

KEZAR LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
Minutes
JULY 14, 2018
9:00 – 11:00

Welcome: Victor Del Vecchio, KLPA President. Noted that we operate under Robert's Rules of Order. Moment of silence for Claude La Chance and Pat Brown.

Review of 2017 minutes: Minutes were distributed electronically but some could not open. Recommendation that future attachments be sent as .pdf. Motion to approve minutes accepted without reading.

1. Lake Quality Report: Charlie Ash
Testing levels of transparency, phosphorus, pH, conductivity, chlorophyll A, and dissolved oxygen all acceptable. Summary: We walk a fine line and all residents should keep lake health in mind at all times – think about what you are doing and how it will affect the lake. Frank Aguilera told about how the dirt road at the cove in front of his home is getting wider, dirt added to the the road is eroding into the lake. DES representative, Jason Aube, told that DES is educating road agents. Victor announced that Charlie and Roger Wells are retiring and called for volunteers for this critical activity. The testing takes place 3x a year and takes about 3 hours each time. Need 2 persons.
Loon Report: One baby loon and two parents seem to be doing well.
2. Website: Jane Williamson
Brief presentation and walk through website; urged everyone to look at photographs, read history, explore informative links (over 200). Website is great tool for building community and attracting new members. Suggestion that we ask Town of Sutton and Sutton Library to have a link to KLPA website on their sites. Victor thanked Jane, Bill Chen, Cathy Popkin and Andrew Sideman for the great job.
3. Lake Host: Victor Del Vecchio for Christine Kuhlman who was not able to attend.
Program is running pretty smoothly with exception of end of last summer when hosts quit early; board members volunteered to host. Christine is retiring after 3 years. Need 1-2 people to take over this job; responsibilities include hiring lake hosts at \$11/hour and reporting results. If no one volunteers, we will have to hire someone to manage program. This would cost the association \$1000-1200/year. Charlie Forsberg questioned value of lake host because we don't do it all year. VDV pointed out that 4 days a week is better than nothing.
4. Financial Report: Pat Tivnan
In 2017 KLPA had a net income of \$1200 with the lake host program the major expense every year (~\$6600 – part of which is assumed by NH Lakes Association) – not a budget line item because NH Lakes pays salaries directly.

Kristin Brooks did 2016 audit. Savings accounts CD's: one matured and rolled into a 5 year CD; other will be brokerage account; both will be earning more interest. Thanks to Charlie Forsberg for the suggestion. 2017 Treasurer's Report accepted. 2018 income is already up this year. 90% of donations come from \$100 or more level; 56% from \$150 or more; 4 families contributed \$2000 (almost 1/3 of donations) and that is not sustainable. Victor explained that new membership categories reflect what other nonprofits are doing. Since membership levels of \$25 single and \$50 family have not changed in at least 20 years, he called for a motion to increase to \$50 single and \$100 family. Majority approved, 2 nays; motion passed. Cathy Popkin would like members who cannot afford \$50 membership fee be granted a "scholarship" so they could participate in the meetings. VDV stated that that is against the KLPA by-laws. Roger Wells suggested that we promote corporate memberships. There are at least 6 businesses around the lake who could be corporate sponsors and benefit from "free" advertising.

4. Membership: Frank Aguilera

3 new members this year brought membership to 78. At one time we had 98. Ideas to increase membership and educate community:

- a. Order business cards that promote website in lieu of new brochures.
- b. Buy advertising in Kearsarge Shopper.
- c. Solicit website sponsors
- d. Create a billboard at Horse Beach kiosk.
- e. Identify those around the lake who don't join - why not? (Roger Wells)
- f. Join Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce which is \$50 for non profits (Jayne Rayno)
- g. Sponsor activities such as swimming lessons, boating safety for/with the Sutton community (Lisa Lopez)

5. Nominating Committee: John Herbert and Jenny Menning

All board officers have agreed to serve another year. Christine Kuhlman was nominated and voted approvingly for another three-year term as a director. She was not present to accept her nomination.

6. New Business

Jenny Menning announced the Barn and Book Sale will be held August 25-26 to coincide with Muster Field Farm Days. 9-4 Saturday, 9-1 Sunday. Pat Lomans donates book sale proceeds to KLPA. Drop items off between August 21-26 at the Menning's.

Police report: Victor spoke with NS police regarding recent vandalism. Four homes around the lake were hit; police think they have suspect who caused considerable damage to those homes by cutting and stealing copper pipes. All residents should be on alert and report suspicious activity. One officer suggested installing security cameras on property. CF reminded us that KLPA used to offer a \$300 reward for information leading to arrest of suspect. Jonathan Brown suggested we put information on member page of website.

Invasive species: The spread of Japanese Knotweed on land, not water, is worrisome. It is very difficult to eradicate. Do not put in compost.

Motion to adjourn accepted at 10:56 a.m.

Respectively submitted,
Michelle Ritz, Secretary

Guest speaker following the business portion of the meeting:

Jason (Jay) Aube, NH DES

"Protecting Shoreland Vegetation and Managing Stormwater"

Jay applauded KLPA efforts to protect the lake and all the memories people have and will make.

The Shoreline Protection Act, enacted in 1994, is about more than protecting big trees. It was created because of the "2nd home boom" in the 1980's. People were replacing small old camps with huge homes and installing lawns up to the edge of lakes. Removal of natural vegetation along the shoreline allows **stormwater** – the greatest threat to lakes – to enter the water. Stormwater contains salt, sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus. Lake associations around the state are getting grants to install stormwater management facilities, rain gardens, dry wells (captures water from roofs), drainage swales.

Check out [NH Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management](#).

Consider using pervious asphalt on driveways, parking areas – preferred over gravel, which erodes. The more we can do to maintain the natural buffer, the healthier our lake will be.

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