

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION**

July 12, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER;
ATTENDANCE**

The board of directors (the “Board”) of Seymour Lake Association (“SLA” or the “Company”) held a meeting on July 12, 2025 at the town offices of the Town of Morgan, Vermont.

The following members of the Board attended the meeting.

Rhonda Shippee, President
Chris Blais
Tim Buzzell
Linda Buzzell
Jean McKenney
Michael Tule
Bill Billowus
Candy Moot
Bonnie McWain
Bruce Remick, Vice President
Charles (Woody) Woods

Tracy Becken and Denis Fortin were unable to attend the meeting. Rhonda Shippee, Board President, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. E.T.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To appoint Michael Tule as secretary *pro tem* of the meeting.

**REVIEW OF PRIOR
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES; PRIOR
BOARD ACTIONS**

The Board considered the minutes for the Board meeting held on June 7, 2025 as previously distributed to the Board.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To approve the minutes for the above meeting in the form previously distributed to the Board, with no revisions.

OLD BUSINESS

Volunteer hats bearing the SLA logo were distributed at the meeting. Committee chairs will distribute additional hats to non-board member volunteers.

The Board engaged in a brief discussion around funding scholarships to local camps.

The Board discussed placement of the 200’ “no wake” markers at

various points on the lake. Reception has generally been positive. After discussion, the Board determined it would be beneficial to place a “No Wake” marker along the Wayeeses Shore section of the lake.

TREASURER’S REPORT Jean McKenney gave a brief financial update. She distributed a year-to-date profit and loss statement showing actual to budget for 2025. SLA remains in good financial shape.

The Board discussed current investments, all of which are held in certificates of deposit that will mature at the end of the calendar year. SLA’s checking account is also accumulating receipts, and Rhonda and Jean will make a decision later in the second quarter to move some of those funds into an additional certificate of deposit.

The Board discussed the expected disclosure and report of the Treasurer at the upcoming annual members’ meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chris Blais gave the membership committee report. She described efforts to follow up on mailings, emails and email blasts, and other notifications, much of which involve personal contacts and canvassing. This is important work, and the Board expressed its appreciation to Chris and her committee for their diligent efforts.

**MILFOIL/VIP
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Rhonda gave the Milfoil / VIP committee report. She discussed the current status of the Wake Boat rulemaking process. Vermont will not enforce the Home Lake Rule. In addition, Vermont is revising the wake boat zone criteria, the practical effect of which will be to reduce the number of lakes on which wake boats can operate to eighteen, eleven of which are located in the Northeast Kingdom.

Rhonda and a small group of volunteers are continuing to engage and monitor the wake boat situation, but the prospects for meaningful regulation are dim. There is a possibility of rulemaking that would allow lakes to individually adopt a home lake rule, but that is not currently possible and would require specific authority which does not currently exist.

As an update, all of the petitions to ANR to ban wake boats from selected lakes were denied. This action was expected, based on the information we learned during the hearings on the wake boat rules.

**ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bonnie gave a report on the Activities Committee. The art contest is underway. So far, seven entries have been received. The promotional artwork is excellent, and reception so far has been very positive.

The summer social planning is also ongoing. Bonnie and Candy will coordinate on getting email blasts out in advance of the event.

WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Rhonda gave an update on water quality matters. The Water Quality committee met in June and she noted that the committee needs additional, physically able volunteers. She also reviewed the status of the planned new kiosk at the boat launch; rain gardens; LWAP programs and planned projects; and a new presentation to be given by the Nature Conservancy on August 15 called “Facing the Floods.” The program will discuss flood resiliency efforts in the face of the different rainfall patterns we have observed over the last three years. The presentation will be at the Community House, and Rhonda encouraged board members to attend.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Tim Buzzell reported that the following directors whose terms will be expiring at the next annual meeting have agreed to stand for reelection:

Bonnie McWain
Denis Fortin
Candy Moot

The Nominating Committee will present its report at the annual meeting, and submit the nominations to a vote of the members.

In addition, the following individuals will stand for reappointment by the Board as officers of SLA following the annual meeting:

Rhonda Shippee – President
Bruce Remick – Vice President
Jean McKenney – Treasurer
Linda Buzzell - Secretary

BOATING COMMITTEE

Tim Buzzell and Bonnie McWain gave the Boating Committee report. While participation on shore and on the water was down from last year, the event was deemed a success and Board members received many positive comments.

Tim and Linda Buzzell left the meeting at 9:30am.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Candy gave the Communications Committee report. She noted that the Online Committee and the Newsletter Committee have combined into the Communications Committee, which will be co-chaired by Candy and Denis.

She noted that the nesting loons have generated the most interest

online. The committee is assessing whether the flow of email blasts to members is appropriate. Board members expressed the view that the email blasts and online activities are beneficial and effective.

**FISHING/LOON
COMMITTEE**

Dr. Charles (Woody) Woods gave the Fishing / Loon Committee report. The nesting season on the lake was the most successful in over ten years. While it is unclear whether the chicks survived, this year's nesting activity bodes well for the future.

Bill noted the renewed presence of smelt in the lake has likely contributed to the success of the nesting activity. Bill reviewed continuing efforts to monitor smelt and other spawning activity, including the presence of beaver dams on certain streams that may be preventing certain spawning activity.

**ANNUAL MEETING
AGENDA REVIEW**

The Board reviewed the agenda for the annual meeting of members, and discussed allocation of speaker time and logistics. Board members are asked to arrive at the meeting by 7:30am to set up, and to bring a home baked good for meeting attendees.

MAPS

Rhonda discussed lake maps and plans to sell off remaining inventory. She will be order smaller maps for future sales.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, upon motion duly made and seconded unanimously:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:25 a.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Tule, Secretary *Pro Tem*