

E³ - Preserve and Protect Little Ossipee Lake through Education, Eradication and Erosion Control

Little Ossipee Lake Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 11, 2018
Waterboro Town Hall

Officers: President: Michael Taflas, Vice President: Stu Lamont, Treasurer: Sandy Labelle, Secretary: Barbara Lamont, and Interim Parliamentarian: John Cyr

Directors: Jim Chrzan, Kevin Cunniff, Courtney DeRoo, Ross Dindio, Deidre Donovan, Bob Labelle, Peter Schild, Lindsay Taflas, Bryan Wood and Jay Wood

Alternates: Dan Albert and George Harnois

Attendance:

Members Present: Michael Taflas, President, Jim Chrzan, Kevin Cunniff, John Cyr, Deidre Donovan, Bob Labelle, Sandy Labelle, Barbara Lamont, Stu Lamont, Peter Schild, Lindsay Taflas, Bryan Wood and Jay Wood.

Alternates: Dan Albert and George Harnois

Absent: Ross Dindio and Courtney DeRoo

1. Call to Order

The 2018 Little Ossipee Lake Association Annual Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by President, Mike Taflas.

2. Opening Comments

Mike Taflas welcomed all to the 2018 Little Ossipee Lake Association Annual Meeting. He encouraged all to feel free to ask questions during the slide presentation. Gold Star Sponsors of LOLA, Leo and Sandy Binette, were recognized and thanked for all that they do for the lake association. He also reminded the membership of the Annual LOLA Dance beginning at 7:00pm.

3. Secretary's Report

The minutes of the August 18, 2017 Annual Meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and copies available to membership when they arrived for review.

Action Item: There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2017 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and the Minutes of the August 18, 2017 Annual Meeting were APPROVED as written.

4. Introduction of Directors

Mike introduced the Directors of the Little Ossipee Lake Association, noting that Bob Labelle is the senior member of the group having been on the Board for 25 years.

5. Report from the Parliamentarian and Election of Officers

John Cyr reminded the membership that the Board members serve for two years and must be re-elected at the Annual Meeting. The following Directors are due for re-election.

Barbara Lamont

Stu Lamont

Courtney DeRoo

Action Item: Following a motion to approve, which was seconded, the Board APPROVED the re-election of Barbara Lamont, Stu Lamont and Courtney DeRoo to serve an additional two-year term.

John also announced that there are two openings for Directors on the Board. Peter Schild has been an alternate for the past year and John made a motion for Peter to be promoted to serve as a Director. There are also four openings for Alternates. Those in attendance for the meeting were asked to serve as Alternates. There was a brief discussion and two attendees expressed an interest in serving.

Action Items: Following a motion to approve, which was seconded, Peter Schild was APPROVED to serve as a Director for the LOLA Board of Directors.

Dan Albert and George Harnois volunteered to serve as Alternates on the LOLA Board of Directors.

6. Mission Statement

Mike reminded the membership of the Mission of the Little Ossipee Lake Association. The Association assists lake residents with erosion issues and works towards eradication of invasive plants and provides education. There was a discussion surrounding the policing of the lake for dangerous boating behavior and also shoreland zoning violations. All were reminded to call the Warden at 207-324-1150 if they would like to report an issue with regard to boating. Taking a picture of the boat's registration number will assist the Warden who will contact the owner regarding a complaint. If the complaint is with regard to violation of code enforcement, the Code Enforcement Officer needs to be alerted and may be reached at 207- 247-6166, Ext. 120. All were encouraged to take a video of the situation as it would be helpful to show the Warden or Code Enforcement Officer.

Action Item: There was a request to place information on Boating Etiquette in the Lake Sign at the boat ramp and also include in the 2019 LOLA Newsletter.

7. Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP)

Mike reminded all that Little Ossipee Lake is a high risk lake. The DEP has requested a full lake survey for this year due to the following conditions: (a) proximity to Lake Arrowhead (b) Population Density; (c) proximity to Route 5 and (d) unsupervised boat ramp. There are two scheduled Paddles this summer. Historically only 4-6 volunteers show up at each paddle. All were encouraged to participate in the paddles and not feel intimidated by not having attended a training session. Dee Dee provided Quick Keys to all who were interested so they would be able to identify invasive plants. Paddles are scheduled for August 23rd and September 1st. Anyone interested in participating in the Invasive Plant Group or in a paddle should see Dee Dee Donovan at the end of the meeting.

Where is LOLA the Lily? The Lily was found by Dick, Mizzutto. He provided the location where the Lily was found and received a prize from the Lake Association.

8. Water Testing

Bob and Sandy Labelle test the lake water monthly for oxygen, phosphorous and temperature. The water is tested to 20 meters and samples are sent to the University of Maine. The good news is that there is no news. Little Ossipee Lake has a 40 year history of water testing and with regard to clarity is still the 2nd clearest lake in York County, 2nd only to Great East Lake. Little Ossipee Lake remains in the top 10% of the cleanest lakes in Maine.

In response to a question, Bob and Sandy will begin testing for e-coli. The sample needs to be at the lab within 6 hours for testing. There are two test kits and the boat ramp area will be tested. There is some evidence that the e-coli is coming from Canadian Geese.

9. July 4th Boat Parade

Mike asked if any winners of the Boat Parade were present at the meeting to accept their prize. A family member of the winner of the power boat section was happy to accept on their behalf. Mike announced that the theme for 2019 Boat Parade is *UPTA CAMP*.

10. LOLA Scholarship

Sandy Labelle reminded the membership that LOLA Scholarships are now open to all owners and families on the lake. The scholarships are given to a student who will focus their studies on protecting the environment. The 2018 LOLA Scholarship winner was Brooke Cox and the Guy Litalien Scholarship winner was Dawn Gifford.

11. Report from the Treasurer

Mike reviewed the Treasurer's Report noting a balance on August 11, 2018 of \$17,131.01. Available Operating Funds, reflect a total of \$19,131.62 and Total Funds available, including savings, are \$36,262.63

Mike pointed out that the Association's treasury will be short in the event of a milfoil discovery. There is also a drop in membership this year with only 150 families who have paid dues to date and membership at today's meeting is lower than in previous years. There was a suggestion to divide annual dues into categories such as Gold, Silver or Bronze Membership and also offer a Corporate Membership. All types of membership could be included on the Dues Card. Leo Binette offered to have Dues Cards and Annual Newsletters on the shelf at Lakeside Market.

Action Item: There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, it was seconded and the Report was APPROVED as presented.

12. 2018 LOLA Golf Outing

The Sponsors for this year's Golf Outing were thanked for their support. Fifty-six golfers participated in the Outing this year and close to \$3000 was raised at the 2018 tournament. This is a great fundraiser for the Lake Association and will be held annually on the same weekend.

13. Top three Items LOLA Cannot Fix

Mike highlighted the top three items that LOLA cannot as its Mission is not to police the lake, but to work towards lake erosion, invasive plant eradication and education for lake residents.

- Jet ski speed
- Motorboat wakes
- Buoys

It was suggested that the "Three Items LOLA Cannot Fix" be listed in the Annual Newsletter. The Lake Association was asked to consider adding solar lighting on the top of buoys when replaced. There was a question with regard to fishermen on the lake and if there are any rules that need to be adhered to. If there is a question any type of bad behavior on the lake, the Maine State Police and the Game Warden are available to assist. It is always necessary to get the Board Registration Number if you have a concern to report. The Game Warden may be reached at 207-324-1150. Prior to adjourning the meeting, Mike showed a brief video of the 2018 Boat Parade.

Action Item: *The Three Items that LOLA Cannot fix* will be listed in the LOLA Annual Newsletter.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lamont
Secretary