

Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting - August 10, 2024 9 a.m.

Present: Rhonda Shippee, President; Bruce Remick, Vice President; Jean McKenny, Treasurer; Linda Buzzell, Secretary; Denis Fortin, Bill Bilowus, Tim Buzzell, Candy Moot, Tracey Becken, Bonnie McWain

Absent: Woody Woods, Tom Adams, Mike Tule

Committees: Chuck Nichols

Rhonda opened the meeting by welcoming our new Board members, Tracey Becken and Michael Tule (who had planned to attend by teleconference but the loss of power in town prevented it).

Secretary's Report - Linda Buzzell - Jean McKenny made a Motion to accept the Secretary's Report for July 12, 2024, seconded by Bonnie McWain, approved.

Old Business - After some discussion, Candy Moot made a Motion to add a line item to future budgets for \$300 to buy small gifts recognizing Board member's service, seconded by Tim Buzzell, approved.

Treasurer's Report - Jean McKenny - #1, 2023 Audit Report is complete and the complete report is in the Secretary's files. Rhonda read suggestions made by the Audit Committee for the future and noted the auditors' recognition of the huge amount of time that Jean has put into recording and reporting the financial activity of SLA. #2, Budget to date is attached to the Secretary's files. #3, there was some discussion about whether to put some of our cash in another CD as the rates are 4.95% right now. It was decided to put \$20,000 in a CD for the 4.95% for 6 months, leaving about \$20,000 in the checking account. Candy Moot asked if there was any way to renew a membership online without their membership number. Very confusing to most people. Chuck Nichols, Jean and Tom Adams will talk to Jethro about the problem.

Membership - Chuck Nichols - 335 members to date. We would like to update about 300 members due to deaths or property transfers and will mail membership information to these people. Try to update quarterly. Some discussion about whether to send packages to people who are non-members off the lake as well as new people. We will keep sending membership renewal letters rather than sending by e-mail.

Boating - Tim Buzzell - dredging will start Monday August 12th. An email blast went out notifying members to get their boats out by Sunday or wait until possibly after Labor Day. Contractor scheduling is driving it. The public beach cleanup day was terrific. There was an article in the Chronicle. However, according to Bruce Remick, who is a Morgan Selectman, the State was not happy because our vehicles impeded road traffic and State work vehicles.

200' Buoys - Denis Fortin – he showed us the model he built for about \$60 ea. plus line. We decided to place 4 on the lake and send an email blast to members to educate them about the buoys. They will be placed in front of the Selby's on the west end, Wayeeses, Winape and by Betsy Wakerman's. Candy will get stickers to mark the buoys.

Milfoil/VIP - Rhonda Shippee - during dredging, the inspection greeters will move to the beach parking lot.

Activities - Bonnie McWain - +/- 90 people attended the Annual Social - very successful.

Water Quality - Tracey Becken - 35 people attended the Seymour Lake Garden Tour. The workshop was also well attended and very informative. The top priority LWAP projects identified and presented at the August 7th meeting are Sucker Brook at Valley Rd., W. Echo Road, Toad

Pond Road, Rt. 111 property with stream, cows and shoreline erosion, and removal of a dam on Cranberry Brook.

Newsletter - Denis Fortin - a Motion was made by Bonnie McWain to list paid members in the November newsletter rather than spring. Seconded by Bill Bilowus, approved. It was also decided to keep glossy paper rather than recycled. Rhonda will put a thank you in the newsletter for the Store, Juddy's, Connors for helping at the beach cleanup, plus any other businesses who have helped us this year.

On-Line - Candy Moot - planning to send an email blast recommending people have their septic tank pumped. Jean will ask Juddy's if they have a discount similar to Taplin's where neighbors can be pumped on the same day at a reduced rate.

Fishing/Smelt - Bill Bilowus

#1 - Bud's hearing aids and Costco - they decided to wait until next year because of damage to his home. Meanwhile he has been given info for help from State agencies.

#2 - the State will not continue the smelt project this coming year because they feel we now have smelt in the lake, but will consider next year.

#3 - Bill will have an article in the newsletter about spawning, where, when, species and seasons for different species.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 20th at 8 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made at 11:30 by Linda Buzzell, seconded by Bonnie McWain, approved