

Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting - September 20, 2024 8 a.m.

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

Rhonda welcomed Mike Tule to the Board. The boat launch is finally open.

Secretary's Report - Linda Buzzell - A Motion to accept the Secretary's Report from August 10 was made by Bonnie McWain, seconded by Jean McKenny, approved.

Old Business - Three 200' buoys have been placed - 1 by Winape (about 80' of water), 1 by Tom Adams on Seymour East, and one by Selby's on the west shore but it needs to be moved next year as there is too much stuff there. Might put one by the boat access. Good first effort and good feedback. They will come out Oct. 1. Andy Barter is building a new kiosk for the boat launch and signs need to go back up next year.

Treasurer's Report - Jean McKenny - the report is attached to the Secretary's files. A Motion to accept the report was made by Tom Adams, seconded by Candy Moot, approved.

Membership - Tom Adams – We currently have 348 or 349 members. The committee is concentrating on the 32 who were members last year but haven't joined this year. Candy suggested they research the property transfers and send a letter about SLA membership. Rhonda will send a President's note to new members. It was agreed to send an e-mail blast next year simultaneously with the membership letter reminding members to save the letter with their membership number if they want to renew online.

Boating - Tim Buzzell and Bonnie McWain - the access will stay open until the end of October. Tim brought up the possibility of float planes bringing in invasive species. Bruce Remick said this is a big issue in the float plane industry. They have to pump bilges etc. Denis will use a drone to survey the new siltation and gravel deltas caused by flooding. Much discussion on the lake shore damage.

Activities - nothing new. Add Kathy Remick and Molly Bilowus to the committee in newsletter as they are working on the Children's Art Contest for next season.

Nominating Committee - Tim Buzzell, Bonnie McWain - need another member to replace Sean Selby. Mike Tule was "volunteered" by Rhonda based on recommendations and he accepted.

Water Quality - Tracey Becken – 4 new properties have received the Lake Wise award bringing us to a total of 66. Concerned about mapping the runoff. The water is warming instead of cooling down, interesting. Meeting with the State about algae in the lake, but

it is common this time of year. Much discussion. Concerned about runoff into the lake and we need to keep an eye out for plant growth as a result. Still concern that the wake boats are still cresting huge waves.

Newsletter - Denis Fortin - discussed whether to go to 10 pages - the postage would be the same as for 8 but printing costs would rise. Discussion of when to print the membership. Denis will get the exact costs. It was agreed to do a two-sided insert and put the 2024 members on that. We will congratulate the new Lake Wise owners, do an article on the camp scholarships, provide a LWAP update and highlight our new directors.

On Line- Candy Moot - nothing new to add today but she asked if there were too many email blasts, but most felt the membership looks for them. Working with Jethro on the website.

Fishing/Loons - Bill Bilowus - will work with the State next year. Looks like there are smelt by Winape, new vegetation there is helping. Small mouth bass are back by Winape. Once they start going up the brooks, we'll be successful. Denis noted there will be an additional loon platform next year near where they nested this year.

New Business - Linda brought up sponsoring kids at Northwoods. They suggested we provide them \$ and they will provide a scholarship to a camper they choose. It was decided we will still work to find the campers to sponsor. We will sponsor two campers at either Northwoods or GMCC. She will contact the North Country middle schools and Chris Blais about potential interested youth and we will also do an article in the newsletter and an email blast.

Tom Adams announced his resignation from the board as he is selling his camp on the lake. Much pressure to make him stay! He suggested we look at the Membership Committee list to come up with a new board member. Hopefully they would also be willing to chair the committee. Rhonda questioned whether we can appoint a replacement as directors are elected per our bylaws. Mike noted he felt the VT statutes for nonprofits must address board vacancies. He will investigate that.

NEXT BOARD MEETING - ZOOM January 15th at 4 pm to approve the 2025 budget and any other issues committee chairs request. Possibly appoint a director to replace Tom.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Woody and seconded by Bonnie at 9:53 a.m. approved