

Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting - July 8, 2023 DRAFT

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

Absent: Sean Selby

Committee Members: Peggy Barter

1. Secretary's Report - Linda Buzzell Motion made by Woody Woods and seconded by Bonnie McWain to approve the Secretary's notes, approved.

2. Old Business - FOVLAP membership - Rhonda brought up donations/memberships approved at our last meeting and feels that FOVLAP has done a great deal for us this year. a Motion was made by Bonnie McWain and seconded by Tom Adams to donate an additional \$250 to FOVLAP for a total of \$300 this year. There was some discussion regarding FOVLAP's expenses, insurances etc. Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report - Jean McKenny - She will send an updated report next week. Sean Selby's discussion on investments was tabled for the time being. Marie Tule, our auditor, sent an email on regarding her opinion on investments, copy attached to Secretary's files.

4. Annual Meeting - much discussion on logistics, set up etc. We will have a flip chart for people to write what they would like to have at the Community House. We will have the petition for boating access dredging. Also will have extra newsletters. The Board will be there at 7:30 a.m. to set up, bring "goodies". Social time will be at 8:30, meeting at 9 a.m.

5. Committee Reports

Membership - Tom Adams - brought up the incredible work done over the years by Bruce Barter and Andy Barter who also has a full time job. Without Bruce, we will not be able to get the kinds of reports we used to get. At this point we already have over 300 members. Might do an email blast just to people who haven't paid. Need replace Erik on the membership committee. have made great progress on this new on line project. Tom feels they have enough on their plate just to service members with newsletters and email blasts. Not sending newsletters to non-members is more than a money issue, just logistically too difficult right now. Newsletter is on line and at Town Office and Morgan Store for non-members to read. Evidence shows people are joining for the newsletter and email blasts. Motion made by Bonnie and seconded by Tom Adams to continue our present policy of sending newsletters to SLA members only. jean asked that we revisit the policy next year. Approved.

Newsletter - Denis Fortin - new articles will include Jake Johnson, VT Fish and wildlife Game Warden about bears and moose locally. May address OCNRCDC concerns from last email on Farrow Farm, wake boat and jet ski issues. Also possible articles on past presidents and historic Inns on the lake.

Milfoil/VIP - Rhonda Shippee - Bruce Remick will bring paperwork for the new boat access trailer to the Town. We need to get the Town listed for insurance purposes. Plant material found at boat access has been confirmed to **not** be Water Chestnut.

Activities - Bonnie McWain - will send an email blast for the annual social at Ron and Janet Kolar's with an RSVP. Postcards will be sent to members with no email address and Bonnie will ask them if they will share an email address.

Nominating Committee - Tim Buzzell, Bonnie McWain and Sean Selby - Tim Buzzell, Tom Adams and Bill Bilowus terms are up but have agreed to stay on. Erik Lessing will resign opening one slot on the Board. The committee is working on a couple of people to run, if unsuccessful there is an alternative. Some discussion.

Water Quality - Peggy Barter - waiting for LWAP in order to make a plan. There is a meeting at the Community House July 17 at 6 pm. OCNRCD will do road assessments in November, lake shore assessments June 2024. More meetings will take place in August and October 2024 with priority projects finalized. November 2024 all projects identified and needs to be accomplished.

On Line Committee - Working on the ability to join as a new member and renew online from website; Water Quality testing changes are on line; 6 lake rental properties are on line. Upcoming email blasts will include LWAP meeting July 17, summer social, and wake boat hearing 8/1 and 8/3

Fishing/Loons - Bill Bilowus and Woody Woods - Loon count coming up with Denis Fortin and Woody Woods - 11-18 last year. Bill is waiting for the 5th year of the smelt project to be approved by the State. He is coordinating petitions for the boat access dredging project.

Boating - Petitions for the boat access dredging should be turned in by August 1 so a letter can be sent to the State. Much discussion of ongoing issues and other mitigating possibilities. A decision was made to have the boat parade in the rain. About 20 boats participated and Bonnie counted 149 shoreline docks decorated and people ran out to see it. Everyone was a good sport!

Maps - no change right now.

6. New Business - Linda Buzzell brought up a problem with two families who assumed SLA was sponsoring two boys for the GMCC camp. She is waiting to hear from the State about how to handle the situation. Jean McKenny will get Linda the names of the families. A Motion was made by Tim Buzzell and seconded by Bill Bilowus to pay refunds to the parents if needed for the 2 kids (Drew McKenny and Ben Thompson). Approved.

Next Board Meeting August 18 and September 9 at 9 am at the town office.

A Motion was made by Tom Adams and seconded by Woody Woods to adjourn at 11:35 . approved.