

**KEZAR LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING**

July 24, 2021 9:00am
Smiley Grove Park, North Sutton, NH

Welcome: Victor Del Vecchio, KLPA President welcomed members and guests from North Sutton Improvement Society, Sutton Conservation Commission and Wadleigh State Park.

Review of 2020 minutes: Motion to approve, accepted without reading.

1. NSIS: Heidi Thoma spoke on behalf of the North Sutton Improvement Society. She lives in the village of North Sutton and uses the lake frequently. Victor thanked her for helping to get the Horse Beach parking area flattened. Heidi brought copies of the Carlton Bradford book for sale.

2. SCC: Wally Baker, representing the Sutton Conservation Commission thanked KLPA for paying for the lake host program. SCC agreed to locate the porta potty (that KLPA has paid for this summer) on its property. The commission has an annual budget of \$150K and it's mission is to preserve and protect property. It has been focusing on acquiring easements rather than purchasing property. Wally, with the support of the SCC and the town, has been working on solutions for fixing the parking lot (owned by NSIS) at the popular Horse Beach. All are welcome to the SCC meetings which are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

3. Wadleigh State Park: Shawn Davis, manager, spoke about cleaning and maintaining the park. He will take all the help he can get. Volunteers can find him Thursdays-Sundays at the park.

4. Financial Report: Pat Tivnan

This has been a good year for KLPA. Asset Balance: ~\$67K, donations ~\$11 K, 106 members including 8 new members. This represents a 58% growth in membership and 106% growth in donations over the last 6 years. Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

5. Water Quality: Jonathan Brown

Jon has been out once in June and once in July to gather samples for testing. Water quality has been slightly compromised by all the rain and run-off but is generally good. Salinity remains high and is believed to come in via Lion Brook as it borders roads that are salted in the winter. For details on water conditions consult the NH DES website. JoAnn Sigua voiced concern about how low the lake gets in late summer and the algae that blooms in the warmer weather. Jon explained that the State regulates the level of the lake at the dam.

6. Lake Study: Pat Tivnan

She announced that Colby Sawyer Professor Harvey Pine will lead a 2-semester class of students to study Kezar Lake. Last year the class examined the ecology of Messer Pond (see the MPPA website to view the report). This community-based research project will take weekly samples/measurements, study the history, and also educate property owners about landscaping and septic issues.

7. Lake Host Program: Lynn Wittman

We are fortunate that 4 former hosts returned from last year: Fred Sladen, Nancy Robart, Doug Suitor and Grandma Jo. All are dedicated and great champions of our lake.

8. Swim Program: Lisa Lopez

Swim lessons are underway with 33 students this summer. The YMCA of Concord provides instruction for a cost of \$65/pp for a 2-week session. 5 families are receiving full scholarships thanks to a generous donation from a local benefactor.

9. Membership: Steve Enroth

Steve has written 2 articles which have both landed on the front page of the Intertown Record. He mailed reprints of the watershed article to the community, and we gained several new members. The next article about the new Kezar sign will go out next week. Community education and awareness are important to our small organization.

10. Upcoming Events: Victor and Judy Lowe

- KLPA and Muster Field Farm will host our next Speaker Series talk with Dr. Robert Goodby of Franklin Pierce University speaking about the archaeological evidence of Abenaki presence. Wednesday, August 18 at 6:30 pm, Muster Field Farm, Harvey Barn.
- KLPA's 50th Anniversary: A party for all members and family will take place in early September. Details to follow.
- Old Home Day: Judy Lowe wants everyone to save the date, August 22nd. The event will be held at the same place it was held 104 years ago - Wadleigh State Park. Cost is \$15/pp for BBQ lunch. You do not need to be a member to attend. Details and reservations on the Sutton Historical Society's website.

11. Farewell: Victor

Victor announced his retirement as president of KLPA. These past 6 years have been the second time he has served as association president, having been asked to share his legal expertise in the early years. He was pleased that with the cooperation of the board and other volunteers we were able to realize many successes: KLPA became a 501(3)(C) non-profit; we increased our outreach through the speaker series, swim lessons, web site (thank you Jane Williamson!); we established an investment account; and we partnered with NSIS and SCC to improve Horse Beach parking, a new kiosk, interpretive sign, and porta potty.

12. Nominating Committee: John Herbert

John and Jenny Menning (who was out of town) reported that the slate of officers for the coming year would be:

Lynn Wittman, President

Pat Tivnan, Treasurer

Michelle Ritz, Secretary (agreed to serve 1 more year)

Denis Swords, Director

Steve Enroth, Director (agreed to serve 1 more year)

Sondra Brake, Director

Motion to accept the slate was accepted approved.

Motion to adjourn accepted at 10:12am

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Ritz, Secretary