

KEZAR LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 25, 2020 9:00am
Smiley Grove Park, North Sutton NH

Welcome: Victor Del Vecchio, KLPA President. Moment of silence for Phyllis Sladen who passed; introduction of board and officers and attendees.

Review of 2019 minutes: Motion to approve minutes, accepted without reading.

1. Financial Report: Pat Tivnan

Asset balance YE 2018: \$43,108; balance YE 2019: \$50,624. Investment account \$22,074 – up 26% in 2019, down 2.4% YTD but up 10% since 9/18 purchase. 2019 final membership: 106 members, 3 businesses, \$11,509 total donations. 2020 YTD membership: 89 members, 1 business = \$9240 YTD donations. There are 2 new members and 15 online donations through the website. Last year we purchased 70 KLPA hats for \$1298 of which 63 have been sold for a total of \$1260. Greatest expense each year is for the Lake Host Program. NH Lakes pays about \$2200, KLPA contributes about \$5000.

2. Water Quality: Jonathan Brown

Last year Jon, John Herbert and EY Snowden worked together to take water samples. Because of the virus and social distancing issues, Jon and his son performed the first testing on June 24. Results are pretty much in line with last year and generally good: Salinity a bit high, probably from road salt on I-89; water clarity continues to get better; chlorophyll levels are going down which is a good sign. Regarding the prevalence of Elodea (Waterweed/Ditchmoss) which got very bad last summer, seems not as bad this year. Amy Smegula assured Jon that it is a native weed which experiences boom and bust years. NH Lakes strongly recommends just leaving it alone.

3. Website and Speaker Series: Jane Williamson

Victor thanked Jane for her efforts for the past 2 years building and maintaining the website and creating the successful Speaker Series, neither of which existed before. Jane encouraged people to use and contribute to the website. The next speaker is scheduled for October 11th - Indigenous Peoples Weekend - possibly at the Baptist Church. It will be subject to NH group gathering rules and might need to be conducted as a Zoom meeting.

4. Lake Host Program: Melissa Ballinger and Lynn Wittman

Melissa proudly announced that she has retired from her job and moved to the lake full time. She reported that we have five terrific hosts this year, one (Evelyn Roberge) returning from last year. Three of the hosts attending the meeting were introduced: Fred Sladen, Christopher Drahan and Nancy Roberge. They are not only examining boats, but are “cheerleaders”, promoting the lake to visitors. So far they have conducted over 1200 inspections. One of the hosts, Christopher Drahan reported that he and his brother canoe around the lake and pick up “trash” on their outings. Among the treasures they have collected are 60 intact bottles dating from 1840-1996. Lynn spoke about replacing the existing kiosk and making the KLPA presence more

attractive at Horse Beach. She suggested a raffle, similar to the one by NH Loon Preservation Society, to raise funds for the kiosk.

5. Horse Beach Parking Lot: Victor Del Vecchio for Steve Enroth
Talks about improving the standing water situation have been going on for more than a year, and some progress has been made to date. The land is owned by the North Sutton Improvement Society. The town plows the lot in the winter but concluded that it could not maintain the lot year round, absent Town Meeting approval. Annual Town Meeting recently voted to authorize an easement agreement but it had not yet been entered into by NSIS and the town as of the date of the KLPA annual meeting. A short-term solution would be to fill the low spots with gravel; a longer-term solution would be to install a drainage system. One suggestion was to drain the water onto the adjacent lot owned by KLPA.
6. Swim Program: Lisa Lopez
Due to COVID-19, swim lessons could not proceed this year. The new swim director at the Concord YMCA is knowledgeable about permitting and scholarship programs and their administration which is great news for next year. Lisa looks forward to continuing this great community program next summer.
7. Marketing: Victor Del Vecchio for Steve Enroth
Last fall, Steve spearheaded a campaign to educate residents who live in the Kezar Lake Watershed District. This included a mailing timed with an article in the Intertown Record. It was quite successful and resulted in 9 new members.
8. 50th Anniversary of KLPA: Victor Del Vecchio
Our organization was founded in 1971 and we'll celebrate 50 years next summer. One idea is to install 2-3 interpretive signs around the lake. Victor stated the cost would run about \$1000 per sign. Volunteers are needed to work on the committee and should contact Victor if interested. Lynn Wittman suggested the Conservation Commission might partner with KLPA on the signs.
9. Loon Report: Charlie Ash
The lake experienced early ice out this year, which probably aided our successful loon family of two parents and one chick. There were two eggs but one did not hatch. We've only had 1 year in recent history that two loon chicks grew to adulthood. Janie and EY Snowden were credited with placing signs on the island this spring and on Horse Beach this summer. Thanks, also to Lynn Wittman for instructing lake hosts to promote safety of loons. Sue Esposito takes great photos of the loons and has given permission for anyone to reproduce.
10. Nominating Committee: John Herbert and Jenny Menning
John reported that all officers and directors will continue for another term.
11. New Business: Pat Tivnan
NSIS is promoting a lovely book by Carlton Bradford who grew up in North Sutton. Carlton takes readers on a walk around Kezar Lake and describes the life he experienced starting in the 1930's. Cost: \$10.

Motion to adjourn accepted at 10:05 a.m.

Respectively submitted,
Michelle Ritz, Secretary

