

Seymour Lake Association - Board of Directors Meeting - June 19, 2026 8 am

Present: Rhonda Shippee, President; Jean McKenny, Treasurer; Linda Buzzell, Secretary; Tim Buzzell, Tracey Becken, Woody Woods, Denis Fortin, Candy Moot, Michael Tule, Bonnie McWain, Nancy Bullock, Bill Bilowus

Absent: Bruce Remick, Vice President

Secretary: Linda Buzzell - Motion to accept Secretary's report with two minor changes made by Woody Woods, seconded by Candy Moot, approved. Discussed whether we should offer a scholarship in conjunction with Circle of Friends for environmental studies. However, we felt that swim lessons might be a better addition to our programs. There is a "Teach America to Swim" grant we could receive. Linda Buzzell and Nancy Bullock will contact Westmore Lake Assn about this program.

Treasurer: Jean McKenny - Jean discussed the Year to Date Financial Report, CD renewals, the 2025 audit, IRS tax filing. There was much discussion about whether to donate to the Morgan Community House Fund. A motion was made by Tracey Becken to approve the Treasurers report, seconded by Bill Bilowus, approved. A motion was made by Candy Moot for a one-time \$500 donation for the Community House renovations, seconded by Linda Buzzell, approved.

Membership: Nancy Bullock - so far 37 members from last year have not renewed. We will concentrate of them first, then work on those who haven't renewed in two years and so forth. Last year Chris Blais wrote an excellent letter to members about why they should join and we will include it in a packet to new members. Need to rethink how we approach people who haven't rejoined or never joined. Kiosk at the boat access has membership applications and info.

Nominating Committee: Tim Buzzell, Bonnie McWain and Mike Tule - Tim and Linda Buzzell have decided to retire from the Board. Members up for re-election are Tim Buzzell, Bill Bilowus and Nancy Bullock. Bill and Nancy have agreed to go up for re-election. 2 open slots without Tim and Linda. Bonnie McWain has offered to take over the Secretary position. We need two new board members and there was a great deal of discussion about filling these slots. The Nominating Committee will follow up before the annual meeting. Bruce Remick wants to step down as Vice President as his Selectboard duties prevent him from having the time to eventually step into the president role. He is willing to take on the role of Nominating Committee chair as well as the boating committee. Both Bonnie and Mike are fine with him assuming the role of Nominating Chair. We will add him to the boating committee and that committee can decide who should be chair. It was noted that some past presidents have not necessarily been Vice President prior to assuming the role of President.

Milfoil/VIP: Rhonda Shippee - inspected 288 boats to date, 9 decontaminations, 3 wake boats. The kiosk is set up with SLA applications. Starlink at the access has been budgeted for \$1600. Since there is no grant from the State for this expense, we will ask the Town if they will pay half.

Activities: Boat parade is July 4 with a rain date of July 5. Promotion for the art contest is almost ready to go forward. As the store doesn't have space the materials will be at the greeters trailer at the boat access. The annual Social at Winape on Aug 8, suggested everyone dress in red, white and blue. A slide show of Camp Winape and the Kolar family has been suggested

and Candy has talked to Janet Kolar. Candy is asking the Kolars if they would like Governor Scott to attend and she will ask the Governor.

Water Quality: Tracey Becken - the summer "septic social" will be held at the school this year, no date yet. Discussion of whether to have Hans Lagis there to answer questions about septic system issues. Discussed Lakewise inspections this summer. There will be a plant sale in August and Candy will send out an email blast to the membership.

Communications: Candy Moot, Denis Fortin - the committee met May 29th, 7 present, concentrated on drafting a membership survey.

Fishing/Loons: Bill Bilowus and Woody Woods - a pair is on the nest on the western end of the lake but the one by Winape is not working this year. Bill said a 34" and a 32" fish were caught this spring as well as many smaller ones that contained smelt.

Maps: just a few in inventory and that will be it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting will most likely be at the school

Agenda:

FOVLAP 10 minute presentation will be made by Peggy Barter

Bill will ask if the Game Warden wishes to attend

Board brings refreshments

Seymour Lake clothing - will be included in the survey

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES:

July 10th at 8 am - town office

August 7th at 8 am - town office

September 18th at 8 am - town office

A Motion to adjourn was made by Denis Fortin at 10:35, seconded by Tracey Becken, approved