

Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting - June 7, 2025 8 a.m.

Present: Rhonda Shippee, President; Jean McKenny, Treasurer; Linda Buzzell, Secretary; Tim Buzzell, Woody Woods, Denis Fortin, Candy Moot, Michael Tule, Chris Blais, Bill Bilowus

Committee Members: Peggy Barter

Absent: Bruce Remick

By phone: Bonnie McWain, Tracey Becken

Secretary's Report: Linda Buzzell, Motion made by Candy Moot to approve the meeting notes from January 15, 2025, seconded by Chris Blais, approved. A brief update on GMCC - thanks to Chris Blais we have one girl from Derby.

Old Business:

Bud's hearing aids - situation resolved. He has new hearing aids and the State covered cost through a program for workers with hearing constraints.

200' buoys - 3 are in, one by the access, Camp Winape Rd, East side.

Kiosk update: It has rained every weekend in April and May but Andy Barter hopes to install it as soon as he has good weather.

Volunteer Appreciation: After much discussion about hats for the volunteers, a Motion was made by Candy Moot to approve making 50 hats blue with white lettering and a loon, at \$15/hat for SLA volunteers. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jean McKenny - her report is attached to the Secretary's files. 2024 records have been given to Marie (auditor). She has filed the required IRS report. Some discussion that in 2024 membership dues fully covered operating expenses which was our goal in increasing dues.

Committees:

Membership - Chris Blais - 59 electronic and 177 paper memberships so far. Sent out a letter to last year's non-renewables (11), received 2. Some discussion on who the volunteers are this year. Chris will have a committee meeting soon.

Boat Inspection Program - Rhonda Shippee- Full staff of 7 greeters. Decon station is running now. Since zebra mussels are in Memphremagog now, it is a concern as wake boats can carry their veligers in their ballast water to Seymour. \$37,500 grant this year which will result in an estimated amount of +/- \$16,000 to share with the Town. This is the 25th anniversary of the greeter program. Candy has requested a letter from the Governor recognizing Beth for her many years coordinating the program and Rhonda has ordered a framed print to present to her at the annual meeting which all agreed was a good idea.

Wake Boats - Candy Moot - "Never good news" - ANR won't implement the Wake Boat Home Lake Rule or the Decon Station; 500' still in place though and the existing rule is still in place but they are rewriting it. Candy is trying to meet with the Governor but is very discouraged. Much discussion. Candy has decided to back away from this issue after this year.

Activities - Rhonda for Bonnie - Boat parade is July 5 with rain date of July 6. She will have posters and an email blast. The Youth Art Contest will run July 1 - August 24. The judges will be Anne Stafford, Bonnie Potter and Katy Rhodebeck. There will be 4 age levels 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. The summer social will be Aug 2 at Camp Winape.

Nominating - Tim Buzzell, Bonnie McWain, Mike Tule - Tim asks that board members let him know if anyone is interested in a board position and he will contact and chat with them. Suggests they serve on a committee for a period of time. Bonnie McWain, Candy Moot and Denis Fortin are up for renewal and have all agreed to stay on.

Water Quality - Tracey Becken, Peggy Barter - LWAP update. Workshop with The Nature Conservancy will be scheduled shortly. A Road Association workshop is scheduled for June 28 at 8:30 -10:30 a.m. at the Community House. An email blast will go out to all members informing them of the meeting.

Newsletter - Denis Fortin - spring newsletter went out this week. Have quite a few articles for fall.

On Line Committee - Candy Moot - have sent out dozens of emails this year. Let Candy know if you have anything to send out.

Fishing/Loons - Woody Woods and Bill Bilowus - Woody said nesting is more optimistic this year with new nests set out but no eggs yet. Avian flu is a big issue and it spreading to other animals. Bill had the best news - The SMELT are back! Thousands around the lake this spring, definitely a success story. Plans to monitor the spawning next spring. Saw salmon going to Sucker Brook, trying to get to Valley Brook. Seymour owes Bill a huge thank you for sticking to the project, getting the State to participate and bringing the smelt back to our lake.

NEW BUSINESS;

Annual meeting is July 26, location to be decided based on construction schedule at the Community House. It will be the 25th anniversary of the boat greeter program.

Next Board Meetings:

July 12 - 8 a.m. town office

August 9th - 8 a.m. town office

September 13th - 8 a.m. town office

Motion to adjourn made by Jean McKenny, seconded by Woody Woods. Approved. 11:15 a.m.