

Keoka Lake Association
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Board of Trustees Meeting Friday May 25, 2018 7:00-10:00 pm
Eaton Camp, 1 Dorothy Way {off Woodland Trail}
207.671.6962 (Tarbell Cell)

MEETING MINUTES

Unable to attend: Ginny Raymond, Tom Stockwell, Chip Mason, Peter Morse, Arne Klepinger, Don Rung, Tom Hammett and Dan Johnson

Present: David Abbiati, Ginger Eaton, Joanne Eaton, Jim Flynn, David Johnson, Jo Lynne Johnson, Richard Orr, Tom Schaeffer, Kim Struck, Andy Tabor & Charlie Tarbell

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Tarbell at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes:

David Abbiati is stepping down from the board. His son, Joe, has volunteered to succeed him; this will be official with the meeting in July. The Board thanks David Abbiati for all his time and energy on the board!

Secretary Report :

The reading of the minutes was waived as they are posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report:

Charlie presented Chip's report. The Association is in good financial shape; the liability reserve has been capped at \$10k; the Milfoil Reserve has no cap and will continue to increase as an emergency fund should milfoil ever be detected in Keoka Lake.

Invasives:

The lake continues to be clear of milfoil thanks to the effort of the Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBI's) and Plant Patrollers who regularly inspect Keoka. If there is a question about a plant that is found and is not easily identifiable by the Plant Patrollers, the plant can be taken to the LEA office in Bridgton for their assistance in identifying it.

Water Quality:

The lake is once more considered as a HIGH concern lake due to water quality. The issues are largely the deoxygenation in deep water which is not good for trout in the lake. The state continues to do a full stocking of trout at this point, but that might change. LEA will continue to monitor Gloeo levels in Keoka this summer. Natural runoff into the lake and the heavy rain downfalls have introduced Phosphorus into the lake and impacted the water quality in Keoka. The LakeSmart program has exceeded the goal of 15% of shoreland property owners availing themselves of the free property inspection, but KLA would like to see more properties inspected in an effort to educate property owners as to ways to reduce runoff from their property and thereby improve

the water quality in Keoka. There was discussion about possibly writing a grant to help property owners (on a case by case basis) manage run off from their property. It was noted that there has been significant logging around town and further up route 35 North. Increase in logging may lead to increased runoff into the feeder brooks, thereby affecting the water quality of the lake. There will be an outreach to LEA asking about brook testing; perhaps an idea for a speaker for the Annual Meeting to discuss the implications of uncontrolled run-off into the lake.

Education and Outreach:

Ginger has been working diligently in building relationships with property owners, including the Keoka Beach Campground. She has held a couple of events at KBCG to introduce the idea of stewardship of the lake. This year's outreach and education event will be held July 28th at the new yoga studio, Good Health Is A Habit, (that just opened up in Round's store) and is open to all who have an interest in the health of Keoka. She has created topographic maps of the lake that show how the brooks feed in and out of the lake and 3D maps with color depicting the depth of the lake.

Membership:

Ginny's report of membership reveals a 99 people/families in 2017, up from 80 to 99 in 2016. This year, she has mailed out 169 letters to non-members, and 123 of those letters went to KBCG. There are currently 8 KLA members from KBCG.

Website:

Jo Lynne is now forwarding information to Joe Abbiati, webmaster, on a continual basis rather than batching it into a couple of large batches. The banner currently has the date of the Annual Meeting and a teaser for LEA's Paddle Battle. Once the date is determined, the banner will be changed to reflect the upcoming regatta and education/outreach event..

Merchandise:

Joanne reports she is working on a new design for tee-shirts. She will be at the breakfast this summer selling the shirts and other merchandise. There was a discussion about a raffle. Joanne will determine what/how to handle the raffle.

Water Safety:

Andy now has the combo for the lock and will remove the upper mechanism from the dam. The water level is being monitored. The dam was recently evaluated as part of the state 12-year cycle of inspections; it is classified as a LOW HAZARD dam.

Andy reports he will be placing the buoys in the water on Monday. There was discussion about the town beach and how to make this work with the dock people use for putting and taking out their boats. There is contention currently on who will be putting the docks out this summer.

On May 5th the loon nest went out, there is a mating pair but the eagles are an issue.

At the 2018 Town Meeting, a fireworks ordinance was brought forward by a group of people concerned for the well-being/safety of animals in the area. To use fireworks, a permit is needed (and can be applied for online). No permit is needed on July 4th itself nor for the Saturday before (June

30, 2018) nor the Saturday after the 4th (July 7th). There is no charge for the permit; it will help those people with animals in the area insure those animals can be 'settled' before the fireworks begin.

Annual Meeting:

Charlie asked for board approval to spend \$2, 350 dollars for LEA's water/Gloceo/temperature testing .
A motion was made and was unanimously accepted.

New Business:

- The Mason parcel of 16 acres is to be donated as an easement for the dam and is considered a conservation parcel. Bruce Rood, attorney, will be contacted to help with the legal wording for the easement. The deal is to close by June.
- David Johnson submitted the paperwork and KLA's 501(c)(3) status was approved by the IRS. There was a conversation concerning whether dues are tax deductible; the board will note that tax advice is not being given. Discussion followed about how to acknowledge the gift without adding additional work to Ginny's job, more discussion is needed with Ginny.
- Bylaws Revision Proposal: A draft was prepared over the winter for board discussion. Extensive discussion took place; Richard clarified some points and will prepare a revised draft for board consideration at the Fall Board meeting (October 5, 2018)
- Septic Study Proposal was discussed. LakeSmart suggests septic systems be inspected every 3-5 years. Currently there are 20 properties without septic permit on record at Town Hall (meaning the systems are old and/or the properties have outhouses). More study/thought is needed as to how this information can be used to encourage property owners in keeping their systems up to date.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm