

Keoka Lake Association
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October 5, 2018 Keoka Lake Association Fall Meeting

Agenda

Unable to Attend: Richard Orr, Don Rung, Peter Morse, Tom Stockwell, Dan Johnson

Present: Charlie Tarbell, Joanne Eaton, Chip Mason, Tom Hammett, Arne Klepinger, David Johnson, Jo Lynne Johnson, Ginny Raymond, Ginger Eaton, Tom Schaeffer, Jim Flynn, Joe Abbiati, Andy Tabor, Kim Struck

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Tarbell at 7:05 pm

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

Treasurer's Report:

Chip reports the total assets is at \$46,404.28 with a surplus of \$3,404.28. KLA merchandise sales can include memberships, especially at the beginning of the season without making it more difficult to put things in budget categories. There will be one more sale day during the Fall Foliage 5k Race.

A motion presented to allow Charlie and Chip to add any end of year surplus to the Milfoil Reserve. Motion passed.

Invasives:

Charlie reports this summer, there were 245 CBI courtesy boat inspections done for a total of 468 hours and three plants found coming out of the water. The three plants found are Keoka Curly Leaf Pondweed which is indigenous to an area around Rock Island in Keoka. 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. Arne reports this is a good time of year for checking the lake. He is also looking to snorkel as part of patrolling his section of the lake next summer. Looking for new Plant Patrollers, he has sent cards out to the campground to recruit people to help conduct plant patrols along the beach in front of KBCG. He is also looking to perhaps engage kids in the area (through contact with local teachers).

Water Quality:

The water quality for 2018 shows clarity of the water is better this year due to general lack of rain and the absence of deluges of rain similar to last summer. There is still concern for the lack of deep water oxygenization. The LEA report about the status of the lake is due in November.

Stream Surveys:

Kim has done stream surveys on Kedar Brook, Sucker Brook and Youngs Brook.

- Kedar Brook: Kim met the new owner of the Inn; asked permission to walk his property and talked about KLA. The brook was low all the way up through Huffman's under the bridge past Sharon Murch's place to the small property owned by Wayne and Nancy (Last name??). The banking looked like it had over flowed. Kim collected a couple of bags of garbage. A sample of orange scum was collected and sent for testing; it is not invasive or hurting the brook.
- Sucker brook was low; lots of frogs but not a lot of debris. Kim collected some garbage out of the brook and more along the camp road.
- Youngs Brook had many piles of debris past Chadbourne's property. A stream clean up will be planned.

LakeSmart:

Jim Flynn discussed LakeSmart. He has recruited Doss (Hammett) Hasson to join his team. Jim talked about how the berms around the lake are created by ice pushing up the soil, and how to keep the lake at a certain level to keep the berms in place. The LakeSmart Award is currently a 'forever' award, however Jim feels that checks should continue to help people stay aware of how any runoff from their properties affect the lake each year.

Education and Outreach:

The annual outreach to the community held this summer was a success and also included the new business in town (Good Health is a Habit). Ginger reports that Jake from LEA was helpful in demonstrating how runoff affects the lake. There was also a loon presentation and a milfoil presentation. A "Hey You" program next year will take place with three boats going around the lake to identify vignettes of dangerous/illegal shoreland activities. Tom and Ginger will coordinate this effort. Brenda Hambleton has written an article on biochemistry and the lake. It will be uploaded to the website.

Membership

Ginny reports in 2016 we had 107 paid members, 99 in 2017 and so far this year 89. This number will hopefully increase. We have had two new renewals from people who have not paid in four years. There is one new member this year so far. Nine members are from the KBCG. There are 22 gift memberships this year (about 14 families). We have 15 members that have lapsed membership, some of whom have properties or family owned properties on the lake. A few members dropped and some members of the board volunteered to follow up with the rest to encourage them to renew.

Website:

Jo Lynne Is working with Joe to feed information to be uploaded to the website. A brief discussion of a possible hacking incident of the site was discussed.

Merchandise

Joann reports the tee shirt sales were good this summer with about \$1,200 dollars of which merchandise brought in \$825.00; \$75 for membership and \$310 for raffles.

Water Safety:

Andy has removed the top mechanism of the dam making it much easier to raise/lower the dam and he greased the gear box. Al Struck and John Wait have been helping. Debris from the fire at Stan's boathouse earlier in the summer has been removed. Andy reports there haven't been any incidents this summer for boating safety and the buoys will be removed by the end of October.

New Business:

There has been a change in Executive Directorship at LEA, Peter Lovell has retired and Colin Holme is now the Executive Director.

Mason Parcel is an ongoing work in progress. The land is being donated to Western Foothills Land Trust. KLA would rather the town own the dam and have a 100 year lease including the seawall.

Richard will be working on the bylaws revision proposal over the winter and will be asked for a first draft by January 2019 so it can be distributed to board members for their review in advance of the spring KLA board meeting (May 24, 2019).

In a couple of years KLA will be celebrating its 50-year anniversary. Jim volunteered to host a fundraising kickoff party for the anniversary and to work for an endowment for milfoil reserves. Charlie is looking for someone to chair the committee for the KLA50 events.

Boat Launch Proposal - Charlie is trying to coordinate a repair/upgrade of the public boat launch by the town beach. The property is town-owned and Charlie will draft a warrant item for the Town Meeting in the hopes that KLA can coordinate with the town to create a safe boat launch opportunity and to make repairs to what is currently there. A motion was made and accepted to table further discussion until after the 2019 Waterford Town Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Struck