

Keoka Lake Association
2008 Annual Meeting
July 12, 2008 – 9:00

Secretary Report

Charlie Tarbell called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM 26 attendees at start

Business Meeting:

State of the Union (Charlie) KLA is strong financially, but faces two significant risks: milfoil and erosion. The 319 State Project lead, by the efforts of Tom Stockwell, was successful in identifying significant run off and erosion problem areas in our watershed. The abatement efforts that flowed from this project are starting to take hold and make a difference in the water quality. The potential for milfoil infestation remains very high for Keoka. The Board has set aside \$19,000 for emergency action to attempt to bridge the gap between initial discovery of an invasive infestation and the time it would take to sound the alarm and start a flow of private and public monies to address the emergency. In addition, Charlie will be seeking new board members to fill an expanded board.

- Secretary's Report: moved seconded...passed
- Treasurer's Report: Chip. Assets of 27K. 19k set aside for milfoil protection. Income \$7100 dues and donations and LEA and merchandise. See report. Reserves are unusual for nonprofit. We need the reserve to start milfoil eradication when necessary. Moved to accept and second..approved
- Invasives Update: (Tom and Peter) Charlie opined that after milfoil takes hold in a lake, all the association's time is spend on milfoil. Chinese Mystery Snails: not a lot known about them. On the positive side, they eat algae from rocks, but stink if there is a die off. A mass killing of the snails may be caused by a precipitous reduction in their food. Perhaps the snails came from private ponds where they were introduced to clean rocks.
- Boat Inspections Update: A warrant passed at the Waterford Town meeting allocating \$3,600 from town toward the voluntary boat inspection program. The Town of Waterford also contributes by running inspectors as town employees, thereby donating the payroll cost of the inspectors. LEA granted KLA \$1000 to be applied to the program. Keoka Lake Campground has been receptive and helpful to our overtures concerning the use of the public boat launch and the inspection program

All inspectors are trained and certified by the State. They have reported only about half the number of boats launched this year versus last year. Gas prices? The inspectors appear to be well received this year. They report that fishermen bring them samples of plants that are suspicious. Each inspector has access an identification key of fresh water aquatic plants.

- Boat Launch Repair: Peter continues to discuss this problem with the Town officials.

One of the largest concerns is the large drop off. Peter working with John Bell of Waterford. One ridge in middle of ramp may be fixed by town equipment. Town has permission to maintain from State. State may want to expand parking area for boats and trailers.

- Plant Patrol Update: Lake Management Association will train volunteers. We need to develop a more formal program. Charlie called for volunteer to head up the program. Tom has arranged on July 26th at 7:30 AM for Fred Cummings be here to help with the inspection. Fred is a biologist with vast knowledge and experience with aquatic plants. He will lead a survey team around the lake. The results will be compared with previous professional surveys. Members are welcome to boat along. At any time, call Tom or Peter if you find something suspicious.
- Updates
- Dam: This item was not on board agenda for the first time in many years. The new dam is stable and doing its job as expected. Peter and Andy look after. This spring, Andy cut up large tree that was lodged in front of the dam. Remains of the tree still there and Andy will remove ASAP.
- Erosion Control: 319 work is done. Homeowners encouraged to improve access road.
- Water Quality: A historically high phosphorous level has kept the lake on a high concern status for years. Since the high phosphorous level comes, primarily from run-off from farms and roads in the watershed, the erosion work done with the 319 grant may be paying off. This year the phosphorous level is down and the water color has improved. The end result of the improved conditions seems to indicate that the lake's danger will be lowered to a moderate rating. A rainy spring could put us back into the high category of concern as the total run-off increases.
- Water Safety: Andy put the buoys in the water in June. He reports a need to replace details on the buoys at swim area. He should do this and be reimbursed (Board issue). The Department of Conservation asked for survey this year of compliance with various rules regarding placement of swimming buoys and docks. Andy has been deputized to do this and will approach Keoka Campground to ask for compliance. Report infractions to State Police and Warden Service to make a record. The Warden Service is not responding due to lack of budget caused by increases in gas prices. They recommend reporting to Sheriff or the State Police any infractions of boating or marking rules and regulations.
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- Fundraising – Merchandise Sales: hat raffled off at meeting. Large Loon print is season-long raffle prize. Breakfast raffle going well; a basket of KLA merchandise. New brochure ready and will be printed.
- Membership: Strong. High % of property owners are members: best in LEA.
- Website/Webmaster: Joe Abbiati introduced as webmaster. Jo Lynn and Dave will be working with Joe on content.
- Loon Update: Loon sitting on two eggs. Late season hatching. An earlier egg was apparently taken by a predator.
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- Recommendations for Donations: Amended \$200 added to LEA, no donation to the swim program and \$100 donation to the Maine Voluntary Lake Management

Association.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lakes Environmental Association	\$1,200
Congress of Lake Associations	\$200
Wilkins Community House	\$100
Maine Voluntary Lake Management Association	\$100
Waterford Fire Department	\$50
Stoneham Rescue Unit	<u>\$50</u>
Total Recommendations	\$1,700

Donation list seconded and passed as amended.

- Election of Trustees/Officers: Nominated, seconded and elected as presented.

<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Officers – 2008-2009</u>
Peter Morse	Charlie Tarbell, President
Chip Mason Richard Orr	Joanne Eaton, Vice President
Charlie Tarbell	Chip Mason, Treasurer
Joann Eaton	Dave Abbiati, Secretary
Andy Tabor	
Tom Stockwell	

- New Business/Other Business

Camp ground has noisy activities (band) until after 3:00 AM every other Saturday night. Need to report to sheriff when it is going on. Call town the Monday following.

Maybe a letter: Andy will bring it up when he meets about water safety.

Winner of raffle: John Eaton.

Meeting ended: 10:12

Respectfully submitted
Dave Abbiati
Secretary