

KLPA Board Meeting

May 16, 2024

Minutes

Present: Phil DeConinck, Claudia Zent, Steve Dolan, Theresa Quinn, Lou Senatore

Absent: Jerry Cooper (ill), Samantha Morris, Danielle Dulchino

Notes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

Claudia: Update on the Lake Host Program. Thus far, Claudia has no candidates for the program. She has posted in multiple places (post office, town hall, library, Kearsarge high school, Colby Sawyer College). She also bought a ¼ page black and white ad in the Kearsarge Shopper (cost = \$123.00). Phil suggested talking to Pixie and Annika. Claudia contacted Kat Kelleher at NH Lakes – initially no response. Kat agreed to send Claudia a list of people to contact. All agreed that this is an important position, not only to keep the lake free of invasives but also for the optics (we acknowledge the risk to the lake, and the Lake Host is proof that we take the risk seriously). Claudia made clear that she would not be the lake host. In Jerry's absence, Lou told Claudia to 'not worry about it!' Kat will share the list of potential hosts with Claudia.

Steve suggested that Danielle write a short article for the June newsletter on the Weed Watcher program. All agreed that 6 weed watchers are enough (Steve is also planning to volunteer.) Phil noted the importance of accountability – that the watchers should report to Danielle monthly to share their findings. Danielle also designed a 'See Something, Say Something' poster which will be placed at the town beach.

Steve presented the new format of the Treasurer's Report which now includes a dues analysis with numbers on how people paid (check or PayPal). All agreed that the format is easily understood. Dues were significantly higher for YTD April 2024 versus April 2023 (\$1,019.67 versus \$40.00). May/June is the usual timeline to push for dues. Phil suggested sending out a second dues notice Memorial Day. No expenses thus far this year, although Steve will pay NH Lakes. Through May, Steve has received \$1,428. From the Board, the DeConincks and the Dolans have paid their dues. Lou never received the dues notice due to an incorrect email address, which has now been corrected. Steve explained the 3 campaigns thus far this year: newsletter, dues mailing, and Lake Host.

The mid-June newsletter was discussed. It will include upcoming events, a letter from Phil as president, Claudia will write about the loon tour and Danielle's article on Weed Watchers (See above).

Phil and Lori will attend the Lakes Congress this year.

Speaking of loons, there is a loon on the nest! Phil remembered last year's chick was born on June 14 – Flag Day. Claudia said she's not going to think about the loon tour until June. We will post it on Facebook and about 12 kayakers can participate.

Lou asked about Old Home Day - Saturday, in July. Various groups, including KLPA, will have tables. Lou will get KLPA a table for the event. Claudia and Theresa will represent KLPA.

June 22 is the date for Jim Bednar's Celebration of Volunteer Organizations

After Steve sends the check to NH Lakes, Phil will contact Andrea LaMoreau to get more NH Lakes books.

Going back to the Lake Host, Theresa suggested more flexibility in scheduling; however, before we consider the suggestion, we need to find interested candidates first.

Claudia suggested that we ask the town to help support KLPA financially; however, the Board decided to save the ask for a big reason, most likely the watershed, for example.

Jerry tried to get a speaker for the July 6 meeting. The woman from Colby Sawyer is not available. Phil will get together with Jerry to get started. If we can't get a speaker for July 6, we can shoot for the August meeting.

Watershed -Jerry and Phil were supposed to get together with Nick Baer, who runs the capstone course at Colby Sawyer to have students come in and start a watershed. Nick never responded to Jerry on a specific date. Now Nick is teaching a class in May so will shoot for June. The idea is to get students ready to start on the watershed program in the fall. There's a lot of work involved – Phil is eager to get started on it. Theresa will try to get Nick to confirm a calendar date. The big thing will be the loan. Turner Pond received the watershed grant and received the \$100,000 but the residents also kicked in \$40,000. Steve suggested that we talk about the watershed grant at a member meeting.

Phil inquired whether Jeff Lizotte came to speak? He is from Sunapee. He met Phil and Jerry. Lori suggested having him write an article for the newsletter. Phil will ask Jerry to contact Jeff and line him up for August.

Lou mentioned that John Condon was having septic problems. He was thinking of putting in a plastic tank. Claudia mentioned that NH Lakes has links to different consultants and construction people who are lake friendly. Might be a good resource.

Theresa had a plan for septic replacement that she feels is probably expired by now. Phil mentioned our engineer who specializes in septic – Deb Heinz Parker, whose son designed the system, but fell out of touch with Theresa. Phil gave Theresa contact info for Deb.

Next meeting 3rd Thursday in June – June 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori