

**KEZAR LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

July 13, 2024, 9:00am

First Free Will Baptist Church, North Sutton, NH

Welcome: Lynn Wittman, KLPA President, welcomed member and guests, Caroline Hughs and Jen McCort

Review of 2023 minutes: Motion to approve, accepted without reading.

1. Lynn introduced and thanked Board Members for their service and help throughout the year. Included were Ernie Brake for the perennial garden and mowing and Jason Dirks for website maintenance and updates.
2. Caroline Hughs, from the NH Loon Preservation Committee, gave a comprehensive report of loon history in NH, focusing on Kezar. Loon monitoring on Kezar began in 2007, with the first hatch documented in 2014. Since then, 15 have hatched and 9 survived, resulting in a reproductive rate of 0.9%, which is relatively high. Loons typically nest for 28 days. In 2022, the juvenile did not get off the lake before ice and had to be rescued. Loons do not typically come back to the lake until they are 3 years old. Our female was banded (silver and red) in 2022. We have no babies this year and it is suspected that on or about June 17, the loons might have gone off nest because of another visiting pair and a predator probably took the eggs. Recent Kezar loon deaths: 2019 female (avian malaria), 2021 (lead tackle) – death comes 2-4 weeks after swallowing lead. State statistics: 1975 there were less than 100 pairs; today the population has more than quadrupled. Testing an egg costs \$4K, so they only do 2-3/year. They have not seen any deaths from cyanobacteria yet. A pair requires 60 acres and 300 acres for 2 pairs – Kezar is 182 acres. Climate change will certainly affect the population. They are studying water temperature thresholds and know that warmer, wetter weather is not good for the loon population. The average lifespan is 15-20 years, with the oldest recorded at about 34.
3. Jean McCort, from Blaisdell Lake, spoke about “funnel development”. She and others want to put a petitioned article on the town warrant to change a zoning ordinance. The change would prevent shoreland property from being used for funnel development. What this means is the developer of a large parcel with many lots could not purchase a small shoreland parcel and have it provide common access for all of the property owners in the development. The purpose is to protect the shoreland. She said our local lakes and ponds are small, and heavy usage of this nature would be detrimental. Kezar has a funnel beach, which is deeded and shared by 17 families.
4. Financial Report, Jeff Hopkins: Current checking account balance: \$27,114, investment accounts \$79,131 (6 mo. CD with 4.6% interest bearing) and we are doing well with 2024 donations. The porta potty expense increased from \$785 last year to \$890 this year. Water testing – 2 or 3 times per summer – costs \$231/each time. The State holds our fund for lake hosts (\$4909) which is determined by activity and credits for volunteer hours. Eileen Sibert suggested encouraging people to use Wadleigh State Park because

we could risk losing it if use is very low. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously. Jeff will include Lake Host funds on the balance sheet.

5. Water Quality, Jonathan Brown: VLAP water testing was done once in June, and the levels look good so far. We haven't had as much rain in early summer, which is helpful. Chlorides are elevated and conductivity is up so he will monitor that. Spiny water fleas have been detected in Winnepesaukee and Winnisquam. We all need to be vigilant about cyanobacteria bloom but so far, so good. Jonathan encouraged all to visit the Lake Sunapee Association Center in Sunapee Harbor for interest and education.
6. Nominating Committee, John Herbert & Janie Snowden: Board for 2024-25  
Lynn Wittman, President (2025)  
Jeff Hopkins, Treasurer (no expiration date yet)  
Michelle Ritz, Secretary (2025)  
Denis Swords, Director (2026)  
Sondra Brake, Director (2024)  
Jonathan Brown, Director (2025)
7. Swim Lessons, Lisa Lopez: KLPA's mission of educating people about lake health is a core principle of our swimming lesson program; the lake belongs to the entire community. We are proud that we have been co-sponsoring with the Concord YMCA for the past 6 years. No family will be turned away as we pledge \$500 for scholarships. Lessons begin July 22 and run for 2 weeks.
8. Watershed and more, Lynn Wittman: Glenn Pogust, Alex Del Vecchio, and Polly Crocker worked diligently to write the RFQ (Qualifications) to engineers who will begin the process of finding who will be awarded the job of developing The Plan. The \$100K loan will be signed on Monday, 8/30. We are very proud that Kezar won the 1<sup>st</sup> ever LakeSmart Community Award with over 50% of our property owners participating. We encourage ALL homeowners - lakeside and watershed areas - to sign up through NH Lakes. She reminded everyone that septic systems can be a major cause of problems for the lake and asked everyone to be vigilant about frequent pumping! LSPA is a much bigger association with considerable funding. Sign up for their "Flash of the Beacon" newsletter to learn about keeping lakes healthy.
9. New Business, Kyle Hubbard: NSIS is responsible for the upkeep of Smiley Grove and parking area, including signage. 60 people attended a bonfire in February and there are plans to electrify the gazebo.
10. Upcoming Events, Lynn Wittman: Annual KLPA Picnic August 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00. NSIS Square Dance August 21<sup>st</sup>. Ideas for future fundraising for KLPA: paddle-a-thon.
11. Comments: Victor Del Vecchio raised concerns over the Vernondale Store; Charlie Forsberg commented that the store needs a "mom & pop" to run it. Charlie also noted that increased beaver activity would harm the lake.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Ritz

P.S. No donuts next year – many leftovers!