

**Keoka Lake Association Annual Meeting
July 12, 2014 Wilkins House, Waterford Maine**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome

- Charlie called for moments of silence to honor and remember two KLA members: Rachel Tabor and Steve Wilcox
- Charlie reported that the loon egg hatched the day before and the parents were vocalizing and feeding.
- Charlie announced that the annual meeting would be brief in honor of the great weather!

Lakes Environmental Association Discussion --

LEA and KLA work together. While KLA supplies mostly funds and labor, LEA handles our CBI inspector's schedule and payroll, includes Keoka Lake in its research projects, and conducts educational programs, milfoil eradication, and water quality science.

LEA has undertaken a new research venture: Maine Lake Science Center. They are purchasing a 17-acre site in Bridgton that includes an old farmhouse. They are initiating a capital campaign to raise \$800K for the science center. The initial fundraising goal is \$250K for the land and building renovation with a target occupancy date of 2020. The renovation of the building will be a model of energy efficiency, contain specialized labs, and house some of the scientists. LEA has reached out to top-notch scientists to join the board for science and to conduct research.

This summer, LEA will maintain a temperature sensor in Keoka.

TD Bank is supporting LEA by donating \$50.00 for each new account and \$10 for existing accounts. Please contact your branch of TD Bank, ask about the program and use AF307 as the code to authorize TD's contribution.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Secretary's Report – Request waiving a reading of Minutes from 2013 Annual Meeting minutes. Moved, seconded, and passed.
2. Treasurer's Report – Charlie
Summary: sound financially. Increased the milfoil reserve account per schedule.
3. Education/Outreach – Ginger
There was a great and enthusiastic turnout at the Friends of Keoka Community (FOKC) event at The Keoka Beach CampGround on July 6th. Kudos to Ginger for her organization and on-site energy the day of the event!! Thanks to all KLA members who showed up in support.

4. Membership – Ginny Raymond

Ginny sent 158 letters to nonmembers of KLA in the Town and at the Campground. This is a difficult job with limited payback, but Ginny persisted and the association is grateful for her efforts.

There are 63 paid members at the time of the 2014 annual meeting. Ginny reports that this is about usual and anticipates some payment of membership dues today. Only 11 lakeside property owners do not belong to the association.

5. Water Quality – Don

All quality data is running better than normal this year. For example, water clarity was 19.3 feet and PO3 was 7.5. Color was less clear due to tannins running into the lake during spring rains.

6. Courtesy Boat Inspections – Charlie

LEA is running the CBI this year. CBI Inspection funds come from the Town and from the State DEP, as well as KLA. KLA has hired two inspectors. Members are encouraged to stop by the town Boat Launch, introduce themselves and thank the paid CBIs.

7. Plant Patrol – Arne

Going well. Arne supervises a trained team of volunteers who conduct a plant survey of Keoka Lake throughout the season. VLMP has created new Plant ID card sets this year and the plant inspectors will be using them to help ID all plants in their sectors

8. Plant Inspection 2013 – Tom

Divers from LEA will conduct an inspection on Aug 12. The effort will use three divers to survey the lake and will take 6-8 hours. They will concentrate their efforts on potential trouble spots: Kedar Brook, Keoka Beach campground, Rock Island, the Town Boat Landing and other coves.

9. LakeSmart – Peter

Kathy Sousa will turn the camp inspection duties over to Peter Morse. Peter will conduct inspections in August...see/contact Tom or Peter to schedule.

10. Water Safety, **Operation Report It Now**, Dam – Andy, Charlie

Andy reports that the buoys are in. Chains replaced as needed. He reports that the chains that were replaced with stainless steel last year are showing very little wear. He will continue replacing with SS. He reminds all to report unsafe water practices.

Dam report. Lake level is where it should be at this time of the year.

11. Fundraising – JoAnn

We will continue with the Kayak raffle and breakfasts sales.

12. Web Site – JoLynne

Website: We are using social media more and more to get message out. Joe Abbiati maintains the website. The Second Annual Bud Lazott Sailing Regatta will be

Aug 2nd with a rain date of Aug 3rd. The Website is current with new names of associations.

JoLynne has developed a Self-Inspection for Boats keychain. All paid members should receive one in 2014.. The Town Clerk will give anyone who registers a boat in Waterford one of the KLA Boat Inspection key chains. When the new shipment arrives, key chains will be given to paid CBIs at the Town Boat Launch so they can use them as educational tools in conjunction with their entry/exit inspections.

13. Appropriations (see below for recommendations) New LEA amount – Charlie

The appropriations remain the same with the exception of that to LEA. This year’s appropriation is made up of the customary \$1200 base + \$300 for *G/leo* testing + \$450 for mixing and stratification testing. Moved, seconded and accepted.

14. Election of Officers and Board Members

It was moved that those board members whose terms end in 2014 be reelected. The motion was moved, seconded, and approved.

2014 - 2016	2013 – 2015	2012 – 2014
Arne Klepinger	Tom Stockwell	Dave Abbiati, Sec
Betty Miller/Kokosing	Andy Tabor	Ginger Eaton
Don Rung	Peter Morse	Tom Hammett
David Johnson	Richard Orr	
Jo Lynne Johnson	Charlie Tarbell, Pres	
	Chip Mason, Treas	
	JoAnne Eaton, VP	
	Ginny Raymond	

15. New Business

Recommended Appropriations for 2013:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lakes Environmental Association	\$1,950
Congress of Lake Associations	200
Wilkin’s Community House	100
Maine Voluntary Lake Monitoring Program	100
Waterford Fire Department	50
Stoneham Rescue Unit	50
<u>Total Donations</u>	<u>\$2,450</u>

There was a brief discussion of the boat ramp centering on who owns it and who is responsible for its maintenance. The answer to both is: The Town of Waterford.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Abbiati, Sec