

**Keoka Lake Association
Box 97
Waterford, ME 04088**

**Board of Trustees Meeting Friday May 27, 2016 -- 7:00-9:00 pm
Charlie Tarbell Camp (13 Dorothy Way (off Woodland Trail)
207.671.6962 (Tarbell Cell)**

Unable to Attend: Tom, Rich, Don

Secretary' Report:

Fall Board Meeting minutes have not been distributed. Approval of Secretary's report tabled until distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

Chip distributed a summary of KLA's financial position. He reported that the Association is doing well. The check written after the 2015 Annual Meeting to the Wilkins House has not cleared. He will investigate and reissue if necessary. The association received notes of thanks from all to whom we donated last year. We acknowledge the receipt.

Invasives:

- Milfoil Summit Results:
 - There was some disappointment that this year's summit concentrated on diving safety as it relates to a milfoil infestation. There was not as much applicable information for lake associations (luckily) not dealing with new or existing infestations.
- There is a new infestation on the NH/ME border - at North East Pond. Their lake association has started to address the problem.
- Town & LEA Support:
 - Following what has become a standard/regular request from KLA to the town of Waterford, the Town of Waterford granted KLA \$3400 this year to offset some of the cost of the Volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program. Through LEA, KLA was granted an additional \$1300 from the State of Maine DEP program for the same purpose. The KLA CBI program is administered by LEA. KLA will fund any shortfall beyond the grant money
 - Andy reported that it takes 30 working days to get a boat sticker this year. Our inspector should be notified that some boaters may have receipts in lieu of stickers. The receipt is sufficient. Charlie reported that money, schedule, and people are in place for the 2016 CBI program.

Plant Inspection:

All who have participated in the past have agreed to continue. There are still opportunities for a couple more plant inspectors to share the 'load' of routine inspections. If something strange is found growing in the lake, contact Arne or any board member.

Those participating as Plant Patrollers for 2016 are:

John and Dodi Waite
Tom Stockwell
Arthur Jacobson
Kathy Souza
Marion Moore
Richard Orr
Tom Shaefer
Andy Tabor
Nan Brett
Al and Jean Struck
Arne Klepinger

Water Quality:

2015 test results and Prelim 2016

LEA considers Keoka moderate on its concern scale. We have been High and Moderately High in the past. There have been algae blooms on Keoka in 2001 and 2011.

The 2015 State and LEA reports on Keoka water quality are available on the website.

Gloeo testing results:

A sharp increase in the *Gloeo* count was observed in the summer of 2014, yet more normal levels were observed during the summer of 2015. Higher phosphorus concentrations trigger *Gloeo* spikes. In 2015, KLA increased its donation to LEA to cover additional monitoring of *Gloeo*. At the 2016 Annual Meeting, the board will request additional funding to LEA to raise the level of monitoring of Keoka, including *Gloeo* and algae blooms!

Project 319 Revisited Update:

Ten plus years ago, KLA's participation in Project 319 led to a Municipal effort to abate run-off areas near roads. After last summer's review of the mediated hot-spots, it appeared that the catch basins and other projects to divert runoff have been effective, but need maintenance. The Town of Waterford agreed to supply the labor and KLA earmarked funds for materials. Those funds have not been used. It was noted that a catch basin 'issue' is ongoing on Rice Hill Road. Charlie and/or Tom Stockwell will investigate.

In the discussion of camp road mediation, Don Rung and Tim Sawyer were recognized for their efforts in fixing their road. It is an example of what can (and should) be done to divert run-off from flowing directly into the lake.

LakeSmart 2016:

Peter will attempt to re-contact those lakeshore property owners who indicated an interest in LakeSmart but did not follow through or respond to his attempts to contact last summer. At last year's Annual Meeting, several people signed up but then did not return Peter's calls when he left a voicemail so only one inspection was done during the summer of 2015.

KLA is well above the 15% average participation rate for the lakes in the program. We are almost to our goal of 30% participation. A couple more successful inspections this summer will push us over the 30% mark, however KLA would like to see all lakeshore property owners

have the inspection – for the health of Keoka Lake. A question was raised as to whether or not there was some kind of recognition for property owners would qualify for the LakeSmart award but for the fact that their cabin is situated too close to the lake?

Peter would like to contact the Waterford schools for discussion on LakeSmart – possibly a science lesson?

Education & Outreach:

Ginger reported that the Education/Outreach focus was started two years ago due to a need for an education program to qualify for 501(c)(3) status. Now, KLA is also using Facebook to disseminate information. Ginger is working on various ideas for educational programs, including possibilities involving Keoka Beach's 50th anniversary celebration this summer. One idea would be a shared history project – A History of Summer Folks – what drew people to Waterford? Summer camp/property histories? In an ongoing effort to engage people at Keoka Beach Campground, Ginger will work with Chris to post KLA info/happenings/education tidbits to the KBCG Facebook page.

The loss of Adam Perron, from the LEA volunteer staff, in a tragic car crash this spring was discussed in conjunction with ideas for KLA to memorialize his legacy.

Membership:

Ginny reported she reviewed the Waterford tax rolls and sent over 100 letters to potential members of KLA. She generated four new members this year. This large effort yielded the best returns in years. Of the four new members, three were from members with lapsed dues and one was from KBCG. Ginny reported that there was one inquiry from the leaflets in the real estate type boxes located at the public areas along Rt. 37. A round of applause was given to Ginny.

Website Update:

Jo Lynne made a call for information for website updates. The website will be updated soon with information about the Annual Meeting, but major updates will take place after Joe Abbiati, the webmaster, finishes his school year. She reported that the website hosting and administration is going well. Peter will send a link to a LakeSmart Video to Jo Lynne to be uploaded to the website.

Sales:

Joann reported on T-shirt sales. She is having two new designs produced, including one for our neighbors on McWain Pond. This year's Ice Out competition was won by Joann!

There was a discussion about having a raffle this year. Peter presented the idea of a bench with metal loon motif along the back of the bench. A motion to raffle the loon bench this year at 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 or 10 for \$20 was made, seconded and approved. Peter will be reimbursed for the purchase. Raffle tickets will be included with the newsletter. Jo Lynne and Joann will work up the tickets/sheet. Subsequent: ticket prices adjusted to 1 for \$3; 4 for \$10 and 10 for \$20.

Dam (including winter water level):

Charlie reported that a lock was placed on dam controls to prevent vandalism. Although the Board had authorized a 24 in drop in the water level, the winter lake level dropped only 18 inches below normal. Reducing the lake level accomplished the intended effect on shoreline

erosion. The lake is relatively low right now due to light snowfall and a dry spring. Inspection of the dam went well. A couple bolts needed tightening.

Water Safety:

Buoys will be in this weekend. One buoy has been lost. Anyone on the lake, please look for white buoy and return it to Andy.

Annual Meeting Prep:

Arnie reported that all is on schedule and he will procure the Donuts.

Loon report:

Arnie reported that the nesting platform has been placed on the lake. Extra moss has been out on the platform. A pair of loons has been reported in the lake. They seem to be exploring for a nesting site. An eagle is nesting near KoKosing.

New Business:

LEA research/funding request:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to support LEA's testing program by increasing KLA's 2016 donation to \$1025 to include the extra testing. (See water quality above). This line item will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting for approval.

Adam Peron memorial gift:

A motion to make a one time gift of \$250 in Adam's name to LEA was made and seconded. An Amendment to the motion to make the gift \$ 300 was offered. The amendment was seconded and passed. The amended motion to make a one-time gift of \$300 to LEA in memory of Adam Perron was then passed.

Shoreline zoning regulations:

Anyone with questions needs to talk to Bill Haynes because of the complexity of the new law.

Annual meeting program:

LEA will give a keynote speech at the annual meeting.

Peter will give a 10 min. presentation of native plants that can be used for shoreline plantings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.