

**Little Ossipee Lake Association**  
*Minutes of Annual Meeting*  
**August 13, 2011 at Camp Laughing Loon**

The 2011 annual meeting of the Little Ossipee Lake Association was called to order by president Michael Taflas on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:42 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**Introduction:**

Officers: Mike Taflas – President, Stan Goff – Vice President, Karen Cummings – Secretary, Ed Doggett - Treasurer

Directors: John Cyr, Ross Dindio (Parliamentarian), Rob Thomas, Barbara Hamor, Bob Labelle, Sandy Labelle, Stu Lamont, Barbara Lamont, Donna Taflas, Dave Raye

Alternates: Al Grover, 2 openings

Yoga Instructor Lindsay Taflas was thanked for her pre-meeting yoga class.

The LOLA mission statement was reintroduced and reinforced: *E<sup>3</sup> Preserve & Protect Little Ossipee Lake through Education, Eradication and Erosion Control*

Secretary Karen Cummings read the minutes for the 2010 Annual Meeting, which were unanimously approved as submitted.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade – theme: “We the People”

Winners were announced, awards presented, and pictures shown.

Boats: 1st - Paula Emmons - Statue of Liberty (Paper Mache ), 2nd -Rob Thomas – Statue of Liberty (Live Model) , 3rd – Billy Flynn - Tug Boat – Statue of Liberty

Pontoon Boats: 1st Mary DeRoo – We the People /Our Everyday Heroes , 2nd Brian Wood - Stanley Cup, 3rd Mark Belanger – Old Zone

Best of Show: Mary DeRoo – We the People – Our Everyday Heroes

Director Sandy Labelle announced the two \$500 scholarship winners. The Guy Litalien scholarship was awarded to Joshua Langevin, who will be attending the University of Southern Maine. The LOLA scholarship was awarded to Delani O’Connell, who plans to attend the University of Vermont.

Ed Doggett presented the Report - Total Funds - \$15,760.39 Unanimously accepted as submitted.

Water Testing:

Bob Labelle informed us that 390 lakes in Maine are reporting water quality through MVLMP – Maine Volunteer Lakes Monitoring Program. Little Ossipee is #357 and is the second clearest lake in York County. Testing is done in 73’ water.

Invasive Plants – Dave Raye encouraged attendees to sign up for IPP Team.

Immediate threat – Variable Leaf milfoil – Visible across from our dam – in Lake Arrowhead. One of 11 invasive plants found in Maine’s water bodies. Invasive plants choke out native plants.

Next area threatened is the public boat launch – boats, trailers, lures, etc. Wayne Gautreau has been our sole expert until now. Variable Leaf Milfoil is a terrestrial morph - defies freezing. Best way to eradicate is manual harvest. DASH Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting is the best technique to combat established invasive plants, In Arrowhead – it went undetected for 10 years. – now they are trying to open up some boat lanes. The day invasive plants are discovered in a lake, property values drop 20%.... NEED NEW Team members! Nick Deroo volunteered!

Buoys: Bob Labelle --- 2 at Bear Island, 2 at Narrows. Just received a 5<sup>th</sup> for Ham’s Cove. Change to Sully sticks for winter to preserve mooring location and summer buoys.

Erosion Control Effort - Melissa Brandt spoke about plans for erosion control at Bob Fay Memorial Park. LOLA contacted her. Work will take place Spring/Summer 2012. There has been significant runoff/erosion along fence into lake – 5-6’ of sand now in lake. ATV’s & snowmobiles have exacerbated issue. Plans to redirect foot traffic, infiltration steps, modify parking area, re-vegetate, rip-rap. Nice collaborative project between Waterboro Land Trust and LOLA .

Dam Report – Mike Taflas presented the dam report in Don Holden's absence. The early 2010 drawdown brought the lake level to 4'. October 15<sup>th</sup> is drawdown this year 2011.

Game Warden – Peter Herring was introduced as the warden for our district 274,000 sq acres to patrol. Little Ossipee is one of the best fisheries in So Maine. 60 enforcement actions taken (3x in warnings!) Strong presence on lake. Swim area regulation. Have had large number of vehicles fall thru. Training with airboat will happen this year. Very important tool for saving lives. Used airboat to cleanup – 3 boatloads of debris after ice fishing. 4 wardens during ice fishing derby last year.

Remembering Jon Tufts – Jon passed away this year. He is remembered for his love of the the lake and many years of service to LOLA.

Parliamentarian Ross Dindio initiated election of board members – all current members were unanimously voted to continue for the next term.

Silent Auction – Ross Dindio invited all to participate in the silent auction which will run during the afternoon and evening. Final bids and winners to be determined at the dance.

Questions:

- Peter Herring was asked to define swim area.
- Moorings by non-residents are on the rise in Little Ossipee. Peter H has been pursuing this to see what enforcement actions can be taken.
- Near Dam – a large inflatable makes it difficult to turn around. Dept of Conservation has been contacted as guidance on this matter.
- Someone expressed that there appears to be an absence of official town presence on the lake. Who enforces? Mike encouraged people to contact Waterboro Code Enforcement Officer and also suggested that LOLA can send letters.
- Need education about DEP/CEO for landscaping/repair
- Melissa reminded us that there is alot of phosphorous already occurring naturally in this area – no need to fertilize – Melissa...
- Residents have observed the presence of geese and the problems caused by them. Aphis was recommended as source for control.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cummings  
LOLA Secretary