

Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting 1-23-23 - via Zoom

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

Absent: Bruce Barter, Sean Selby

Committees: Candy Moot

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept Report 12-20-22 made by Tom Adams, seconded by Woody Woods, approved

Old Business:

Wake Boat Update: Candy Moot brought the board up to date since our last meeting. The statute will read that the owner of a wake boat must purchase a sticker annually declaring their "home lake". They would not be able to trailer to another lake in the State. Each year they could change their home lake if they prefer. There is a statute saying anyone can be fined up to a \$1,000 for transporting any kind of plant material on their boat or trailer. Also the new reading will be 500 ft from shore (not 1,000 ft) and 50 acres. There will be a public hearing Feb. 15 in Greensboro and then it will go before the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules and then the Legislative Committee on Administrative rules before becoming final. This will set a national precedent so wake boat companies as well as owners will be lobbying against the new rules. A **Motion** was made by Tom Adams and seconded by Bonnie McWain to authorize Rhonda Shippee to write a letter of support for the ruling, approved. A copy of the letter is in the Secretary's files as a hard copy. Candy Moot will send out an email blast to the Membership explaining the hearing, a synopsis of the rule and a link to vote whether you support the rule or not. We encourage all SLA members to respond.

Treasurer's Report: Jean McKenny - no significant change since the December meeting except for settling up with the Town of Morgan (Milfoil Project), including our share of the 2021 shortfall from the grant from the State. A copy of the report is in the Secretary's files as a hard copy. A **Motion** was made by Woody Woods, seconded by Bruce Remick to accept the Treasurer's Report, approved.

Letter for Morgan Town Report - Rhonda will submit an informational letter to be printed in the Town Report

Committee Reports:

Activities: Bonnie McWain reported nothing new but working on the summer social.

Smelt Project: Bill Bilowus - 2023 is the final year for transferring smelt eggs from donor brooks to our brooks. Hopefully, we will finally see some of our smelt coming back up the brooks while we are surveying and monitoring this spring.

On Line: Rhonda Shippee - sent out a Christmas and New Year's email blast to Membership. We will send one on the Wakeboats, GMCC. Will update the website for information on phragmites.

Membership: Tom Adams - committee has been holding meetings to figure out the transition from Bruce Barter to Andy Barter, as well as a program to pay for membership on line.

Boating: It was decided to hold the boat parade Sunday July 2, with a rain date of July 3. Bonnie McWain will write a newsletter article

Milfoil: Rhonda Shippee - The "bad news" is the State cut our 2021 payment by \$350. The "good news" is the new trailer was included in the grant. State money for milfoil is going from \$450,000 to \$350,000 so we expect the 2023 grant to be approximately 35% of our budget vs. historical 40-45%.

Maps: The store has a good supply right now.

Newsletter: Denis Fortin - Erik Lessing is writing an article on Lakewise. Denis plans to talk to Patrick Hurley at Memphremagog Watershed Association about the Farrow Farm sale to the state. Might include an article about the Wakeboard Regulation if it's complete. Also might include the Lister's Report from the Morgan Town Report for Members information.

Water Quality: The Water Quality Committee will be holding a workshop around July 7. Discussed the VT DEC Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2023 Lake Watershed Action Plan Echo and Seymour Lakes and if we want to support the OCNRCD proposal in support of the RFP. Tim Buzzell recused himself as Chair of the Board of Supervisors for OCNRCD but gave important information regarding the District's ability to carry out their proposal. A **Motion** to have Rhonda write a letter to VTDEC in support of OCNRCD was made by Denis Fortin, seconded by Bill Bilowus, approved. Some discussion about the Water Quality Committee picking a point person for the project. Board member? We need to work with Echo on this.

Feb. 6 there will be a hearing regarding A1-classification and the Anti-degradation Policy. The State is considering going to 6500 gallons rather than 1000 gallons for septic discharge. Do we need a Member vote before the Annual Meeting or an email blast for voting? Rhonda will let us know after the hearing.

New Business: Investment policy - Jean McKenny as Treasurer has received advice that Non-Profits should not get into stock investments. Our auditor, Mary Tule, is also not in favor. Decision made to continue with our present CD'S.

Board Meetings:

3-13-23 12:30 via Zoom

6-16-23 9 am at the town office

7-14-23 1 pm at the town office

8-18-23 9 am at the town office