

WLA Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 7, 2021

WLA meeting was called to order by Val Perkins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 7th, 2021. Val introduced the WLA Board members and then Krystal Costa Balanoff from NH Lakes, who gave a presentation covering the Shoreline Protection Act and specific details related to living lake friendly. Krystal followed it up with a question & answer session. Krystal will supply Val with the link to the presentation as well as the NH Lakes website for further information.

Krystal also offered NH Lakes to come out and visit any property owner's home and lakefront to help them determine what they are or are not doing to be Lake Smart, with no obligations or ramifications from the conversation.

Krystal also closed with information on how to report violations to DES online and that website is <https://www.des.nh.gov/complaints>.

The Secretary's minutes from last year's annual meeting were accepted by the membership. The Treasurer's report was read by John Miller. There was a question about the increase of insurance costs and Lesley McCaffery offered to review the policies since she is in the business. Mark Lorenze motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Barry Freedman seconded.

Nominations and Election of Board Members

Val noted some of the board members terms expired this year but those members were willing to continue in the same positions for another three-year term. There were no new nominations from the floor and Neil Twomey motioned to nominate all persons to the same positions and Stuart Trachy seconded it.

Chance Pond Milfoil Mitigation

Val gave an update on the Chance Pond milfoil treatment.

SOLitude Lake Management applied the treatment to Chance Pond in its entirety on June 17th and came back 3 and 4 days later to do some residue testing to make sure it had been fully absorbed.

We are waiting for the post treatment survey and report which was expected in August but we have been told to expect it by October (survey) and the final report in November/December.

DES is also responsible for a survey in August and it is expected in the next two weeks.

Val announced Bonnie is taking a milfoil certification dive class and will dive in Chance Pond to look for any residual remaining milfoil and compare to reports from SOLitude and DES.

Ginger Gross motioned to pay for the milfoil class and Val seconded that motion. The cost is \$150 for two days training in Merrimack.

Val explained that NH Lakes' CD-3 Unit was at Legace Beach for two weeks this year. It rotates around different New Hampshire lakes and ponds throughout the year.

Last year the boat wash station was parked at Legace Beach for one week. WLA looks forward to having this boat wash station available at Legace Beach again next year.

There was a question if milfoil treatment would be included in next year's budget as well as the credit from the State grant being recorded in 2021. John agreed to both. Val mentioned donations are ongoing and can be made anytime (or with dues) online or by mail.

Val and Deb discussed Lake Hosts and highlighted the new lake host Sarah, who found on her first day of training with Deb, a Curly Leaf Pondweed, an invasive species. Deb and Val both voiced the need for

volunteers or paid help in 4-hour shifts. The more Lake Host volunteers we have allows for flexibility if one wants to take time off. Sarah will be on vacation next weekend with her family.

Boat Launch Dredging

Boat launch dredging has been an ongoing discussion and Val read an email from the City Manager stating she will execute an Engineering Estimate but stated the project will be dependent on funding. Val shared that the agreement for the boat launch states that NH Fish & Game built the launch, which is on city property, and the City is responsible for its maintenance. The City has zero in the budget for dredging the launch. Ted Starkweather, a WLA board member and City Councilor for this ward, noted how underfunded the city is for expenditures. It was suggested maybe the WLA take over maintenance. Janet Flagg proposed the WLA cover the price this time if the City puts it in their budget going forward. Gina Murphy and Janet Flagg volunteered to work on a committee. Ginger Gross suggested donations could be earmarked for the boat launch project, if members wished to designate them as such. Laurie Salame suggested posting signs stating if you're using this launch and are unhappy with its condition to write letters to city council.

Dean Skiff cautioned improving the boat launch could attract even more traffic. Don Oliver also cautioned if you pay for it once, you'll own it going forward.

WLA Mission and Activities

Val reminded everyone that the WLA's role is to educate people on how to keep the lake healthy.

Val reported that water testing is championed by Brian Campbell. Testing is done once per month in the months of June, July, August, and September and that reports come two to three weeks after those samples are delivered.

Val again stressed the need for volunteers to help with our activities and fundraising listing some of the ways to help: Weed Watching, the Boat Parade, Lake Host, Breakfast on the Beach, Yard Sale and Ice Cream Social. Other suggestions that have been made for activities are Trivia Night, Talent Show Night, and Paddle Around the Lake event. All of these things take volunteers to execute. She reminded everyone that the Breakfast on the Beach was not held due to lack of volunteers this year. Ginger Gross volunteered to help at Ice Cream Social if needed.

Val reported that she is in regular contact with the Dam Bureau and that Webster Lake is considered full at 1.9 on the gauge at the Legace boat launch.

Val disclosed Dipsy Doodle in Northfield will donate ice cream for the Social which will be held on Saturday, September 4th, from 2:00pm-4:00pm at Griffin Beach under the Rose Steadman Pavilion.

Neil Twomey thanked Val and the Board for getting through the pandemic by holding Zoom call meetings and all their other work for the WLA.

Meeting adjourned 11:30am

Update: Bonnie kayaked through Chance Pond 8-10-21 and saw no visible milfoil. This is just a surface observation from a kayak but at least very good news!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Moore, Acting Secretary for the meeting