

Keoka Lake Association

July 9, 2016 Wilkins House, Waterford, Maine

AGENDA

Coffee and Doughnuts	8:30 a.m.
Welcome	9.00 a.m.
Keynote Speaker Anne Wold, LEA	9:05 a.m.

Anne gave a brief history of LEA emphasizing its involvement in water quality, invasive eradication and the Maine Lake Science Center.

BUSINESS MEETING

Old Business:

1. Secretary's Report: As the report has been distributed via our website, a motion was made to waive the reading of the report and accept the report as published. A motion was made to this effect, seconded, and passed.
2. Treasurer's Report: Charlie reported for Chip that the association is in good financial health. The Milfoil Eradication Reserve is at \$32K. All obligations are being met.
3. Membership – The total membership is up from this time last year. Ginny has been using mailers and posters to generate interest in membership. We have received 11 new members from the mailings. Of note are the 13 members from Keoka Beach Campground. There are 12 members who do not live directly on the lake and 16 gift memberships.
4. Education: KLA continues to sponsor information/learning days. Ginger had success with an event during the Stockwell 'family camp' week and plans to do another event at the Stockwell beach on August 3, 2016. There will be an LEA staff member there. Young campers will make a sand sculpture of the Keoka watershed. Ginger continues to use social media to get the word out about KLA.
5. Water Quality: Charlie reported for Don that the water clarity was poor because of the pollen in the water. Lack of snow and meager rainfall in the spring has left the lake level below normal. The lake continues to experience low oxygen level at the bottom. The lake periodically has high phosphate levels. These are the major concerns in predicting the danger for the lake. Charlie pointed out that the lake's 'level of concern' was rated High in 1971 and has improved to its current Moderate Level of Concern. The level of "Gleo" was very high in 2014 but has returned to normal in 2015.
6. Courtesy Boat Inspections: The CBI's are working like clockwork. The inspectors are funded with grants from The Town of Waterford, from Maine's DEP (through LEA,) and from KLA. LEA currently serves as support for KLA in

that it hires the seasonal inspectors and processes payroll. Not all the inspectors are college students but there may be a need for volunteer coverage at the end of the summer.

7. Plant Patrol: The volunteer annual survey of aquatic plants is running well. Through this program, Keoka Lake has been 'divided' into segments and volunteers monitor their section on a regular basis throughout the summer. The participants and their sections are available on the KLA website.
8. LakeSmart: Please contact Peter Morse if you want to have your property inspected for the LakeSmart program. The program is free and there is no downside to having a property inspected. The landowner will receive an assessment with suggestions for possible mitigation and/or improvements but there is no obligation to abate discovered issues. Keoka Lake has exceeded the State target for participation but is short of the goal set by the board.
9. Municipal Hot Spots – There are washout and ditching issues on Grover, Mill Hill and Pine Tree roads. These spots have been discussed with the Town. The Town is supplying the labor and KLA is supplying funds for material to abate these areas. Charlie reports that there is a high level of cooperation between KLA and the Town on this project.
10. Water Safety: All markers are in place and in good condition. Changing to stainless steel has dramatically improved the life of the buoy chains. Andy encourages all lake residents to participate in the ***Operation Report It Now!*** program if you witness dangerous or destructive behavior on the lake. With a Game Warden residing in Waterford, we should see improved reaction times to complaints.
11. Fund Raising: There is currently a raffle for a Loon Bench. Joanne has been able to move the KLA sales area into the Wilkins house entry for the Community Breakfasts this year. Merchandise is selling well. Joanne is looking for more items that would appeal to children.
12. Website: The website is running smoothly. Jo Lynne acknowledged Joe Abbiati's efforts in keeping it running. Joe is currently creating a new website with a more modern language. He will make the change when he is done and the program has been tested. There will be no noticeable change on the user side, but the website will be easier to maintain. She will send Joe a list of updates after the annual meeting.
13. Appropriations – See Below. A motion to accept the Board's recommendations for appropriations was made, seconded, and passed.
14. Election of Officers – See Below. A motion to accept the recommendations of the Board for officers was made, seconded and passed.

New Business:

- Shoreline Zoning Revisions – The new expansion provisions seem straight forward but become problematic in application. Landowners are encouraged to contact Bill Haynes (Waterford's Code Enforcement Officer) at the Waterford

Town Office early in the planning stage of a camp expansion. The major change in determining the permissibility of a shorefront structure is footprint rather than volume. There are zone (distance from the lake) and height considerations, among others, that have to be factored into decisions if they are to be consistent. There have also been changes in the regulations for removal of large trees.

- There will be a regatta July 23rd starting at Chadbourne Beach at 2:00 p.m.
- The annual Fall 5k Road Race to benefit the Tony Waldeier scholarship fund will be October 9th. The raffle will be drawn and winner announced at that time.

Donations

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lake Environment Association	\$2,525
Town of Waterford - muni hot sports	\$1,000
Maine Lake Society	\$200
Wilkins Community House	\$100
Maine Voluntary Mon. Assoc.	\$100
Waterford Fire Department	\$50
Stoneham Rescue Unit	\$50
Total Donations	\$4,025

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