

# Province Lake Association Annual Meeting

July 22, 2017

## Province Lake Golf Club

**Welcome & Introductions:** Peter Dinger, President, called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM and welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the Province Lake Association (PLA). He thanked the PLA members, Linda, Sally & then the Golf Club for the use of the room. He explained that one member equals one vote, gave an overview of the morning's agenda and restated that the purpose of the Province Lake Association is to implement practices and programs that will improve the water quality and build a sense of community between the people living around the lake.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made to accept the 2016 meeting minutes as published in Province Lake Association Web site. **Motion to approve the 2016 minutes of the annual meeting was seconded and unanimously accepted.**

**Membership Report** - Mindy Schuman-Vye reported that there are 141 members as of today. \$7,515 has been collected and almost half of the members gave more than the suggested amount. She said that member names are listed on the web site and members can opt out of having their names listed. She added it's never too late to give to PLA.

### Financial Report - Thom Townsend Treasurer's Report for 2016

Opening balance - January 1, 2016 **\$43,900**

Income for 2016 \$17,300

Major components were:

Dues & contributions \$ 6,700

Wakefield & Effingham \$ 4,400

Fundraising \$ 2,100

Apparel sales (net) \$ 700

Expenses for 2016 \$15,500

Major components were:

Lake Host payroll \$ 4,400

Water Quality testing \$ 3,200 (2 years)

Insurance policy premium \$ 1,700

Association partnerships \$ 2,500

Net increase of funds for 2016 **\$ 1,800**

Closing balance - Dec 31, 2016 **\$45,600**

2017 income and expenses, to date, are in line with past years.

Balance on July 17, 2017 is \$50,800 of which \$30,000 is held as emergency contingent funds and \$20,000 is operating funds.

Respectively submitted: Thom Townsend

*Explanatory note:*

*The treasurer's report shows a 2016 year-end balance of \$1200 less than the auditor's year-end final number.*

*This is correct, because on December 31<sup>st</sup> there was one outstanding check, for \$1200. That check cleared on Jan.6, 2017.*

**Financial Audit Report-** Michelle Schank (read by Carl Davis).

The bank statements and supporting documents generated during January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016 were reviewed. Michelle acknowledged the treasurer's report and all records appear to be complete and maintained accurately with detailed breakdown for both income and expenses and supporting receipts. The Audit Report can viewed as a separate document at the Province Lake website, [Provincelake.org](http://Provincelake.org)

**Fund Raising - Breakfast, Logo Sales,** - Carl Davis

Fund raising is generated from dues, apparel sales, and the breakfast. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast, the first breakfast had 30 people in attendance and now over 200 people attend.

**Dam Report & Weed Watch** - Tucker Vye

Due to the heavy snow and heavy rain this spring, the lake has been high. There are 24 weed watchers. No invasive weeds have been reported as of June & July. Dave Lajoie addressed questions about invasive weeds during his report on the Lake Host.

**Lake Host** - Dave Lajoie

This is our 6<sup>th</sup> year with the Lake Host Program. PLA is tied in with a larger network across the state. There are 10 saves that have been made in lakes around the state. We have an obligation to protect this lake. There is a new law "Clean & Drain" which requires boat owners to drain and clean each time they take out their boat. We have two people inspecting boats about 40 hours a week at the boat launch. Lee Ann and Lenny were recognized for their work to protect our lake. Dave reported 86 lakes are infested with invasive weeds, 312 inspections have been done so far this year. Nothing has been found - great news! This year the level of cooperation from boaters is reported higher than ever before. Volunteers are needed in the event the two inspectors may not be available.

Jon will be adding information about invasive weeds on the PLA web site and people were directed to [NH.Lakes.org](http://NH.Lakes.org) for additional information. Lake Host coverage is daily from 8 to 2, there is an option of extending those hours on weekends and holidays. Dave noted that the marine patrol boats are inspected as well. In response to a question he added that our native mussels are beneficial to the lake.

### **Water sampling - Steve Craig**

Steve reviewed the recent Water Sampling Report, Linda Schier indicated there were copies of the report available for anyone interested. Steve used the data sheet to explain the areas where we can improve our lake and how the long term trends are very important. The report covers a 28 year span. Water clarity, using a Secchi disk, is now done with and without a view scope. Steve reported phosphorus levels continue to be high. Samples are taken on Fridays once a month though a question was raised if samples could be taken on a different day, when lake activity has not been so high. Currently our lake is impaired and the water clarity is decreasing. Linda Schier commented that the rate of phosphorous into the lake is slowing down.

**Watershed Grant & Water Quality Update - Linda Schier, Executive Director of Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance & Sally Soule (absent), NHDES, and Watershed Assistance Section.**

Linda reported that the roads around the lake are presenting a problem, there are two sites that the town of Wakefield will be working on. Two areas have been completed by AWWA and YCC has worked on several areas around the lake. There are several homes where the septic system has been updated and others are in the process. The Province Lake Golf course is seeking certification as an Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuary, 40 people volunteered for the BioBlitz for a species search. There is a new cyano bacteria program in 3 tiers - bloom watch, cyano scope, and cyano monitoring. Steve Craig has volunteered to do this monitoring. Water Quality report - the Town of Wakefield is not responsible for the starwort at Towle Farm.

Linda added there is discussion about adding rip rap along the Maine beach and that AWWA continues to explore other options along Rt.153.

### **Nominations / Election of Officers - Jon Samuelson**

The motion was made to nominate Mindy Schuman-Vye for President , Lorie Dunne for Vice President , Barbara Burns to the Board and Peter Dinger to continue as a board member as the Past President.

**The motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.** Mindy added that she has big shoes to fill.

### **BREAK**

#### **Province State of our Loons - Steve Craig/Thom Townsend**

In mid-May the loon raft was put out and on June 3<sup>rd</sup> the loons spent more time on the raft. One egg was observed on the raft nest on June 4<sup>th</sup> and hatched on July 1<sup>st</sup>. (July 27, 2015 two eggs hatched on a natural nest). The loons were banded on July 20, 2017 by the Loon Preservation Committee.

**NH State of the Loon - Harry Vogel, Senior Biologist, Loon Preservation Committee** gave a very engaging presentation on loons. Some of the highlights he shared about loons included: They weigh 15 pounds and there are 5 different species; mergansers are often

thought to be loons, loons are not ducks (fish eating/flying birds); they are closely related to the penguins and are an ocean bird. Loons need a long take off to get air born, sometimes up to a quarter of a mile, wings flap 4 times a second. At 10 weeks old their wings are developed to take flight. High levels of mercury are a threat to the loons as well as predator animals and lead headed fishing jigs and sinkers. 330 lakes in NH have potential to have loons. They live 25 to 35 years.

**50/50 Drawing** - Carl Davis won the 50/50 and donated the money to PLA

The meeting adjourned at 12:05

Respectfully submitted, Donna Luce