

Keoka Lake Association

Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday October 10, 2014 7:30-9:30

Tom Hammett's Place – Off the Common in Waterford Village

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Charlie at 7:46 PM

Introductions were made – Hubbard/Flynn

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary' Report

Charlie asked that the reading of the last minutes be waived and that the minutes be accepted. So moved, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report

We are ahead of last year in net income. See treasurer's report (incorporated by reference). The income appears to be down because we have not received all of the grant monies from LEA and the Town of Waterford for the CBI program. Interest income is down because the old, higher yielding CD's have expired and been replaced with CD's at the current depressed rate. Report accepted.

Charlie asked that we approve the following expenditures:

- Add \$1000 for insurance liability fund (have 7K of goal of 10K)
- Add \$2000 for milfoil fund bring to 32K

A motion to approve these expenditures was made, seconded and passed.

Invasives

Courtesy Boat Inspections

Taking over from Peter, Charlie found people to be CBI's. LEA did the administrative work of scheduling the inspectors, compile data and submit reports as necessary and Charlie found the people to work. LEA will release the last of the funds to us when the final reports are submitted.

Only catches were outgoing. Charlie is preparing item for the town meeting. KoKosing does not have an inspection sticker on their ski boat. (renter??) Dan Johnson will contact the camp.

Plant Inspections

Three divers from LEA conducted the survey this summer. They swam in patterns that enabled them to view the plant life in 3, 10 and 15 feet of water. They inspected zones from the Dam to Marshmallow Beach, around Rock Island, and from the School House to the Big Town Beach. Nothing invasive was found. No cost this year. They will produce a map and report for KLA.

In the past two years, two extensive surveys of entire plant population were conducted. This year's survey was on Invasives only.

Plant Patrol

Arne has developed a network of volunteer inspectors that covers the lake. There are 13 volunteers. The sections are now all of manageable sizes. All report slime and snails. LEA reports snails populations are up in all lakes. This represents an unknown threat. The snails do not have any known natural predators.

Education & Outreach (FOKC event)

Ginger reported on FOKC. The exhibits included the LEA watershed, Invasives, loons, merchandise, and Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI). Andy developed and presented a map of the lake indicating the location of buoys. There was good interest.

Membership

This year paid membership is 77 family members which is 12 less than last year. Information on KLA is posted around lake at beaches in real estate boxes.

We want to know where members live on the lake. There was a suggestion that we need to personally contact members to renew. It was suggested that members put their tax map number or address on dues form. Dues form was adjusted accordingly.

Website Update

Jo Lynne called for information for fall update for website. There was also a call for updates for the newsletter which Charlie plans to distribute in early November.

Lakesmart 2014

No report or activity on the LakeSmart Project. Peter did not receive the necessary training. The issue of what the state does for ditching was raised. Lakesmart is a vehicle to find local hot spots.

Sales/Kayak

Sales of lottery tickets have barely covered cost of kayak. Opportunities to sell were reduced this year as July 4th activities were rained out. Peter and Tom will sell tickets the day of the Fall Foliage 5K race. Joann reports that she has lots of new merchandise. We will revisit the kayak issue at our Spring Board Meeting after the results of the Columbus Day weekend sales are known.

Water Quality/Gloeo

Almost all of the parameters that we monitor improved this past year. The clarity was better than average: 20.5 vs. 17 and the phosphorous concentration lower. The concentration of *Gloeo* is much higher than last year and is a concern. Studies are underway to determine the effect of high *Gloeo*. There seems to be a direct correlation between the concentration of phosphorous and the volume of *Gloeo* colonies. One working theory is that the *Gloeo* brings phosphorous up from the bottom into the water column. Areas of high phosphorous concentration can be seen as it corresponds to the increase in reedy areas. We are waiting for LEA report.

On a positive note, smallmouth bass are plentiful and healthy. Smelts are coming back and have been found in the mouths and stomachs of the bass. In general, the lake appears to be in good shape. There does seem to be a small margin of error as the lake remains vulnerable to large changes in condition and small changes in the measured variables. The impact of *Gloeo* will be closely followed and we will continue to fund research in this area.

Dam

As expected with light rainfall this summer, the lake water level is low. City Brook is being kept clean.

Water safety

Andy reports that all chains are now stainless. Buoys will be pulled tomorrow. Two baby loons were on the lake this summer. One loon was abandoned by parents (normal) and one was from another lake.

NEW BUSINESS:

We discussed the issue of where the Board Meetings should be held. While the library was discussed as a meeting place, the general consensus was to keep the meeting at various camps.

It was reported that, while the KLA Scholarship has been awarded over the past few years, the money has not been claimed. The only requirement to receive the money is to submit a grade report at the end of the first ranking period to indicate that the requirement of a conservation/environmental program of studies be followed. We discussed giving the funds to a teacher to sponsor a class experiment or field trip. A motion to eliminate scholarship and give the funds to a teacher was made, seconded and passed.

Adjourned 10:00 p.m.