

Keoka Lake Association  
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May 24, 2019 Keoka Lake Association Spring Meeting

### **Agenda**

Unable to Attend: Joe Abbiati, Dan Johnson, Don Rung, Tom Hammett

**Present: Charlie Tarbell, Joanne Eaton, Chip Mason, Arne Klepinger, David Johnson, Jo Lynne Johnson, Ginny Raymond, Ginger Eaton, Tom Schaeffer, Jim Flynn, Andy Tabor, Kim Struck, Tom Stockwell, Al Struck, Richard Orr, Paige Nalipinski, Mike Nalipinski, Ginny Raymond, Peter Morse, Brenda Hambleton**

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Tarbell at 7:14 pm.

### **Old Business:**

Secretary Report: The reading of the minutes was waived as the minutes are posted on the website.

### Treasurer's Report:

Chip passed out copies of the current Treasurer's Report as well as the year-end numbers. Chip reports that two CD's are maturing in June and can be placed in the checking account. The Milfoil Reserve Fund stands at \$37,000 currently. KLA merchandise sales can include memberships, especially at the beginning of the season, making it more difficult to put monies in budget categories.

A motion presented to accept report; motion passed.

### Invasives:

Charlie reported that he attended the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Maine Milfoil Seminar in April. Thus far Keoka Lake has not had a milfoil infestation, largely due to Courtesy Boat Inspections. Boat inspections have played a huge role in monitoring boats in an effort to stop milfoil being introduced to water bodies in the state. When the new York (ME) tollbooths are complete, the state is considering a boat inspection/washing station on I-95 (the Maine Turnpike) at the site of the current tollbooths as boats enter the state. Having an organized Plant Patrol is very helpful to quickly react to any possible milfoil invasion. A reminder: if there is ever a question about a plant found, LEA is happy to identify it.

- Plant Patrol - Arne is looking for new Plant Patrollers to augment the current list .He has sent cards out to the campground to recruit people to help conduct plant patrols along the beach in front of KBCG. He will do a new Plant Patroller map that can be uploaded to the website.

### Water Quality:

The water quality report for 2018 shows the clarity of the water is better at the surface but as the water becomes deeper, there is less clarity. There is still concern for the lack of deep

water oxygenation. *Gloeo* continues to be an issue; LEA will not be using its resources to test for *Gloeo* this summer as they have 5 years to data. Instead they are going to utilize a Citizen Scientist effort to continue tests. Bill and Sara Stockwell have volunteered to be trained as Citizen Scientists to test for *Gloeo* hot spots. LEA will be launching a new program on Keoka Lake. Using a new water tester called a Sonde (a machine that is dragged behind a boat allowing water to pass through it) will help to determine water quality of the lake at points around the lake. This information will be used to educate landowners on what septic leaks do to the lake and offer joint collaboration to help manage any issues. A motion was proposed to recommend to the general membership at the Annual Meeting that KLA grant LEA \$2,175 for their complete water testing proposal; motion passed.

#### Stream Surveys:

- Kim will be doing stream surveys through the summer and into autumn as a continuation of her work in 2018. Surveys are looking for any evidence of over-banking or other trouble spots that might endanger the health of the lake. The survey also serves to clean up the streams of plastic and other trash. Any help is appreciated.
- LakeSmart:  
Jim Flynn discussed LakeSmart. He has recruited Doss (Hammett) Hasson to join his team when she arrives for visits this summer. The discussion included the increase of boats on the lake that weigh down their sterns creating a larger wake for recreation. Even when a boat of that configuration is 200 feet off shore, the wake still comes up over people's docks during the summer causing shoreline erosion and destruction. Jim will contact the game warden and ask what the options are to target this issue. Charlie will start conversations with the campground and Kokosing boat owners to educate about detrimental effects of this.

#### Education and Outreach:

Ginger has made many connections over the years and has been able to educate landowners around the lake about the effects that people and properties have on the water and wildlife. Following up on a discussion from the Fall 2018 board meeting, she discussed a "Hey You" program for the summer of 2019. A shift in this plan might include canoeing around the lake for a 'meet and greet' with owners. Tom and Ginger will coordinate this effort; Brenda has offered to help.

#### Membership

Ginny reports she sent out 107 membership solicitation letters to non-KLA member Waterford property owners as well as to members whose memberships have lapsed. Seven letters came back; there were a couple with forwarding addresses. Ginny will resend these when she is able to track down new addresses. These letters led to three renewal members and three new members. The real-estate type boxes have been put out at the two town beaches with membership brochures in them. Brenda Hambelton has worked up a new tri-fold membership folder that will also be put at the Town Clerk's office and the Library. Asking to put membership flyers at KBCG was discussed.

### Website:

Jo Lynne is working with webmaster, Joe Abbiati, to feed information to be uploaded to the website. Typically the spring upload contains the 2018 water quality/health reports as well as the new Dues Form, 2019 dates to remember, etc. She requested committee updates/appeals for help to be included on that upload. There was discussion about how to improve the website and the availability of a more interactive site; Brenda has offered to look into this.

### Merchandise:

Joann is working on new merchandise for the summer. She will be out of the country and will miss the Annual Meeting and July 17<sup>th</sup> breakfast. She has asked for help on those dates. Inventory has been ordered. Ideas were discussed for raffles this summer.

### LEA membership:

Charlie, as a new member of the board of LEA, highlighted the work that the LEA does for all lakes in Maine. He reiterated the LEA is our “back room” as they handle the recruiting, staffing, and accounting for Keoka’s CBI program. All KLA members are encouraged to become LEA members also. This is a great organization.

### Water Safety:

On April 1, the dam was opened all the way for spring run-off; the water is still high and cold. Andy put the loon’s nest out on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Andy is putting the buoys at town beach, Stone’s Cove and the middle of the lake over Memorial Day weekend.

The boat ramp is being replaced! Jeff Ward will start the work once the water level has subsided. The Town of Waterford allocated some monies for this project and KLA will provide the remainder of the funding. Barring any additional “significant” rain and runoff, it is anticipated that work might begin the first part of June. KLA is now responsible for setting and removing the boat launch docks.

- Al Struck shared the date for the 7th Annual Bud Lazott Memorial Regatta this year - July 27<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 28th. Al and John Wait talked to Chris Searles, owner of KBCG, who has agreed to let the starting point and awards ceremony take place at the KBCG beach. There will be a race for kids from local camps and one for the adults. Posters for the race will be printed and posted around town and at each of the camps. The text will include the KLA sponsorship and the use of the Campground.

### Annual Meeting

Arne will make all arrangements for the use of the Wilkins House for the Annual Meeting on July 13, 2019 including Lake House donuts and coffee beginning at 8:30am. The meeting will start at 9am. Executive Director of LEA, Colin Holme, will be the speaker. Charlie will work on getting a speaker.

## **New Business:**

- Mason Parcel: This is an ongoing work in progress. Charlie Mason is donating the land to Western Foothills Land Trust by Charlie Mason. KLA will have ownership of and responsibility for the dam and must also have a right of way. Charlie shared a survey map that showed how the parcel is delineated.
- KLA50: In 2021, KLA will be celebrating its 50-year anniversary. David and Jo Lynne Johnson have agreed to chair the KLA50 celebration committee and are working with Bill Stockwell and Charlie Tarbell on the early planning. In preparation for the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration, a committee is working on gathering 'lake property stories' from each current (and past) lakeshore owners. The newsletter will contain information about this project and a Questionnaire to get the lakeshore property owners started on their property stories. During the summer of 2021, there will be a celebration event to commemorate the founding of KLA. Anyone interested in being involved, please email Jo-Lynne at [KLA50.2021@gmail.com](mailto:KLA50.2021@gmail.com)  
Additionally, in conjunction with the Waterford Library and the Waterford Historical Society, there are plans to have an historical exhibit of life on the lake and in Waterford at the Waterford Historical Society during the summer of 2021. The committee is looking for pictures and memorabilia for the exhibit.
- Maine Community Fund: There was a discussion of using the Maine Community Fund (Maine CF) to hold KLA reserves. MaineCF would hold and manage KLA's funds as part of their portfolio. Such an arrangement will allow KLA more flexibility in its acceptance of gifts (securities, real estate, etc.). By majority vote of current board members present, the board approved entering into a contract with MaineCF to roll current CD's over to MaineCF upon their maturity.
- Legislation: There are two bills in Maine Legislature to watch for: 1) LD235 calling for an increase of the milfoil sticker price. Proceeds will go to continued efforts to prevent and eradicate milfoil infestations, 2) LD216 which calls for mandatory septic system inspection for all property transfers in the shore land zone.
- The By-Laws Revision: Richard Orr redrafted the KLA By-Laws for review and comment by the board. Discussion ensued. The board voted to endorse the copy of the By-Laws that will be distributed to the KLA membership in the newsletter - in time (in accordance with the current By-Laws) for the revised By-Laws to be voted on at the Annual meeting July 13, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Struck, Secretary