

Little Ossipee Lake Association
Minutes of Annual Meeting
August 10, 2013 at Camp Laughing Loon

The 2013 annual meeting of the Little Ossipee Lake Association was called to order by president Michael Taflas on Saturday, August 10th at 10:08 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The meeting opened with a video of 5 year old Paytyn Roy fishing with her grandfather, LOLA director, Bob Labelle. This served as a heartwarming example of inter-generational recreation and incentive for preservation of LOL for future generations.

Secretary's minutes were presented and unanimously accepted.

Officers and directors were introduced.

Our Mission Statement was reinforced – E-cubed, Education, Eradication, and Erosion Control

Lake Stewardship – we reached our goal of 12 stewards for 2013! Flags for next year will be white with blue lettering.

IPP – Dave Raye showed the “Quick Key” for 11 invasive plants. Currently 5 have been found in Maine waters. Dave discussed the work of VLMP and noted the display by VLMP, oldest volunteer lake monitoring organization in nation. 10 years ago began IPP training. Alexa Kurier, Nick Deroo, and Brian DesGrosseilliers were available to instruct people at end of meeting in using the Quick Key.

Water testing: Bob Labelle - Water is tested every 2 weeks from ice-out to October 15th. Certification is renewed every year thru VLMP. Data collected on Oxygen, Phosphorous, water clarity. Data is compiled in Maine Lakes Report. Second best secchi disk readings in all of York County, second only to Great East Lake. Thru US geological survey there is satellite testing. We are trying to coordinate our testing with theirs to correlate date. LOL is in the top 6% of 464 lakes for clarity.

Scholarships:

LOLA – Daniel Welch - environmental scholarship

Guy Litalien - Courtney Couture - environmental science

Treasurer's Report:

Ed Doggett reported an ending balance of \$21,613.36 Ed informed the group that Stewardship has boosted our totals by nearly \$2000! The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved as presented.

Bob Fay Memorial Park:

LOLA purchased permit for effort with YCSD and DEP. The project did not occur as originally scheduled. Plan is to proceed in 2013-2014 off-season.

Ossipee Lake Clean Up 2013

June 22nd – no volunteers showed up. President Michael Taflas emphasized the need for volunteers other than the board alone.

LOLA Facebook Group - all invited to attend

Thank you to the Killam family for hosting judges for boat parade.

Thank you to Lakeside Market and Leo Binnette for sponsorship of the organization and our annual meeting event.

Re-Election of Directors –

Mike Taflas, Ed Doggett, Bob LaBelle, Sandy LaBelle, John Cyr, Dave Raye, Kevin Cunniff

Announced Scholarship Dance for this evening.

Questions:

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What are “suds” : A mixture of air and water will produce the “foam” which appears often on windy/turbulent days.

What is “green slime” ? Metaphyton is not a dangerous algae. It appeared with heat wave. Has been in the lake for over 5 years. This year there has been less than the previous year. Wayne Gautreau shared information about. He is the original IPP inspector.

Why is there a pile of mussel shells? A: Muskrats collect and pile/store.

Nice to see boat launch inspector. Dave Raye explained that we have set aside money to help get as we wouldn't qualify for state/fed funding unless we already had invasive plants.

Who placed buoys and how were locations determined? 200' from shore. We tried to limit # of buoys. “No wake zone within 200' of shore. Buoys were put where there were known issues i.e. safety concern.

Wake and water level questions: Water level is set by the selectmen and maintained by our “Dam Man”, Don Holden.

Attendees were reminded about the availability of Erosion Control Assistance thru LOLA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 11:08.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cummings
LOLA Secretary