

**Keoka Lake Association Annual Meeting**  
**July 14, 2012 Wilkins House, Waterford Maine**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Welcome**                      **Charlie**    9:00 AM  
Meeting called to order by Charlie at 9:04 AM

**BUSINESS MEETING**    90 Minutes

1. Secretary's Report – Request waiving reading of Minutes from 2011  
Agreed: moved, seconded and voted
  
2. Treasurer's Report – Chip Mason  
See report: Milfoil reserve currently at \$25k – rapid response model.  
Dues, donation, and sales: may designate on dues to form to put extra toward milfoil, education or unrestricted  
CBI biggest expense and income  
Many thanks to Town of Waterford and DEP for CBI grants  
Moved to accept, seconded and voted
  
3. Water Quality – Don Rung/Charlie Tarbell  
Don R and LEA measure water quality.  
Water has not cleared from the recent rains. Most readings are holding steady. Municipal and residential hot spots are being addressed. Runoff remediation activity has made our relative performance improve. There were some questions about early algae coverage of dock pipes.
  
4. Invasives – *Facing the Tipping Point* Video Charlie, Jo Lynne, David  
Video shown with commentary by the Johnsons. You are encouraged to view this video via a link on the KLA webpage. The State and LEA are pushing an agenda including an active effort to encourage self-inspection through education at the inspection sites. State level funding is not there for full all-out effort.
  
5. Courtesy Boat Inspections – Charlie, Peter  
In the past ten years, we have evolved from CBI volunteers to paid inspections with funds from the Town of Waterford and LEA. Thankfully, to date, there have been no catches on incoming boats.  
  
Peter: Two paid inspectors this year (Rachel Brennen and Ben Millett). Jo Lynne has helped with the paper work. This has been a great help for Peter. Peter thanked the Johnsons. Need CBI volunteers on Labor Day weekend as the paid inspectors return to college. Inspectors need to be trained/refreshed training. There was a list of training times for inspections or contact the Johnsons. Calendar schedule for inspection was posted at this meeting. Peter suggested raising money for the program by voluntary “road block” on route 35/37.
  
6. Botanist Inspection 2012 – Tom  
Many on the lake are trained plant patrollers and continually inspect while fishing/boating. We hope to use LEA's new Night Light Boat to survey the lake. Pictures and write up of

indigenous plants to Keoka are available via link on the website (in the 2012 CBI Handbook).

7. LakeSmart – Kathy Souza

Award from the Oxford County Soil and Water District for participation. Kathy will focus on reinspection this year for property that did not initially pass the inspection. Kathy's phone number is in the newsletter.

8. Education – Ginger & Tom

The June 26<sup>th</sup> Education Program presented at the swim program of Waterford. The activities went well and were welcomed by the participants. This work is important in and of itself, but also important in working toward 501(c)(3) status. LEA was impressed with our program and will expand it to other towns. LEA presented it to us at no cost, as they considered it a model for other towns.

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

*Operation Report it Now!*: see website for pamphlet. Need to develop a reputation as a high enforcement lake for watercraft regulations. Instruction for contacting warden service on website. Several reports have been made. The warden service tracks the number of calls. Where is the craft docked? Identifying characteristics, such as registration number, color, etc should be reported when making the call.

Buoys were put in before the rains. One broke loose, but Andy found it. Its chain was fragile. Inspection shows most of the chains will need replacement next year.

Dam: flushed as designed this spring. After the heavy rains of June, there were 10 inches of water going over the dam. It took about 8 days to empty the lake to its normal level.

10. Membership – Ginny Raymond

Ginny sent 117 letters to campground residents, 33 to landholders, and 24 former members who had not renewed their memberships in the past couple of years. Eight new members were enrolled through this effort. Ginny was commended for renewing the drive for more members.

Andy pieced together a complete shoreline map of Keoka showing property boundaries and owners from the Waterford property tax map.

11. Fundraising – Joanne Eaton; Need for others to work the Wilkins Breakfasts. Joann and her provider have developed several new logos for KLA clothing. She has also ordered several items for young children and infants. Raffle sales are going well. She needs help this Wednesday with merchandise sales at the breakfast. (7/18).

12. Web Site – JoLynne Johnson

Our new web address is: [keokalake.org](http://keokalake.org) Check website for links for information on all Keoka Lake information. Pictures are now easier to post. E-mail then to the webmaster via the link in Gallery on the KLA site. Almost everything you will need to understand the current ecology of the lake, the minutes of meetings, links to other organizations, etc can be easily accessed through the website. The website is now hosted by GoDaddy. John Caldwell was honored for his long-standing support of the former KLA website at [keokalake.com](http://keokalake.com).

13. Insurance – Charlie

New liability insurance was negotiated in March. The Allen Agency in Camden – Peerless Liberty Mutual was awarded the contract. Peerless specializes in writing lake association insurance. The cost was approximately one-third of the former cost. KLA will reserve funds for litigation expense instead of buying officers liability

14. Appropriations (see below for recommendations) – Charlie

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lakes Environmental Association	\$1,200
Congress of Lake Associations	200
Wilkins Community House	100
Maine Voluntary Lake Mon. Assoc	100
Waterford Fire Department	50
Stoneham Rescue Unit	<u>50</u>
<u>Total Donations</u>	<u>\$1,700</u>

Moved to accept the board's recommendation, seconded, and voted.

15. Election of Officers and Board Members

**KLA Board of Trustees and Terms:**

**2012 – 2014**

Dave Abbiati, Sec  
Ginger Eaton  
Tom Hammett

**2011 – 2013**

Dan Johnson  
Arne Klepinger  
Betty Miller  
Don Rung  
David Johnson  
Jo Lynne Johnson

**2010 – 2012**

Tom Stockwell  
Andy Tabor  
Peter Morse  
Richard Orr  
Charlie Tarbell, Pres  
Chip Mason, Treas  
Joanne Eaton, VP  
Ginny /Raymond

The slate of officers and board members was moved, seconded and passed as recommended by the board.

16. New Business

The Keoka loons apparently were not successful in hatching their eggs this season. A call was made to continue the Kayak Kaper event as in the past along with the KLA Regatta. Volunteers are needed to organize. No dates set.

Meeting adjourned at 10: 25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Dave Abbiati  
Secretary