

Keoka Lake Association
Annual Meeting
July 9, 2011 Wilkins House, Waterford Maine 9:00 AM

AGENDA

BUSINESS MEETING

90 mins

Meeting called to order at 9:02 by Charlie

Charlie introduced the Board and indicated each member's function. Charlie announced that the meeting would be conducted like a board meeting. Charlie renewed his annual appeal for and explained the importance of having Waterford residents on the board. He told the attendees that lake property was not a prerequisite for Board membership. Currently we have four Waterford residents on the Board. Charlie reiterated that the focus of the KLA mission of public service includes education. In the long term, KLA intends to qualify for and become a registered not for profit organization under the provisions 501C(3) of the tax code. 501C(3) status will allow the declaration of donated funds to be fully tax deductible by the donor. The major impact of this status will be important when large funds must be raised to combat invasive fauna or flora should it occur.

1. Secretary's Report – Charlie request waiving reading of Minutes from 2010
Reading waived and report accepted by acclamation.

2. Treasurer's Report – Chip Mason

Because KLA accounts on a calendar basis, the report was for the period ending December 10, 2010. See report (attached). The Board set up two separate funds: The Milfoil Eradication Fund and The Officer Liability Fund. The history from other lake associations indicates that \$50,000 - \$75,000 will be needed to combat a milfoil invasion in the first year. Since it takes at least a year to apply for and receive funds from the State to abate the invasion, we should have at least that amount ready to commit to the effort. A three year effort to combat milfoil could run in the vicinity of \$250,000. The Board also authorized the establishment an Officer Liability Fund (OLF). The concept of an OLF has been an ongoing topic of discussion at Board meetings. A lawyer on the Board has been charged with revisiting this topic for further consideration. The boat inspection program is no longer run though the town. The arrangement with the Town of Waterford removed KLA's liability for payroll costs including payroll taxes and related expenses. Lake Environmental Association offers this service but requires KLA to pay the total cost. In accordance with this, a new line has been added to the accounting journal.

Moved to accept offered, seconded and passed.

3. Water Quality – Don Rung/Charlie Tarbell

The overall quality of Keoka Lake as scored by the State improved one category. Please see the KLA website for a link to the full report. All readings including the problematic dissolved oxygen content are in the normal range. The “Andy Rock”

index of mystery snails is 25 this year. Andy reports that this is about average. There is still no verdict with regard to any issues caused by the snails.

4. Invasives – Charlie, Peter, Tom Stockwell

The KLA lake survey of biologicals continues. Every other year, the Association hires a State biologist to survey the aquatic flora of the lake. Each year, Board members volunteer to conduct a similar survey. The Association received a letter from the State honoring our efforts in milfoil prevention. (See Website) Tom spoke of the ongoing efforts to engage a botanist. The lake has algae clouds but better than most lakes in the area. Keoka hybrid is a plant unique to Keoka. It cannot be classified as invasive, but good lake stewardship requires keeping a watchful eye on its development and expansion. It can be found around Rock Island. Let us know if large masses seem to expand. Bladder wort seems to be increasing but is not an issue at this time. Native mussels and non-native mystery snails are abundant. These are not an issue unless there is a major die off. The lake hosts a large variety of plants. All of them native. This is a positive indication of the health of the lake. The lake has a large population of dragon flies that, also, indicates healthy flora. Tom will do his twice yearly inspection 7/10/11.

5. Courtesy Boat Inspections – Charlie, Peter

This is the 9th year of the State program. The Town of Waterford provided \$3400 for this program. While this amount was down \$200 from previous years, the Association gratefully thanks the Town for its continued support and extends its sincere appreciation. LEA has also provided a DEP grant in the amount of \$1500 which helps to fund the inspectors. Pete runs the program and submits reports to the state through LEA.

6. Botanist Inspection 2010 – Tom

Covered under invasives.

7. LakeSmart – Charlie, Arne, Kathy Souza.

Kathy is our resident contact with the program. Inspected 10 properties. We need 19 properties to make our goal minimum goal and 40 to make our stretch goal.

8. Water Safety – Andy Tabor

Only a few minor incidents were reported last year. New life jacket rules go into effect 2012. One new provision is that all people in boats 18 feet or less must *wear* a life jacket. Andy informs us that the navigation buoys were in place by Memorial Day. As usual, some repairs needed and will be completed by July 1. Please report high speed or loon issues to the Warden Service.

As a clarification, Andy explained that water skiers are allowed to start on shore as long as then make a direct course to the over 200 foot line.

Dam seems to be performing well. Al Struck and Andy have discussed current issues and duties to be apportioned between them. The lake level is maintained, during the summer, at 6-12 inches below the spillway.

9. Membership – Ginny Raymond, Charlie

In 2010, 76 families donated to the organization. This year 37 families have paid their Association dues. 150 letters were sent this year to new, non-members with 25 sent to town residents. Talk it up!

Tom spoke to membership in LEA. LEA is critical to KLA. LEA does water testing, advocacy, administration, and numerous other tasks. LEA is looking to expand membership beyond lake shore residents. Board will discuss the issue of releasing KLA membership lists to LEA.

10. Fundraising – JoAnne Eaton

KLA will, again, have a booth at town meeting this year, at town breakfasts and at road races. JoAnn has organized and tracked for sale material.

11. Web Site – JoLynne Johnson (Chip Mason substituting)

Website described by Chip. KLA may want to make the site ‘subscribable’ so that any subscriber gets all website updates. This will be investigated.

12. Insurance – Charlie

Proposed to skip for this meeting. Rich Orr studying it for KLA

13. Appropriations (see below for recommendations) – Charlie

Charlie discussed each organization under appropriations. Motion proposed, seconded, and passed without changes.

Recommended Appropriations for 2011:

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

14. Election of Officers and Board Members

Officers reelected by vote. Members elected as listed below under 2008 – 2011.

KLA Board of Trustees and Terms:

2011 – 2014

Dave Abbiati, Sec
John Caldwell
Tom Hammon

2009 – 2012

Dan Johnson
Arne Klepinger
Betty Miller
Don Rung
David Johnson
Jo Lynne Johnson

2010 – 2013

Tom Stockwell
Andy Tabor
Peter Morse
Richard Orr
Charlie Tarbell, Pres
Chip Mason, Treas
JoAnne Eaton, VP
Ginny /Raymond

Slate of 2011 moved and accepted
Officers renominated seconded and passes

15. New Business

Waterford has a new Code Enforcement Officer. Call him at 583-2963 if you hear chainsaws running in the shoreland zone and/or are concerned over potentially illegal cutting.

Kayak Caper: may sponsor a sailing regatta which will, most likely, be merged with the kayak event. Date: July 24th at 2:00 at Stone Cove. FaceBook page will be set up for this event. Keoka Camp residents will be invited personally.

Meeting adjourned 10:43