

Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting - June 8, 2024 - 9 am

Present: Rhonda Shippee, President; Bonnie McWain, Vice President; Jean McKenny, Treasurer; Linda Buzzell, Secretary; Tim Buzzell, Sean Selby, Bruce Barter, Woody Woods, Tom Adams, Bill Bilowus, Denis Fortin, Candy Moot

Absent: Bruce Remick

Committees: Peggy Barter

Secretary's Report Jan. 13, 2024- Linda Buzzell - Motion to accept made by Sean Selby, seconded by Candy Moot. No discussion. Accepted. Some discussion about the GMCC campers, none to date. Discussed offering a sponsorship or stipend to Northwoods or Coutts camp in Derby next year as an option. Both fill up quickly, so we need to get the word out. Linda will bring it up at the annual meeting.

Old Business - Discussion about setting buoys as a guide to show boaters 200' from shore. Possible email blast about where and why. Sean suggested marking 200' on shore at the access so boaters can see as they put in their boats.

Treasurer's Report - Jean McKenny - Jean gave Linda the 2023 audit material to give Marie Tule. The IRS filing for 2023 has been completed. The Year to Date Financial Report is attached to the Secretary's report in the file. Jean said that we have two new CD's \$80,000 in a 6 mo at 4.95% and \$80,000 in a 12 mo at 4.75%. 22% of this year's membership to date was on line and about 75% of previous memberships are in.

Committees:

Membership - Tom Adams - Membership Committee will meet shortly. A committee of Tom Adams, Bonnie McWain and Denis Fortin met to discuss whether we should consider a Business Membership. They recommended that if we do it, we call them "Supporters" and suggested a \$100 fee. We would include a thank you and their names as Supporters in the newsletter. After much discussion, it was decided Candy Moot will research what other organizations do. No further discussion until we hear from Candy and we will take a vote at the next meeting.

Boating - Tim Buzzell – According to the state, dredging of the access is still on schedule to begin July 15 and take two to four weeks depending on conditions. So far, the buoys marking the channel are working quite well. Once dredging begins, we may use one of the buoys to mark the Sunken Island.

Milfoil/VIP - Rhonda Shippee - Greeter program is in a quandary because of the access closing for dredging in July for 2-4 weeks and the employees will lose that pay. It was decided to move the inspection trailer to the beach parking lot and keep the inspectors employed. They can inspect canoes/kayaks that launch from the beach. Rhonda will check with F&W contact to be sure OK to locate there. There is also an issue with the decontamination of wake boats. The Home Lake sticker program for wakeboats won't begin until next year. In the meantime, we are prepared to decontaminate only boats for our lake. Suggestion is that they call and make an appointment to have their boat decontaminated rather than holding up other boats trying to get in.

Activities - Bonnie McWain - boat parade is July 4th, no rain date listed but may use the 6th if we have to cancel the 4th due to weather. Bonnie will do an email blast, posters etc. This year will be counterclockwise!

Children's Art Contest - What I Love About Seymour Lake - open to anyone, 3 levels according to age (under 5, 6-9, 9-12). Kathy Remick, Molly Bilowus and Bonnie McWain will organize.

Summer Social - Bonnie McWain - August 3 - Camp Winape. Invitations will be emailed.

Nominating Committee - Tim Buzzell, Bonnie McWain, Sean Selby - Terms expiring are Bruce Barter, Bruce Remick and Woody Woods. Bruce Barter is resigning and Bruce Remick and Woody Woods have agreed to stay on. Sean Selby is resigning due to conflict of interest in his new job. The Nominating Committee will meet and discuss several candidates.

Water Quality - Peggy Barter

A-1 classification on hold until the Legislature acts on removing the 1,000 gpd limit and the anti-degradation legislation is finalized. This year's legislative session is concluded and they were not successful so we need to wait for January 2025 and the upcoming two year session.

LWAP Update - Road and stream surveys complete; LWAP Lake Wise assessments will be completed by the end of June. An informational meeting will be hosted by OCNRCD on Wednesday August 7 at 5:30-7 pm at the Morgan Community House.

July 8 Seminar: 4 presentations as follows:

9 am Lakeshore Invasive Plants

10 am Stormwater Management Practices

11 am Managing Forests on Lake Shores

12 pm Wastewater - onsite systems for homeowners

July 25 Tour of Lake Wise Gardens

Access garden: Andy Barter and daughter, Riley, have completed a set of 44 plant identification signs to be installed this summer

Spring Yard Work Flyer - Dan Barry facilitated the printing of information sheets regarding spring yard cleanup on lake shores that will be distributed in neighborhoods around the lake by the membership committee

Newsletter - Denis Fortin - Will look into the cost of 2 more pages for the spring issue. He'll check with L. Brown. Rhonda shared a newsletter that uses 100% recycled paper and asked if this is something we should consider. She checked with L. Brown and it would cost approximately \$50 more. The current newsletter paper is 30% recycled.

On Line Committee - Candy Moot - The committee just met and discussed Facebook posts, email blasts, the website and editing the newsletter

Fishing/Loons - Woody Woods and Bill Bilowus

Smelt – no program this year but possibly next year

Woody and Denis will do the loon count. Number of loons seem to be down.

Maps - No news - Rhonda will bring some to the Annual Meeting for sale.

New Business -

Hearing aids for Bud - Rhonda did some research and gave the info to Bud's wife. Concern will he actually wear them?

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

Friday July 12th @ 10:30 a.m.

Saturday August 10th @ 9:00 a.m.

Friday September 6th @ 9 a.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Tom Adams, seconded by Sean Selby, approved