

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

Little Ossipee Lake Association Annual meeting

Saturday August 14, 2021

Meeting @ Camp Laughing Loon

Directors present: Mike Taflas, John Cyr, Dee Dee Donovan, Bob LaBelle, Stu Lamont, Peter Schild, Lindsay Taflas, Karen Albert, Bryan Wood, Jay Wood

Alternate present: Laurie Lovett

Time started: 11:00 AM

Meeting was opened with the Pledge to the flag; flag was held by a military veteran from among the attendees.

The LOLA Board officers introduced themselves to attendees.

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

Election of Board:

Seven Directors were up for re-election for a two-year term. All seven indicated willingness to serve again, and a motion was made to nominate the slate as presented. The motion was seconded, and the vote carried.

Request for LOLA Board Alternates:

Three positions were available to be filled; Mark Houk, Bob Maxfield and Ashley Osborne volunteered and were accepted as Board alternates.

Discussion: boat ramp

There was a short discussion describing the boat launch inspectors and the scope of their responsibilities. It was noted that their primary function is to inspect all watercraft being launched; however, they are not empowered to prevent anyone from launching their craft based on finding questionable plant material on that craft. Several comments and questions from the assembly indicated more discussion on the subject will be forthcoming via social media forums (LOLA's Facebook page and/or the LOLA web page (*Littleossipeelake.org*)).

Discussion: Lola the Lily

Dee Dee informed attendees that Lola the Lily, the artificial lily "hidden" at various places around the lake to promote shoreline awareness, is missing. The finder is due a \$50.00 reward, and everyone was asked to spread the word so the lucky finder can be identified.

Discussion: 2021 Boat Parade

This year's winner was Red Cup Cove, with a Jimmy Buffett-themed pontoon boat.

Discussion: 2021 Scholarship winners

Emily Baker received the Guy L'Atalien scholarship, and Brandon Mills received the Little Ossipee Lake Association scholarship.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was shown and the line items reviewed. A motion was made to accept, which was seconded. The Board voted to approve the Treasurer's report.

August IPP paddle:

The next IPP "paddle" is scheduled for August 21, and an open invitation was made for anyone interested in joining in. Laurie Callahan will again lead, and the planned target areas are the boat launch, Hamm's Cove and the campground docks, as time permits.

LOLA website introduction:

The new and updated Little Ossipee Lake Association website was discussed. Administered by Laurie Lovett, the new version now includes more of our current events, scholarship applications, and new methods to pay membership dues and make donations via PayPal or Venmo. It was stressed that the new website will be utilized more than ever before as a tool to provide information, links and other resources to all.

Water Testing:

Bob LaBelle showed off the new water testing meter, purchased recently to replace the device used since 1976. Data can now be digitally uploaded and submitted to the State in a format that is compatible with present systems.

With no other business to discuss, President Mike Taflas reminded everyone about the barbecue to follow the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:34.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Schild, Secretary