bruce will call the printer to check on price costs from 1,000 to 500 copies. Committee very active. New software - still researching. Report is attached as a hard copy in the file.

**Online** - report attached as a hard copy in the file.

**Water Quality** – full report attached below. Discussion of a potential LWAP (Lake Watershed Application Plan) filed jointly with Echo Lake which applies for about \$30,000 of water money available. Echo includes our watershed, and they would like to file jointly with us. A Motion was made by Tim Buzzell, seconded by Jean McKenny to join forces with Echo's LWAP.

**New Business:** Two local businesses were contacted regarding SLA clothing. Dave Bullock researched Lands End Business where we provide the logo, \$89 fee to set it up, and then members can order what they want themselves. A Motion was made by Tim Buzzell, seconded by Bill Bilowus to proceed, approved.

**Next Meeting:** TBD

Motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. made by Tom Adams, seconded by Tim Buzzell, approved.

## **Attachment 1**

### **9 - 24 - 2022 Water Quality Report to Directors**

**Water Quality Committee Members (Active):** Dan Barry, Andy Barter, Peggy Barter, Tracey Becken, Gerry Cahill, Trish Clark, Ellen Delaney, Rob Hofmann, Bill Kilpatrick, Erik Lessing, Rhonda Shippee, Neal Van Wyck, Kit Walker. **(Inactive):** Kenni Friere, Charles Woods

Lake Wise updates: Tracey, Kit, Rob, Neal, Trish - 13 properties assessed: including 8 new Lake Wise awards: 4 lined up for next year

- ➔ Coming: grants to fully fund any Best Management Practices recommended during a Lake Wise assessment from 2014 - 2022 are available; this fall committee will inform our qualifying members so that they can sign up if they wish.

Summer 2023 workshop plans: Project Leader - Tracey Becken; Date - Friday, July 7, Presenter - Alison Marchione; Location TBD at three lake shore properties; Theme - Lake Shore Protection Act, Lake Wise, Permitting Process

Sub-Committee organizing: Ellen Delaney, Trish Clark, Rob Hofmann - Education re: Permitting, Shoreland Protection Act, ensuring action regarding violations

Lake Science: Neal Van Wyck - phosphorus, farming, algae, ecology, and more

Newsletter: Peggy met with Denis; WQ Committee will submit articles as follows.  
Fall 2022

- Neal - with Sarah Damsell Focus on a Farm protecting water quality in our watershed;
- Erik - Lake Wise article/update

Other planned articles -

- Erik - Lay Monitoring Graph/update with 2022 data (spring 2023)
- Trish - Shoreland Protection Act (fall 2022 or spring 2023)

Wake Boat Education: Ron and Dan will create a map and text illustrating how to operate a wake boat without compromising water quality to display on the Access kiosk when Andy completes the renovation.

Kiosk/Access: Chris Blais donated wooden slats which Andy will use to create plant identification signs. Additional information about the reason for the buffer, no mow zones and gardens will be prepared to post at kiosk.

Terrestrial Invasive Plants: Gerry arranged for Sam Perron of Northwoods Stewardship Center to advise a group of volunteers re: method to pull the phragmites from the public beach; Tracey has returned with volunteers to do repeat pulling, dry the pulled plants and then burns them. Sam reports this should eliminate the phragmites within 4 - 5 years.