

Little Ossipee Lake Association
Minutes of Annual Meeting
August 14, 2010 at Camp Laughing Loon

The 2010 annual meeting of the Little Ossipee Lake Association was called to order by president Michael Taflas on Saturday, August 14th at 9:39 AM.

Introduction:

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, senior director Robert Cyr acknowledged beginning of the meeting. President Michael Taflas, president introduced the LOLA officers and board of directors:
Stan Goff – Vice President, Karen Cummings – Secretary, Ed Doggett - Treasurer
Directors: Bob Cyr, John Cyr, Ross Dindio, Mariann Goff, Barbara Hamor, Bob Labelle, Sandy Labelle, Stu Lamont, Barbara Lamont, Donna Taflas
Alternates: Bob Thomas, 3 openings

E³ The LOLA mission statement **Preserve & Protect Little Ossipee Lake through Education, Eradication and Erosion Control** was reintroduced and set the tone and direction for the remainder of the meeting.

4th of July Boat Parade – The 2010 parade followed a new route behind the Ossipee Queen clockwise all around the lake, ending at the Judges' Station (Weymouth Point). Thanks were given to Charlie & Bev Killam for their hospitality in hosting the judges. The theme was "The LOLA Cookbook". Winners were as follows:

Boats: 1st Thomas family – Smores, 2nd Kussmann family – Catch a Chicken, 3rd Emmon's family – Could you on a Boat

Barges: 1st Grimes family – Krusty Krab, 2nd DeRoo family – Loony leftovers, 3rd Hurley family – LOLA Cookbook

Best of Show - Thomas family – Smores

Scholarship winners: Director Sandy Labelle announced the scholarship winners for the Guy Litalien and LOLA scholarships (\$500 each). In conjunction with the Massabesic guidance department, LOLA selected Cassandra Leighton and Stephen Wakita, both of Shapleigh out of 15 applicants.

Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. There were 225 paid members in 2009. There were 179 paid members to date (2010)

Secretary's Report was read and approved as submitted.

Water Testing:

Director Bob Labelle reported that water testing is conducted every 2 weeks for dissolved Oxygen and water temp at deepest point of the lake. Testing begins after ice-out, and continues until October. Of the 470 lakes tested in state of Maine, we are #19 in best clarity. Phosphorous grab sample sent to UMaine. Additional water testing is done in conjunction with NOA (satellite testing).

Buoys – Bob Labelle reported that 4 buoys have been installed, replacing faded signs – 1 sign left at entrance to Hams Cove. Meeting attendees were asked for a show of hands as to whether there is an interest in placing a buoy there – a majority agreed. John Cyr reported that "No Wake" signs were removed on July 3rd.

Lake Cleanup Day – was held on Saturday morning prior to the July 4th parade. Pillows, carpets, tarps, tackle, containers, submerged floating dock were all removed by volunteers.

Raffle – gift certificate to LakeSide Markets (2 winners), lanterns w/ candles (3 winners)

Dam Report

Our "Delightful Dam Man", Don Holden updated us as follows: August of 2009 – hurricane Danielle kept lake level up until the October 15 drawdown – There were 2 more major rain storms – winter level was reached Dec 25th. Dec 28th more rain, twice more in Jan. Lake froze Jan 8th (considered late) More rain

came in Jan & Feb. Frozen lake in Feb 4" above summer level. Ice Out March 18th – earliest in recorded history. Major rainfall March – lake 10.5" above summer level with all gates open – didn't drop down to summer level until April 16th. He had never seen lake have to "come DOWN" to summer level (usually comes UP). Few adjustments were needed this summer. Lake down 2.25" this summer because of dry season. Rumor that dam is cracked is not true. - some rubber gaskets are leaking. Town has approved funding. Work to be done this fall. Drawdown Oct 1 (every 5 years) allows for shoreline repairs and cleaning. Will drop 1"/day w/no rain. By starting early, the objective is to lower the lake an extra foot.

VOLUNTEER Efforts:

Volunteers were thanked for the efforts.

Special recognitions: -

- Wayne Gautreau - Invasive Plant Inspection
- Pam L'Heureux (long term service on LOLA BOD)
- Don & Dianne Holden (long term service on LOLA BOD)
- Frank Salvo (long term service on LOLA BOD)
- Charlie & Bev Killam (Weymouth Point Judging of Boat Parade)
- Ossipee Queen (Boat Parade leader)

Retiring Senior Director Bob Cyr was thanked for his many years of active service and presented with a special award – a rocking chair with engraved plaque.

Benefit Dance beginning at 6PM tonite - \$10pp

Open Session - Questions & Answers:

Loon Count – Ceil Clark reported that there are 3 loons this year. Other attendees indicated that they had seen 5 or 6.

There was a question about the appearance of algae in Little Ossipee. Bright green, cotton candy-like Metaphyton has been found in a number of shallow coves. DEP has been contacted, but little information is known to date. The suspected cause is phosphorous.

A suggestion was made to post a number to report to State Police and/or game warden on the LOLA website..

Numerous concerns were raised regarding ice-fishing.

A special thank you was given to Leo Binnette of Lakeside Market for assistance with Barbeque. Leo discussed Fishing Derby – parking issues & presence of game warden.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cummings
LOLA Secretary