



## **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 1, 2020

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

**LOCATION:** McClean's

### **Attendees**

- There were approximately 60 people in attendance; everyone introduced themselves, and wore masks or followed social distancing guidelines

### **Pre-meeting Presentation – Mike McClean, Capt., Fire Operations, Limerick Fire Dept.**

- Keep fire pits clean
- Check all fire extinguishers
- Smoke detectors are good for 10 years then need replacing; check annually
- Pull permits for fires
- Dial 911 for emergencies; be able to describe location such as color of house, car in driveway
- Ensure house numbers are visibly posted, 4" in size
- Question from floor: request for someone to clean fire place. Call Limerick CEO at 793-2166

### **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Motion was made and last year's minutes approved as emailed

### **Reports**

- Motion was made and Treasurer's Report approved
- Historian's Report – McClean Family history, and a thank you to the McClean's for hosting the 2020 meeting. Also, those that passed away were remembered: Dick Jones, Mike Grace, Jack Butler, Audrey Cornell, and Beth Walima
- Additions: In the future, move meeting agenda to format of standing committees

### **Old Business**

#### **1. Courtesy Boat Inspection Report 2019**

Last year 917 boats were inspected; 22 had fragments, 3 samples were sent to the State, none were evasive.

## 2. Water Hazard Markers

Only Roy Bagley has authority to place state buoys in the lake -- these are state of Maine approved buoys. All others are illegal. Lights on buoys are not allowed. We are still waiting for state approval for "headway speed" markers at Butler's rock island. Swimming floats are allowed 90' from shore but must be connected to each other.

## 3. Water Reports

**Clarity:** Peter Cummings takes the reading at one location (primarily in the area off McLean's point) at least twice a month; so far readings remain standard. Peter spoke about Lake Stewards of Maine, a volunteer lake monitoring program; monthly readings are sent in and watched for trend data. LSM also offers training, informational webinars and information on algae. Visit web site at <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/>.

**Quality:** Donna Nelson tests for e.coli, ammonia, phosphates and nitrates. So far this year 6 tests yielded acceptable readings.

There was a question from the floor regarding large algae-looking clusters. *This could be algae or Freshwater bryozoans.* This summer we have had much warmer weather with less rain than normal. As a result plankton and bacteria flourish, along with *aka blue-green algae.* *With cooler weather and water flow the algae will be deluded and wash away. In the meantime clusters of a small marine life form clusters that form on docks and logs that look like globs and are called bryozoans.* These bryozoans are not toxic, venomous, or harmful they do not cause problems for people but do help clean the lake of bacteria and plankton. The algae is often found in coves and areas where water has less movement.

[Lake Stewards of Maine | Keeping a watchful eye on the health of Maine lakes since 1971](#) is a link to Lakes Stewards of Maine who do in depth training and education about healthy lakes.

A reminder was made to check septic systems; if you suspect it may be leaking, Roy Bagley has a chemical test you can use. Better to find it yourself so you control the repair than if found by Limerick code officer who must set time limits on the repair.

## 4. Water Level

Every 5 days during the months of May and June, the top 2" of water is cleared out; this year there has been less rainfall than average since June. It was noted that every 1" of rain can bring the lake level up 2"; the lower level today should be attributed to lower rain levels. For the past week and a half there's no water going over the dam. The goal every year is to have the lake at level the Friday prior to Memorial Day. NOTE: The area around the hazard marker in front of Jones' camp (big side of lake across from public beach) has a very large area of hazard.

## 5. Dam Project

As of today, we have DEP approval and Town Road Commissioner approval to install the needed device and complete the project. Goal is to have every board replaced by next spring and electric system in for raising and lowering boards on one side of dam. The black steal bracket will still be used to chain fall the group of boards on that side.

## **6. SLA Ski Club**

Calece advised that the team would continue practices to the best of their ability while using masks, safe distancing, and changing or eliminating some of their acts.

## **7. Sokokis Lake Memorabilia**

Alyson Irvin volunteered to chair this project.

## **New Business**

### **1. CBI 2020**

Grants from DEP and Town of Limerick were received in the amount of \$5,000 to aid in continuing the program. We are seeing added volume, due in part to more kayaks being launched. So far this year, 820 boats have been inspected; 35 had fragments, none invasive.

### **2. Invasive Plant Patrol**

Invasive Plant Patrol Survey is scheduled for October to look for invasive within the Littoral Zone, from shore line out to about five feet deep. Invasive species training is planned for the fall, spring and we hope next June in Limerick.

### **3. Corn Hole Tournament 2020**

Cancelled.

### **4. Labor Day Activities 2020**

Weekend details will be published shortly.

### **5. New Budget Item Ski Club**

Motion was made and seconded to approve \$1,000 to purchase show skis and ropes

### **6. 2020 Budget**

Motion was made and seconded to approve 20-21 budget as presented. See Attachment A.

### **7. Election of Directors**

The following were elected Directors to the Sokokis Lake Association:

- Guy Cefalo – East Side starting on Watson Hill Road to Robbin's Nest
- Mike Farrell – Boy Scout Island
- Bonnie Bagley – East Shore Drive
- Eric Allen – North Side East Shore Drive to North Shore Drive
- Janet Hogan – East Side of River to North Shore Drive
- Jim Fredericksen – South Carroll Lane
- Mary Creamer – North Carroll Lane
- Jeannie Conrad – End of Carroll Lane
- Deb Sheehan – From Island Road to Richards Road

Appointed following the end of the meeting:

- Julian Reed – North Shore Drive
- Ed Murphy – North West side of River

## **8. Election of Directors**

The following were approved as Officers:

- **President** – Roy Bagley
- **Vice President** – Calece Johnson
- **Secretary** – Diane Shepherd (appointed after the meeting.)
- **Treasurer** – Tom Creamer

## **Other Business**

Comment from floor regarding leash law in effect in Maine – has noted lots of loose dogs on beach leaving waste. Please keep dogs on leash and under control in accordance with Town of Limerick Dog Ordinance.

**Meeting adjourned** at 10:15 a.m.

## Attachment A

### Sokokis Lake Association Proposed Budget- 2020

		2020	2019	2018
1.	CBI	6,000	5,761.36	5,438.50
2.	Insurance	500	520	502
3.	Website	120	120	120
4.	Corporation Filing	35	60	35
5.	Office Supplies	100	79.38	61.87
6.	Trophies	300	456.82	282
7.	Memorial Day		225	225
8.	Labor Day	300	285.33	375
9.	Newsletter	105	101.66	106.26
10.	Dam Project*		1,544.50	
11.	Website upgrade	1,000		
12.	Ski Team equipment	1,000		
13.	Discretionary Funds	<u>1,000</u>		
		<u>\$10,460</u>		

\*\$1,544.50 purchased for materials for dam, \$4,455.50 remaining

### Estimated Income

1.	Dues/Donations	5,000	5,000	5,000
2.	State Grant- CBI	2,000	2,000	2,000
3.	Limerick Grant-CBI	3,000	3,000	3,000
4.	Fundraising		1,135	1,555
5.	Labor Day	<u>750</u>	750	725
		<u>\$10,750</u>		
1.	Cash on hand-07/01/2020	\$20,072.05		