

# Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Little Ossipee Lake Association

**August 9, 2008**

The 2008 annual meeting was held at the Waterboro Central Fire Station. President Dianne Holden called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. The meeting began with a salute to our flag.

Directors Stan Goff and Pam L'Heureux were excused. All others were present. Alternates Spencer, Jacobsen and Sandy Labelle were also present.

Town Selectman Dennis Abbott and Evan Grover were introduced and invited to speak. They updated members present on the status of the petition before the DEP to lower the lake level. The DEP has offered to mediate a meeting of both sides to see what, if any, compromise can be reached. Concerns about the impact of lowering the lake level ranged from greater opportunity for invasive plants to grow in areas of very shallow water to concerns about wells and the ultimate impact on property values on the lake.

Melissa Grant from York County Soil and Conservation and Waterboro native let members present know that the final report on the watershed grant work is available on the web site. She also talked about the youth conservation corps and her hope to develop one in the Waterboro area. If the Association wanted to be involved our responsibility would be to serve on a steering committee, assist in determining projects; provide some financial support.

Frank Salvo spoke about the boards work with the warden service to have more coverage on the lake at a cost of \$54 per hour paid by the association. This brought up discussion from members living in the area of 3 Tree Island and whether or not headway speed can be enforced in that area of the lake. The point was made that if the association pays off-duty wardens to provide coverage on the lake we might see fewer visits by on-duty wardens. Members agreed they did not want to spend association funds for additional coverage at this time.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as presented.

President Holden read an email from Director Pam L'Heureux.

**Water Level Report:** Don Holden reported he began lowering the lake on October 15, 2007. On November 20 the lake reached winter level. Through the winter we had 160" of snow. Don feared that snow melt would create water level problems, but he was able to maintain consistent levels throughout the spring. The optimum summer level is 6'6". Recent rains have caused the lake to rise and it is presently at 6' 10" even with the gates and check valve open at the dam. Three days of no rain will allow the lake to return to the 6'6" level.

**Water Testing:** Bob Cyr and Bob Labelle provided the report. Every two weeks starting in April thru October 3 water samples are drawn to measure water clarity, oxygen and temperature. The samples are taken at every meter down to 20 meters. One time per month a sample is drawn to measure phosphorus levels. These samples are forwarded to the state for analysis.

**Boat Parade:** Mike Taflas gave the boat parade report. There were 35 participants. (Winners have been noted in July minutes.)

**Loon Nest:** Don Holden and Ed Doggett told members present about the construction of a loon nest that floats. If the loons nest on this structure high water due to storms will not flood the nest and destroy the eggs. Don also told the very comical story of the goose attack that took place when he, Stan and Ed put the nest on the lake.

**Lake Community Dance:** Mike reported that the dance held on July 19 was a success. Attendees had a good time and we hope to make a lake community get-together an annual event. The dance raised \$700 for the scholarship fund.

**Scholarship Awards:** Frank Salvo reported on the scholarship recipients. (Names in previous minutes.)

**Nominating Committee:** Don Holden reported there are three openings for alternates. Charlene Johnson, a former board member is returning to the board as an alternate. He announced that if anyone present is interested in serving on the board he/she is welcome to speak to him after the meeting. Members were advised the board meets one Saturday per month April-October. It was announced that Directors Don and Dianne Holden have decided not to serve another term on the board. Their terms expire immediately following the annual meeting.

**Other Business:** A member present showed members present a container of Styrofoam he has taken from the water. He is concerned that the floating chunks may be harmful to fish and birds. There seems to be much more of it in the water this summer and he is wondering if something can be done to inform residents with old docks that may have rotting Styrofoam that is breaking off and floating in the water.

No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariann Goff, Secretary