

KEOKA LAKE ASSOCIATION

**Board of Trustees Meeting Friday May 23, 2014 -- 7:30-9:30
Charlie Tarbell Camp (13 Dorothy Way [off Woodland Trail])
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MEETING MINUTES

To the sound and smell of a crackling wood fire, Charlie called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m..

Remembering Steve Wilcox

Charlie recounted Steve's many contributions to Waterford and to KLA, including serving as Treasurer for many years. A moment of silence was observed in Steve's honor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary' Report

Reading waved: a motion to accept was offered, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report

In Chip's absence, Charlie summarized the financial report. See the financial report incorporated herein by reference. There has been an increase in dues and donations this year (total about \$5k this year as compared to \$3k last year). Some of this is from memorials to Steve Wilcox. The LEA grant to KLA was decreased to \$1200 (from \$1500). Treasurer's report was approved.

Insurance reserve

The reserve stands at \$7K. The board voted to add \$1K this year to keep us on track for an ultimate \$10K Liability Reserve. This will be put before the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Milfoil reserve

The Milfoil reserve now stands at \$30k, with a goal of attaining \$75k to \$100k. This year's contribution of \$2k would bring the Milfoil Reserve Fund to \$32k. Charlie asked for a vote of the board to recommend the additions to the two reserve accounts when the budget is presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting. So moved, seconded and approved.

Invasives

Milfoil Summit Results

Charlie, Jo Lynne and David attended the Summit and reported to the board. There has been an increase interest in the summit since the first one 15 years ago. At the first summit there were more presenters than attendees. Now it is SRO!

Handouts -

Laminated cards of native and invasive water plants have been newly developed. Currently half the proposed plants have been incorporated into a pack. Each board member was given a set of the cards. The cards are excellent and were well received.

Town & LEA Support

The Town of Waterford voted to grant KLA \$3,400 toward the cost of running the Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) Program. The DEP granted \$1,200 for the same purpose. The funds are used to pay the labor cost of the program.

Boat Inspection

Peter announced that he was retiring as supervisor of the CBI program after 10 years. It is entered into the record that Peter recruited and supervised the paid inspectors. He established the policies for the program at Waterford, arranged for the training of the inspectors and volunteers. As the State developed its program of monitoring the local inspection programs, Peter developed methods for collecting data to comply with the State's reporting demands. The Board formally thanks Peter for his efforts. Charlie will take over. Two inspectors hired and are being trained. They will start this weekend. LEA has been helpful and active in designing the work schedules that will make it easier to recruit inspectors and will bring the inspection coverage in line with other communities.

Plant Inspection

Tom reported that LEA is converting their Light Boat to a boat to harvest milfoil. The Light Boat did not prove to be as effective as anticipated and the craft will get more use as a harvester. Tom recommends hiring LEA to do the plant survey this summer. He will make arrangements with LEA.

Plant Patrol

Arnie has successfully organized the plant patrol. Various volunteers are assigned constant portions of shore line. There is a link on the KLA website giving information and suggestions for conducting a plant patrol.

Education & Outreach (FOKC event)

Ginger's long-term efforts to improve KLA's relationship with KBCG are bearing fruit. A joint event, Friends of Keoka Community (FOKC), is planned for July 6th at KBCG. LEA will participate by bringing their popular water shed demonstration to the event. Ginger asked for volunteers from KLA to develop "tables" to increase awareness of KLA programs. It is to be KBCG's big weekend. We should have as many KLA members in attendance as possible. Peter will get copies made of the poster advertising the event. He will be reimbursed.

Membership

Ginny has developed a map of Keoka showing the landowners for each plot. She sent 168 personalized letters to individuals deemed to have an interest in the preservation of Keoka Lake. Two new members and one renewal resulted from the survey. Ginny has had success in bringing in new members each year and has brought the membership from 73 in 2007 to 89 in 2013.

Website Update

Jo Lynne called for suggestions for information for the website. She encourages us to post on Facebook. An effort is being made to push information out through the website and social media.

Lakesmart 2013

Kathy Sousa has been doing the Keoka LakeSmart program for the past few years. The Board expressed their gratitude for the work that she has done in getting this program going on Keoka. Nineteen properties have received awards, or between 20-25% of total properties. The KLA Goal is 30% successful participation in the program. Peter will take over the property inspections.

Issues: Do a presentation to schools? Properties w/o buildings: run off issues? Should the town properties be subject to LakeSmart inspection?

Sales/Kayak 2013?

The loss of money from the sale of merchandise was attributed to the lack of a raffle and the timing of the building of inventory for merchandizing. The sense of the Board was to reestablish the

kayak raffle and sell tickets as in the past. Don will pick up a kayak to be raffled this year. The sense of the Board was to hold pat on the purchase of merchandise.

Water Quality

Don measured the water clarity at 4.9 meters in early May. Measuring for LEA, Colin measurements average 5.9 meters prior to that.

The Loon nest was put out by Arnie's camp this year. It has been visited by the resident Loons, but they have not established a nest at this point. It was reported that the Loons have mated.

Dam

Al Struck remains dam master. The dam is functioning well.

Water Safety

"**Operation Report It Now!**" is still in effect and the flyer went out with the spring newsletter. Last year, Andy replaced many of the buoy chains. The remaining chains on the buoys will be replaced this year. Buoys will start to go in this week.

Annual Meeting Prep

Charlie will handle with Arne.

NEW BUSINESS:

See attached letter from Colin at LEA re: *Gloeotrichia eninulata*. (Incorporated by reference into these minutes).

2014 Annual Meeting

KLA gave LEA \$600 last year to support lake research on Keoka. Charlie asked for a \$750 donation for research this year. In total, the Board will ask the membership for \$1950 in total for support of LEA. Sense of the Board is to support the pure research of LEA.

There will be an executive session of the KLA Board after the Annual meeting to get feedback from the FOKC event.

New KLA effort to educate re: Invasives/CBI:

Jo Lynne & David gave each board member a floating key chain attached to a laminated card that indicates the places to observe on a boat inspection. This is the result of an idea Peter had a year ago to help educate the public on Invasives and how each boat owner can do their part. JoLynne will obtain additional keychain/laminated cards sufficient to give one to each person who registers a boat in Waterford as well as to each KLA member. An order of 250 keychains/cards will allow them to also be used at the FOKC event on July 6th. A motion to authorize expenditure for keychain/laminated card handout was made, seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.