

Little Ossipee Lake Association
Minutes of Annual Meeting
August 11, 2012 at Camp Laughing Loon

The 2012 annual meeting of the Little Ossipee Lake Association was called to order by president Michael Taflas on Saturday, August 11th at 9:15 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Secretary's report was presented and accepted as submitted.
Introduction of officers & Directors

Guest Mike Fitzpatrick, Lake Arrowhead –

Arrowhead has least threatening milfoil Variable Milfoil. Eurasian is most, not in L.A, but found in 2 other lakes in Maine. Any fragment of milfoil can start colony in lateral (shallow zone). LA is only trophy bass lake in state of Maine, with up to 6 certified tournaments/year. Milfoil in lake for 20 years. Caught 146 boats leaving lake with milfoil on boat. CPI inspectors at launch. Because they are infested, DEP funds that - \$8K/year (summer season) Assoc picks up expense for fall. LA Conservation Association is different from LA Association (roads, tennis courts, etc) LA Conservation Council actually protects the lake and water quality..

"Pay for Play" program – members \$500/day for diver, harvester, boat captain, boat; This is being done currently. Payroll every 2 weeks is \$8500. Annual budget \$70,000. "Lakes and ponds in state of Maine belong to people of state of Maine, until there is a problem, then they belong to the lake association." LA has 2 boats now. TONS of milfoil being harvested every year. LEA Lakes Environment Assn – intermediary for DEP – manages money for IP mitigation. DEP has rapid response team and will jump into action immediately upon discovery of IP. LOL is at a crucial time for being on board with IPP. LA Dam is governed by Federal Gov for hydroelectric dam. Average depth of LA is 6'.

SCHOLARSHIP Winners

Guy Litalien – UNH Biochemistry, minor in Env science - River Whitten
Bethany White – UNE Animal behavior & marine biology

2012 efforts

Water Testing Bob Labelle: Bob & Sandy test every 2 weeks starting in April (this year May), temperature, oxygen, water clarity (Secchi Disk) (19th in state, 2nd clearest with water quality). Statistically, location of testing does not matter.

Boat Parade: As a tribute to Stan Goff, the theme was – Firefighter.
Winners were called up to receive their awards.

Prizes awarded random drawings.

E3 mission statement reiterated.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Doggett –

Membership 203 members last year at this time, 180.
Report was unanimously approved as presented.

LOL Clean-up Day June 23th. Tires, broken docks, trash pulled out.

IPP Team –Dave Ray reported we were selected by VLMP Center for IPP to host 2012 IPP workshop – 1st workshop 30 people 7 other ponds/lakes represented. 2nd half on the water 7/28. Dennis Roberge snorkel inspection whole shoreline of Mousam Lake. VLMP contracted by DEP to train IPP teams across the state,, led by certified biologists. Plants can be identified by DNA analysis. Our goal is to get as many people as

possible on board to monitor small sections of the lake. Also to get familiar with native plants. New IPP T-shirts were presented to 13 members of the IPP Team.

Erosion Control Effort:

Bob Fay Memorial Park. Dave Raye presented update. Waterboro Land Trust owns the park. Melissa Brandt from YCSWCD is contact for permits, etc. DEP invited by them. Land Trust discrepancy with DEP. Doug Foglio came up with best design, once lake is drawn down, he will put half-moon shape area of rip/rap. ATV's and Snowmobiles have created the damage. LOLA will provide some labor with plantings, etc in the fall, Land Trust providing funding.

Buoys:

Installed last buoy at Ham's Cove. Damage to buoys is a problem. Looking into ways to make buoys more visible.

Stewardship:

Lindsay Tafas introduced Stewardship program – Thank you for paying dues! Stewardship levels – at the family level Flag(s), Sweatshirt.

Facebook: Lindsay encouraged people to join! LittleOssipeeLake group.

Dam Report: Don Holden 2011 summary - Hurricane 2011 – Gates open 10/11 – drawdown went slower than normal. Finally froze Jan 15th later than usual. Ice was never really very thick. March 19th ice-out second earliest ever. Will pull gates for repair. Under normal conditions drawdown takes a month. Open gates September 3rd. Drops 1.25"/day. Lake could drop 10" in a week. Road Commissioner, Doug Foglio, will pull gates and also repair boat launch – steeper and 18 feet longer..... (what about sides ???) Repairs starting Sept 17th. No boat launch available **between 9/17 and 10/1**.

Mike asked about threat of LA water flowing backwards. Communication is KEY - LOLA to coordinate with Town. NEED SIGNS !

Tribute to Stan Goff. Since 1930, Fire of 47 inspired him (5 yrs old) . lovely tribute was presented by president Mike Tafas

LOLA Friends & Volunteers were thanked – Killam family was thanked for hosting judges for boat parade.

Reelection of officers & directors – nominations:

Stu Lamont , Karen, Donna, Bob Thomas - Alternate openings: 2

Questions:

Gates are 3' – Lake cannot go down further than that. Date of 9/17 closing boat launch for repairs.

What about material of gasket around gates?

Don reassured people that scales will remain in tact, and level as approved by town since 1960.

Education – Mariann Goff discussed– good practice for cleaning boats.

Shallow areas need permit from DEP -- Special rakes – need to get out the root ball... Disposal dictated by DEP.

Bob Fay park – will still have swim access.

Ross Dindio – announced Slent auction.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cummings
LOLA Secretary

