

Keoka Lake Association

**Board of Trustees Meeting Friday May 22, 2015 -- 7:00-9:00
Charlie Tarbell Camp (13 Dorothy Way [off Woodland Trail])**

Minutes

Unable to Attend: Arne, Betty, Chip, Dan, Don, Tom H.

In attendance: Charlie Tarbell, Pres , JoAnn Eaton, VP, Dave Abbiati, Sec, Ginger Eaton, David Johnson, Jo Lynne Johnson, Peter Morse, Richard Orr, Ginny Raymond, Tom Stockwell, Andy Tabor, ,

Charlie called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Secretary's Report

There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the Fall Board meeting . The motion was moved, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Charlie reported in the absence of Chip.

Last fall, money was been added to the Milfoil and Liability Reserve Funds as in past years. Chip will report back on bank fees and how they could be avoided.

There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was moved, seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Invasives

Milfoil Summit Results

Charlie reported that after attending the 2015 Maine Milfoil Summit, he feels we are doing well in planning for our response should milfoil be found in Keoka. Mitigating an infestation is expensive so we need to keep funding our reserves.

Town & LEA Support

The Town of Waterford voted to support the Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program with a \$3400 grant for 2015. LEA granted KLA \$1500 for the CBI as well..

Boat Inspection

LEA continues to manage the CBI program for KLA. Charlie will request a schedule of inspectors from LEA as there was concern that no one was at the Boat Launch at the Town Beach during key times the last couple of weekends.

Plant Inspection

Last August, when the LEA divers surveyed Keoka, no milfoil was found. We are doing the right things: inspection, survey, & organization.

Water Quality

2014 test results and Prelim 2015 testing shows: Clarity & phosphorous were up while chlorophyll was down but all were near long-term averages.

Gloeo testing results

Colonies spiked last year from 18 in 2013 to 70+ in 2014. We will look again this year to see if this spike continues. Last summer, the algae were thicker but there were not so many algae blooms. Testing will continue this summer and we will address the issue of run-off along the shoreline which may lead to phosphorus spikes which may contribute to the rise in *Gloeo*.

Project 319 Revisited

Colin Holme and Charlie toured the sites that received mitigation under Project 319. Most of the hot spots are doing well 15 years after abatement. Colin and Charlie will marry pictures to reports and present the results to the state DOT and to the town DPW. One area that needs their assistance is the condition of the catch basins. These need regular maintenance that has not been done. Charlie will follow up to enlist their help with this maintenance.

Lakesmart 2015

Maine Lake Society (LakeSmart)

Peter reported that the Portland Water District has information on property management on its website. He reports that the material covers a broad range of issues and is of good quality. Peter suggests that we ramp up the LakeSmart program and inspections on Keoka as a way to assess lake properties and to address the issue of phosphorus levels in the lake. A dock-to-dock canvas to increase awareness of LakeSmart will be undertaken this summer. There will be a presentation on LakeSmart at the Annual Meeting.

Education & Outreach

Ginger is planning some student outreach projects, including a session with local children and a meeting/talk at the campground with Mary (from LEA). She will investigate the possibility of piggy-backing on the Library's summer program for kids.

Membership

Ginny sent 180 letters to residents and campground residents who were not active members of KLA to solicit memberships. One reply was received. The Real Estate style information boxes at public spots on the lake are up and stocked. She will create a map of the lake showing those who have not paid dues since 2011. Board members will approach these property owners on an individual basis.

Website Update

Jo Lynne will contact Joe Abbiati, webmaster, after the meeting to update the website. The newsletter should be out within two weeks.

Sales

KLA was given sweatshirts from Rounds Store by Martha Eaton. As this is not a major item raffle year, Joann suggested small raffles at each breakfast. There was a discussion on the large item raffle with a paddleboard or porch swing to be considered for the future.

Dam

This is the year for grease!

Water Safety

Two buoys were harmed by boat propellers and needed repair. All the buoy lines have been replaced with stainless steel chains that should last 30 years. Andy has excess light stainless chain and will make markers for all who request.

Operation Report It Now!

It was reported that the Warden's Service had no infraction reports noted coming from Keoka. The ***Operation Report It Now!*** flyer will be updated and included in the spring newsletter.

Annual Meeting Prep

All contacted and ready. Wilkins House is reserved; Arne will get donuts & coffee.

NEW BUSINESS

- Winter water level
 - High water last winter caused much undercutting of the banks on the lake. The board will review the water control plan and discuss after the Annual Meeting. A recommendation to lower the level of the lake in the fall/.winter was made and discussed. The proposal calls for the lowering of the lake from November 1 to the ice-out date. Andy and Charlie will revise the policy and have for discussion at the Annual Meeting. If approved, a notice will go on the website so people can plan for any work they wish done once the level is lowered.

- LEA research/funding request
 - In response to a letter from LEA for additional individual lake association financial support for the *Gleo* project, a motion to donate \$2200 to LEA was made, seconded and passed. Board recommends a donation of \$2200 to LEA be presented at the annual meeting.

- Boat Launch
 - Several board members spoke on the serious issue with the boat launch. Peter opined a need for the town to commit heavy equipment, with proper permits to remove and re-lay the boat launch. It was decided that a letter to the town stressing the possibility of an oil spill (if an oil pan is broken) along with the general safety and liability of operating a defective ramp will be written by Charlie. Before presenting the letter of notice, he will speak to the town to let them know that the association intends to put them on notice.

- Peter suggested a talent show be presented as a fundraiser for KLA.

- Annual KLA Scholarship at OHHS
 - Due to a lack of interest and response to the KLA Scholarship, a motion to stop the scholarship after 2015 was made, seconded and passed. Joanne will speak with the director of guidance at Oxford Hill High School to remove the scholarship from the list beginning with the Class of 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.