

**Keoka Lake Association
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**Board of Trustees Meeting, Friday, October 7, 2016, 7:00-9:00 pm
Hammett/Hasson House in the Village**

Present: Charlie, JoAnne, Ginger, Tom, David, Jo Lynne, Arne, Ginny, Don, Tom, Andy,
Jim Flynn

Unable to Attend: Dave, Chip, Rich, Peter, Dan

Charlie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

Motion was made to table acceptance of Secretary's Report til Spring 2017 meeting.

Treasurer's Report :

Numbers are as of 8.19.16 and do not reflect the monies still due from LEA (DEP) and the town for the CBI program (\$4,150). The bill for the second half of the year's CBI inspections arrived 10.7.16 (\$2,500). It is expected that EOY numbers will be similar to last year's.

Charlie asked that the board consider adding \$1000 to top off the liability reserve fund if there is money available at yearend. The Board voted unanimously to allow Charlie & Chip to augment the liability reserve by \$1000 if they deem warranted/advisable when EOY numbers are available.

Invasives:

Boat inspections went well this summer. No suspicious plants caught at entry; some pondweed showed up on exit. Recommendation: continue with LEA doing payroll, hiring, etc. There was concern about adequate coverage for Memorial Day. To be looked at for 2017.

Plant inspections: the system of monitoring Keoka by dividing the lake into segments is working well, but some of the segments are large. Not all of the plant patrollers reported in at the end of the summer. Arne is looking for more people to take smaller sections, ideally the landowner's property and one either side of it – a stretch of shoreline that can easily be inspected while swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, boating, etc.

Other: Charlie will schedule a 3-level plant inspection of Keoka for 2017. KLA is doing what it can; the plant patrollers are in place and should an invasive be discovered, they can be mobilized quickly.

Water Quality:

2016 Test Results: The Secchi Disk readings averaged 6.2 meters (20.3 feet) for 2016, deeper than the long-term average (5.9 meters). Ph concentrations = 7.5 ppb and Chlorophyll concentrations averaged 2.4 ppb. Oxygen concentrations were similar to

previous years with depletion beginning in early June and impacting the bottom 5 meters of the water column for the entire summer. Overall, the traditional water quality criteria showed a good year (not surprising given the drought). No rain = no sediments nor nutrients washing into the lake, thus better clarity, lower nutrients and less algae. Large algae blooms were noted around the brooks, however.

Muni Hot Spots update: The town is addressing the problem spots. Grover Hill Rd was done last year; Mill Hill was done this summer. A jute liner, together with rip rap, was used for the mitigation. Brad (Waterford DPW) is working on the list of concerns. There has been no request for funds for materials.

LakeSmart 2016: No report in from Peter. In 2017, suggestion was made to pair Peter with someone who can continue to drive the inspection process during the busy time in Peter's business. Jim Flynn agreed to serve in this role.

Education and Outreach:

Ginger felt it was a successful summer. She used social media via Facebook (KLA, KBCG and Waterford Rec Dept.) to get the word out for the August 3rd event. Mary (LEA) and Sally Stockwell (ME Audubon) helped create the Keoka watershed in the sand on the Stockwell beach. Next year, Ginger hopes to re-create the activity at KBCG.

Membership:

Current membership is 98 families, up from 87 in 2015. There have been 10 renewals of people who have not paid dues in over 4 years. Ginny indicated the personal notes with the spring mailing helped to bring in some renewals. There are 7 new memberships from KBCG and there are 17 names to be eliminated due to inactivity. Ginny will send the list to Charlie who will share it with board members to see if there is anyone to pursue with personal contact before the name is removed from the list.

Website & Newsletter:

Joe is rebuilding the website with easier language for him to maintain it. There will be little or no change from the user side; it just makes updates easier for him. Updates will be sent to him as they become available, rather than in one (large) block.

Jo Lynne requested that any website additions and all newsletter submissions be emailed to her by October 20th.

Sales:

Peter will not be at the Fall Foliage 5k so Joanne needs help with raffle ticket sales. Joanne found a sale of bright colored shirts, hats, etc. so there will be a bill forthcoming. The biggest sales days have been July 4th (next year, perhaps position outside to catch people while they are waiting in line?) and the Fall Foliage Road Race.

The raffle is going well but Joanne asked for ideas for a raffle item for 2017!

Dam:

The lake is as low as it's been in recent history. The dam is currently set at 1" (and padlocked to prevent vandalism). South Waterford wants 2" (6" or even 8") but it will remain at 1" for now. The dam will NOT be opened up like last winter. The dam was greased last fall; it is done every 3 years.

Water Safety:

The buoys were stable until September then one was discovered 5' off station and another was 10' off station. Despite each buoy being anchored by three cinder blocks and a stainless steel chain, two were damaged (perhaps by a boat backing up??). Andy may need to replace buoy(s) in the spring. The buoys will be taken out Saturday, Oct. 8th.

This was a quiet year on the lake – no calls for irresponsible jetski or boat activity.

Loon Nest:

The location of the loon nest was discussed. Perhaps it should be moved to a location more protected from the north wind? Typically, it should be located in 18-36 inches of water. Other lake associations may be contacted about their best practices for locating their loon nests. The baby is doing well.

Nominating Committee:

There was a discussion about forming a nominating committee to add to the Board of Trustees and the question of term limits. Some nominating committees hold that those on the Nominating Committee cannot be nominated to serve, allowing an easier recruitment of Nominating Committee members.

Several Board members were asked to recruit potential Nominating Committee members.

New Business:

Charlie brought up a 'research project' he'd like to have addressed over the winter. He would like a "GAP Analysis" (aka, a 'SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats) Analysis' done as well as research into lake association best practices. He will pursue this further with potential 'researchers'.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.