

Keoka Lake Association
Annual Meeting

July 9, 2006

Meeting called to order by Charlie Tarbell, President, at 9:00

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Featured Speaker: IAP workshop

David Welch – Director of invasive aquatics LEA

All marinas in Brandy Pond have milfoil from the Songo River. Currents somehow are also responsible for spread of the plant even though they are apparently draining the other way. Hand pulling, use of a vacuum system to aid removal, and mats are techniques used by LEA at this time. Only 4 people in the field working on eradication.

If found, call LEA for removal. We were informed that it is illegal to pull milfoil without a permit.

42,000 courtesy inspections were done last year on 66 lakes and ponds. Several new invasive plants found before they were introduced to lakes.

Rollie and Fran introduced as inspectors. They have conducted about 186 inspections this year. That is about 50 per weekend. No fragments found this year.

Peter asked for volunteers to fill in on days we cannot afford to cover. One day would be set aside for training in Bridgton.

Tom asked for volunteers for plant identification sessions on the lake and LEA and Lake Monitoring.

Business Meeting

Secretary's Report posted on websitemoved and approved

Treasurer's report

Chip –

Moved and approved

Boat Inspection

380 inspections were conducted last year.

We that the Town of Waterford for granting \$3600 to hire an inspector for the voluntary inspection program. In addition to this sum for wages, the Town of Waterford maintains the inspector as a Town employee and assumes all payroll costs and taxes.

The proposal to fund this program is well enough established so that it is automatically included on the town warrants at the annual Town Meeting.

We are developing an emergency response plan for invasive plants in conjunction with LEA and the State of Maine.

Plant Patrol – 7/29 field workshop

Snails are abundant this year in the lake. This is a good sign that the lake is healthy.

Plant and animal life of the lake is changing,

By-Law Amendment

Want to attract good volunteers. Article 15: established limited liability and excluded bad faith. The by-law amendment (attached) indemnifies directors, officers and volunteer by KLA to the limit of their reserve. Moved seconded passes my majority

Duck Itch

KLA will provide an aeration system to the recreation department of Waterford for up to \$2000 contingent of the Town supplying a source of power and maintaining the system after the initial installation.

Updates:

Dam

The new dam mechanism is working and looking good. At the time of this meeting it is being maintained in the full up position. The dam committee has decided to lower the outlet to summer level because of the rain. Andy reports needing to rebalance the summer level gate. Warning signs at Dam and been posted as required. However, three sets of signs have been destroyed. Andy reports needing to bolt the warning signs to the dam or on posts set in concrete. The ideal level or the lake would be at a foot below the spillway.

Erosion Control

The 319 project is completed. There are still several hot spots and the reports will serve as a guide for further improvement. We need volunteer to keep the project moving forward. The Waterford Conservation Committee (Wheeler) is developing a conservation plan. The Town will try to develop this plan in corporation with EMA, DEP, and the Portland Water District. This committee will set the framework to hire interns to support 319 type studies. One major issue is how to dovetail land use regulations where multiple authorities around a lake. The appeal of the Town's waterfront laws by Keoka Lake Campground was rejected by the Town. This issue is

now in court. If we lose? A fall back position by the Town it to the 100 year flood plan: remove everything within 100 feet. There is no appeal of associated with the 100 year plan. Maine Dept of Taxation approves current plan. The Town could tax the campground as subdivision. Eye sore on end of lake is being addressed by the Town.

Water Quality

2005 testing is similar to those developed last year and are considered to be stable. . Oxygen and phosphorous levels are still a concert. Clarity readings are still good and have not changed even with rain.

Striping of the parking area at the Town boat ramp was done and appreciated. Buoys put in Memorial Day. Swim area outlined and docks are in. Dock is broken. Launch area received ice damage this past winter. Department of Conservation met with Andy. DEC will make a recommendation to take to the town next year. Funding could be any combination of state, town and KLA. We may get some funding this year.

With the poor condition of the ramp it is launch at your own risk/

Membership

We have the highest rate of membership of lake associations in LEA. Memberships up to 136 with 90 paid We encourage submission of picture of the lake for a 2008 calendar.

Website

John Coldwell encourages submissions of items for the website. He will continue to edit and host the site.

Loon Update

No report...fall newsletter...up to 4 on the lake...no indication of nesting...water high
Donations:

LEA	\$1,000
CLA	200
Wilkins	100
Waterford Swim	100
Waterford fire department	50
Stoneham rescue	50
Up to 2000 for aeration	2000

Moved seconded....passed

Officers

New to the Board: Johnson and Johnson

Moved seconded approved

New Business:

Powerless day on the lake was suggested. Wheeler suggests bringing it to Recreation Committee. Peter: does not think we can close lake but can have a warden.

Charlie will look for more board members and volunteers.

Commendation to President and Board for newsletter was made from the floor.

Andy mentioned that the spillway for Dam is half owned by Merrill and Hamlins. We have along term lease for the spillway.

Tom: appeal for memberships in LEA. Important to KLA....conduit to all other organizations and sources of funds. They are doers!!