

KLPA Board Meeting, 6/20/24

Present: Phil DeConinck, Steve Dolan, Lori DeConinck, Theresa Quinn

Absent: Danielle Dulchinos, Sam Morris, Lou Santore, Jerry Cooper, Claudia Zent

Minutes:

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Phil and Lori reported on the Lakes Congress in Meredith on June 6, which sold out at 240 people. They attended sessions on: Lake& Watershed Management, New Hampshire Cyanobacteria Plan, Innovative Local Policy for Resilient Lakes, and Creating a Diverse, Inclusive and Engaged Lake Association. Ted Diers from DES was the keynote speaker. His presentation, 'Navigating the Waters: Ensuring Resilient Congress to be beneficial and recommended future attendance. Several issues were discussed over lunch, primarily the difficulty identifying and hiring lake hosts. Theresa has a potential stopgap lake host: Lynn Salo. She might not be available every weekend, but all agreed on this point that it is certainly better than no one. Training can be done online. Theresa gave Lynn Claudia's email. Brief discussion regarding enforcement, that Lake Hosts cannot force anyone to comply. Steve mentioned that the appearance of a lake host is indicative of Board concerns. Phil added the pay (\$18/h) and number of hours (20) to the notice at the Post Office. Phil suggested that Claudia and Theresa solicit potential lake hosts at the Volunteer Organization fair Saturday 1-3 pm. Theresa will give some education and put a donation jar out. Steve will provide Theresa with a pdf of the membership form.

Treasurer's Report: At the end of May, there were 21 dues payments totaling \$7,849.00. Balance today was \$8,226 from 29 payments. Steve felt that the second mailing helped. He made a payment to NH Lakes of \$300 and re-upped the post office box for \$72.00. **Steve can you please edit this before I send it out to everyone? My notes are somewhat confusing. Thanks.** He owes about \$50 to Danielle for the sign at the beach.

Weed Watcher report: Theresa will follow up with Danielle regarding who is watching and with Daphne Klein for her input. The Coombs and Steve are also participating. Danielle has developed a form and link to track findings. She has requested that everyone 'watching' report their findings for June, July, and August.

Water testing was discussed. Lou will do water testing for June, July, and August. A question arose about who from the town is doing water testing. Phil will talk to Annika to get into the town website.

Springfield Volunteer Organizations Fair: Phil distributed handouts for Claudia and Theresa: info on septic systems ("borrowed" from LSPA), spiny water flea handouts, some Lake Smart books, and KLPA brochures. Lori also got some brochures for Claudia from the Lakes Congress. Theresa will bring her tank and some 'sample plants', she will look for green algae slime to put the "mook" in Kolelemook!

Jerry is still trying to line up a speaker. It's tough on the 4th of July weekend. If not in July, we will try for August. Steve will use MailChimp and Facebook to email reminders. Refreshments at 9:00, meeting will begin at 9:30. Phil will put together a tentative agenda for the meeting and welcomes additions from the group.

Theresa brought up what she considered a strange drop-down in PayPal – only the PayPal button worked. Steve mentioned that if one goes to the website, PayPal is the only option. Steve will look into how it was configured.

Water sampling and loon signs: Jerry thought Kurt Conlon was handling these. Theresa inquired whether the loon chick signs are going to stay on the shore, She will be going out with Kurt and Ali to collect samples. One loon sign should be placed at the town beach and the other off the point. One sign needs repair.

For the general meeting, we can talk about the Lake Smart Program, the Lakes Congress, the watershed program.

Theresa inquired who mapped the 'plants of Kolelemook' in 2005 – It was Amy Smagula. Phil said that Jerry is trying to get Amy back to do another mapping, but she's just too backed up with work. Hopefully the intern from Amy's office can do some plant sampling/profiling.

Steve's newsletter went out – it was great! It was opened by 106 people, 80 people opened it, 4 people clicked in one box, no one unsubscribed this time! He set up a 'dues paid' tag, so people who had paid would not get a second request. Weebly is no longer free, so Steve re-upped Weebly for 2 more years at \$120/yr.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Lori