

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

Little Ossipee Lake Association
Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 10, 2019
Waterboro Town Hall

Officers: President: Michael Taflas, Vice President: Stu Lamont, Treasurer: Sandy Labelle, Secretary: Barbara Lamont, and 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, George Harnois and Molly Haun

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 Present: Dan Albert and George Harnois

Absent: Ross Dindio and Courtney DeRoo

1. Call to Order

President, Mike Taflas, called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. noting that this was the first year that the LOLA Fest would follow the Annual Meeting. Leo and Sandy Binette received thanks for their sponsorship this year and for all of their support during the last 20 years.

2. Secretary's Report

The minutes of the August 11, 2018 LOLA Annual Meeting were distributed prior to the meeting for review.

Action Item: There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 11 2018 LOLA Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and the Minutes of the August 11, 2018 LOLA Annual Meeting were APPROVED.

3. Election of Officers

Parliamentarian, John Cyr, reported that Ross Dindio has chosen to step down from his position as Director. Dan Albert, as the senior alternate, is the next in line to serve as a Director. This is a one-year term as Ross had one additional year to serve.

John also announced that the following Directors are up for election to serve an additional term: Kevin Cunniff, John Cyr, Deidre Donovan, Bob LaBelle, Sandy LaBelle, Mike Taflas and Jay Wood.

Lastly, John reported there are three openings to serve as an alternate on the LOLA Board of Directors. Karen Albert, Darlene Bolduc and Chris Rassard all expressed an interest in serving as an alternate.

Action Item: There was a motion to approve Dan Albert to serve as a Director for a one-year term. The motion was seconded and Dan Albert was APPROVED to serve as a Director.

Action Item: Following a motion to approve and was seconded, the following Directors were APPROVED to serve an additional term: Kevin Cunniff, John Cyr, Deidre Donovan, Bob LaBelle, Sandy LaBelle, Mike Taflas and Jay Wood.: Albert, Diane Bolduc and Chris Rassard.

4. Guest Speaker:

Mike Taflas introduced guest speaker Dave Burns of the Acton Shapleigh Youth Conservation (ASYCC). Dave gave an update on what the ASYCC does for the lakes it services. The ASYCC covers Moussam Lake, Square Pond, and Goose Pond for erosion control. This program has been in place for 15 years and has grown each year due to interest in the importance of preserving the lake. Dave reported on the four most invasive plants in the State of Maine that

are taking hold are Variable-Leaf Milfoil, European Naiad, Frogbit, and Eurasian Milfoil. He remarked that the cost for eradication of invasive plants in lakes similar to Lake Arrowhead is in the millions of dollars. Property values at Lake Arrowhead have dropped significantly. Invasive plants commonly are brought into lakes by migrating birds, boats from infected lakes who are not properly inspected and runoff from land that has invasive plants.

Dave's CBI program runs from April to October, however the best time to start to check for plants is from mid-June until the end of July. The team staffs their lakes 7 days a week. During July weekday shifts are 12-hours and 14-hours on the weekend. Fifteen (15) people staff the CBI program and are paid minimum wage (\$11/hr.) This program cost \$35K-\$40K to run, funded by lake owners, the town, business owners and the state who all understand the importance. They apply for a DEP Grant that can get up to \$8K for a CBI program. A data log must be kept recording the boats that are launched into the lake by boat number, owner, and a notation if there is any invasive plant life on it. The Warden is called if there is an invasive plant found. There are steep fines for launching a boat with an invasive plant. Local lake associations and the Moussam Lake Association uses a portion of their dues and help to fund the CBI program. They host an annual golf tournament. The last tournament 120 golfers played and \$20K raised. Dave reported that many lake associations have membership dues for \$45+ per year.

In closing Dave reminded all that this program begins with the lake association and its membership and stressed the importance of paying the staff as opposed to using volunteers. Paid employees take the job more seriously as they want to keep their job. The staff trains to inspect boats for invasive plants and it is important that their leader is someone who the staff can relate to but also respect. Dave is happy to assist Little Ossipee Lake with this program.

Mike asked membership if they consider this a valuable exercise and if the members of the Lake Association would be interested in applying for the Grant, which would include raising the dues. By show of hands, the attendees felt that it would be worthwhile to apply for a grant

5. LOLA the Lily

Mike Introduced Payton Roy who found *LOLA the Lily*. Payton explained how and where she found LOLA the Lily. As a prize for finding the Lily Payton received a \$50 gift card to Cozy Cafe.

6. 2019 July 4th Boat Parade

All winners of the 2019 July 4th Boat Parade should see Sandy LaBelle following the meeting in order to claim their prize. Mike announced that the theme for the 2020 July 4th Boat Parade is celebrating the Bicentennial of the State of Maine.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lamont
Secretary