

Kolelemook Lake Protective Association
Annual Fall Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2023
Held at Beach on Kolelemook Lake Beside the Boat Launch
9:00am Refreshments, 9:30am Meeting

1. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance

Refreshments were shared at 9:00 provided by Theresa, Barbara, and Jerry.

Attending: Jim Clancy, Steve Dolan, Theresa Quinn, Claudia Zent, Lori DeConinck, Phil DeConinck, John Condon, Danielle Dulchinos, Bob Ouellette, Samantha Morris, Steve Orne, Kristin Dean, Lou Senatore, Nancy Bower, Jerry Cooper, Barbara Cooper

The KLPA meeting was opened at 9:45am by Theresa Quinn, President
Everyone attending introduced themselves.

2. Report by secretary of previous meeting

Previous meetings notes were summarized by Barbara Cooper, emphasizing the list of actions from the minutes for several specific actions we could proactively take regarding cyanobacteria.

3. Summary of lake property canvas results

Comments were provided by the 4 members who participated during July and August this year in a door-to-door visitation to every lot that has lake front/lake shoreline property. This involved about 100 properties, including 24 lots that are part of the Kolelemook Shores properties. Barbara showed the map that was used to identify the lot numbers. The map was divided up and the properties were assigned the 4 members: Lori DeConinck, Claudia Zent, Nancy Bower, and Barbara Cooper. They performed the canvas in teams of 2 people each. Each owner who was at home was given the booklet - Lake Smart, plus the KLPA brochure, and a form to join or renew their KLPA membership. If they were not at home the brochure and membership form was left at their door. The group encourages everyone to talk up the KLPA and the lake to our neighbors and friends.

4. Treasurer's report by Jerry Cooper

The current balance in the checking account is \$6,539.85. We received \$1730.00 from NH Lakes for our lake host program this year. As of 9/1/2023 we have 32 paid memberships for 2023.

5. Leadership Nominations chaired by Theresa

Theresa described the responsibilities of each of the 4 officers of KLPA: president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Theresa also mentioned a proposal that the job of weed watch coordinator be held as a specific responsibility of one of the board members. The weed watch program was discussed in greater detail as a separate item. Following is the result of nominations to the various officer positions:

President - Phil DeConinck was nominated by Claudia Zent, seconded by Barbara Cooper.
Vice President - Claudia Zent was nominated by Barbara Cooper, seconded by Theresa Quinn
Treasurer - Steve Dolan was nominated by Lou Senatore, seconded by Claudia Zent.
Secretary - Lori DeConinck was nominated by Phil DeConinck, seconded by Claudia Zent

There were also 5 volunteers for board member positions:
Lou Senatore, Samantha Morris, Jerry Cooper, Theresa Quinn, Danielle Dulchinos

All the officers and board members were unanimously elected.

6. Theresa spoke about the weed watching program.

Theresa is willing to assist with the weed watching program. Daphne is still willing to be a weed watcher, but just not willing to be the coordinator. Daphne had proposed to Theresa that the lake association hire a weed watcher from May to September to monitor the lake and coordinate the weed watchers. The person would be employed part-time from May to September. The proposal was discussed. It was asked whether there is any precedent to do this from other lake associations in the area, i.e., hiring a weed watch coordinator. No one present knew of such an arrangement. After much discussion the consensus was to not hire a person, but to see if others in KLPA could step up as a volunteer to perform the coordination duties. Theresa volunteered to serve as coordinator. Dannielle volunteered to perform this job with Theresa. Theresa reported that there is a training program from NH Lakes, and she will pass on that information to Danielle.

Nomination was made by Theresa for herself and Danielle to serve as co-coordinators for the “invasive surveillance program” formerly known as “weed watchers”. It is hoped that such a program will expand to encourage a “see something, say something” activity for everyone using Kolelemook Lake. The nomination was seconded by Samantha. As both Danielle and Theresa are now board members, the assignment was approved by the consensus of all those present.

7. Water quality report - Jerry Cooper reviewed the latest report.

Jerry talked about the reality that cyano bacteria blooms are occurring more frequently. It is definitely an emerging problem. Blooms have occurred, e.g., on Winnepesaukee, Sunapee, and Tucker Pond, plus 15 to 20 other lakes in NH. Jerry reported that the total phosphorus measurement was the highest ever seen. Partially responsible is the excess rains and resultant run-off this spring and summer. He noted that the secchi disk measures very much worse this year, noticeably more turbulence and water running into the lake.

Lou Senatore volunteered to help with the lake sampling program, as well as Theresa. It was suggested that Jerry invite Lou and Theresa to join him on his next sampling which will be the last one for this

season. Jerry agreed to follow up with Lou and Theresa as well as with Kurt Conlon who volunteered last year to perform the sampling, however, schedule conflicts and weather conditions made it difficult for Jerry and Kurt to connect this summer. Jerry will follow up.

With climate scientists predicting increased rains, keeping a close eye on changes in the lake quality is ever more important. These changes require us to educate the neighbors around the lake on what we can do, e.g., planting buffers, paying attention to planning proper barriers to slow runoff into the lake. Our phosphorus levels are going up. Jerry also mentioned that we have never sampled the tributaries feeding Kolelemook Lake. They should be sampled. Per Steve there are tributaries by his property that are normally dry this time of year, but currently are running water. A good watershed study would be very helpful and important.

8. General Discussions

Theresa thanked Lori DeConinck for checking out the green slime sample that she found on the lake recently. She also thanked Danielle for stepping up to co-lead the invasive species activities (aka Weed Watching). Theresa noted observing in Kolelemook colonies of biosomes, a gelatinous presence in Kolelemook, which are good for the fish and a sign of healthy and clean water. They are filter feeders. There have been reports of some lake users being concerned that the loons are eating the newts and salamanders in the lake. One resident has complained about this. There are possible alternative explanations for this happening. It is probable that the sand presence is more responsible than the loons for the newt's decline. Also, newts have a cyclical life cycle. Also noted was information that nesting loons keep the other loons away, thereby potentially decreasing the impact of loon feeding.

There was a suggestion to have a future meeting focusing on what fish and other life exists in the lake.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 10:58am.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cooper

Attachments:
Lake Sampling Results Summary Report
Treasurer's Report