

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

Little Ossipee Lake Association Annual meeting

Saturday August 8, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

Members present: Mike Taflas, Dee Dee Donovan, John Cyr, Bob LaBelle, Sandy LaBelle, Lindsay Taflas, Peter Schild, Courtney Deroo, Dan Albert, Karen Albert, Jim Chrzan

Alternate present: Chris Brassard

Time started: 10:05 AM

Minutes of the last meeting were read. There was a motion to accept, which was seconded. The Board voted to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

The Treasurer's report read. Again, there was a motion to accept, which was seconded. The Board voted to approve the Treasurer's report.

Boat launch inspection discussion:

The Town of Waterboro paid \$12,800 to support the Parks and Rec Department for boat inspections at the launch, a sum which did not provide full daily coverage. Subsequently, the LOLA Board voted to allot \$8,800 to supplement the balance needed for coverage thru September, including 7 days a week, 6 AM to 5 PM.

If it is found that allotted monies exceed the need for 2020 coverage, it was suggested that this overage be earmarked for the 2021 season.

The subject of coverage for the month of October was tabled until the next Board meeting.

The discussion led to the subject of a dues increase. This too was tabled for the time being (see "Lake association dues/donations" below for an additional item).

Action item: Discuss funding the 2021 season

Action item: Discuss October boat launch monitoring at the September LOLA Board meeting

Action item: Discuss subject of annual dues increase at the September LOLA Board meeting

August IPP paddle:

Scheduled for August 15, (8) individuals signed up as the maximum number of participants given the Covid-19 restrictions. Laurie Callahan will lead, and the planned target areas are the dam, the boat launch and the campground docks, as time permits.

Also discussed were two apps relating to IPP; NatureID, which is free, and PlantSnap, which costs \$20/year

Lola the Lily:

Lola the Lily was found on July 9 by Bethany vander Kaay, who was awarded a \$50 gift certificate.

Boat parade:

This year's parade had only one award, "Best In Show", as was previously decided. This year's winner was the Emmons family for their boat titled, "Maine: The Way Life Should Be".

2020 scholarship:

As was previously discussed, all (4) candidates were awarded scholarships in view of the Covid-19 environment, as well as the fact that all four are pursuing environmental studies.

Fall lake lowering:

Chris Brassard gave details of this year's lake lowering. It will start on October 1st, and will be a 3 foot lowering in accordance with the policy to lower the lake level more than normal to allow for shorefront maintenance every five (5) years.

Notifications will be on Facebook.

Chris noted that erosion runoff has affected the east gate, and he has notified the Town of this.

It was noted that boats should be taken out by October 1st to eliminate any issues.

It was also noted that a permit is required for work on property shorefronts.

Action item: Put notifications of the lake lowering on Facebook, as well as the need for permits

Election of Board:

Stu Lamont, Dan Albert, Jim Chrzan, Courtney DeRoo, Peter Schild, Bryan Wood and Karen Albert were all nominated to continue serving on the LOLA Board. All candidates accepted nomination; the nominations were seconded and the motion carried.

Miscellaneous discussion/notes:

Lake association dues/donations: Molly Taflas advised that her search of typical lake association dues around the state showed that annual dues start at \$100 per year.

Someone asked if anyone knew the percentage of LOLA members staying at the campground. The answer was not readily available; however, it was noted that the campground donates \$1,000 a year to the Association.

E Coli testing: Sandy reported that the test result was acceptable, coming in at approximately 2.0 (measurement units unknown).

When questioned where this number placed us on an overall scale of risk, it was noted that a result of 30 was considered "good".

LOLA sponsorship: A question was posed concerning what constitutes "corporate level" sponsorship, and whether lower levels of sponsorship were available. The answers are to be researched and made available.

With no further business to discuss, the motion carried to adjourn the 2020 LOLA annual meeting at 11:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Schild, Interim Secretary