

Province Lake Association Annual Meeting July 23, 2016

Welcome & Introductions: Pete Dinger, President, called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM and welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the Province Lake Association (PLA). Approximately 70 people were in attendance.

Pete kicked off the meeting by saying “WE ARE ALL HERE TO MAKE PROVINCE LAKE GREAT AGAIN!!” He then read the mission statement of the PLA, explained that one membership equals one vote and introduced all officers and board members.

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made to accept the 2015 annual meeting minutes as published in Province Lake Association website.

Motion to approve the 2015 minutes of the annual meeting was seconded and unanimously accepted.

Membership Report: Mindy Schuman-Vye

130 paid members to date – slightly fewer than last year. Membership Income \$6422. Membership levels were added to the 2016 membership form, but several members expressed concern that this would create a situation that is counter to the PLA goal of increasing membership unity. It was reported that the membership categories have been eliminated, all members will be listed on the PLA web site only as Members, and board will send personal letters of thanks to donors over \$100.

Financial Report: Pete Dinger for Thom Townsend, Treasurer
(TOM’S REPORT Attached)

Financial Audit Report: Carl Davis for Michelle Schank – PLA auditor

The bank statements and supporting documents generated from their operation during January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015 were reviewed. Michelle confirmed a starting balance of \$40,376.50 on January 1, 2015 and an ending balance of \$43,851.18 on December 31, 2015. She reported that the treasurer’s report and all records appear to be complete and maintained accurately with detailed breakdown for both income and expenses with supporting receipts. (Michelle’s Report Attached)

Fund-raising Breakfast Report: Donna Davis

35 volunteers assisted with the breakfast this year

212 people were served

The PLA Breakfast will be held next year on Saturday July 1, 2017

Dam Report: Tucker Vye

The water level was high in the late fall due to beaver activity in the South River. A trapper was hired to remove beavers and break up the three dams at a cost of \$710. Water level is currently low due to an extremely dry summer.

Weed Watch Report: Carl Davis

All areas of the lake are being monitored by an assigned volunteer “Weed Watcher”. Once a month volunteers weed watch and report the results of their surveys to Carl. To date, no invasive weeds have been found. Carl and Donna have created a “plastic invasive weed” which is located in a different place around the lake each month. Any observant person that finds and reports this “weed” wins a prize. This action has increased awareness and interest for weed watching around the lake.

Lake Host Program Report: Pete Dinger

PLA has 2 new lake hosts for 2016 (Lee-Ann Cammett & Lenny Dodge). A Lake Host is at the ramp 8 AM to 2 PM 7 days a week. We continue to have no invasive species in our water. Fortunately, 90% of the boats in Province Lake do not visit any other lakes.

Water Sampling Report: Steve Craig

Sampling is done once a month April through October and during four significant storm events. Phosphorous levels in the lake have been very high. A key source could be the major storms we have experienced. Ironically, the clarity of the water is the best ever at over 10 feet.

Bylaws Review and Vote: Jon Samuelson

PLA Bylaws were updated and revised by Jon. They had not been revised since the 90's. There were no questions, a comment was made that the bylaws are well done. And thanks were given to Jon for a great job on an important document.

Motion to approve the changes in the Bylaws was seconded and unanimously accepted.

Nomination/Election of Officers: Jon Samuelson, Chair of the nominating committee

All officer and board members terms were up for renewal and all agreed to serve again. New terms are as follows: Pete Dinger, President 1 year, Mindy Schuman-Vye, Vice President 1 year, Thom Townsend, Treasurer 2 years, Donna Luce, Secretary 2 years, Returning Board members; Tucker Vye, Jon Samuelson, Carl Davis, and Donna Davis all 2 years. Lori Dunne & David Lajoie were elected as new at-large Board members for 2 years each.

Motion to accept the officers and board members was seconded and unanimously accepted.

Recognition & Thanks: Pete Dinger

Mary McLoughlin retired from her Board position after numerous years in multiple offices including President, and Lake Host Point Person. Mary was thanked for her years of service and was presented with a PLA fleece.

Watershed Grant Update Phase 2: Linda Schier, Executive Director

Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance (AWWA) and Sally Soule, NHDES Watershed Assistance Section

The PLA in conjunction with AWWA and NHDES is concluding Phase 1 implementation of the pollution sources around the lake and starting Phase 2 initial BMP construction of erosion control for residential and road sources along with septic remediation. Projects on Bonnyman Road are proceeding with towns of Wakefield and Effingham, and Towle Farm Community Corporation. Jaime Houle, UNH Stormwater Center, has developed a proposal for initial erosion control measures. Scott Pike, Wakefield Town Road Agent, has also been involved in the review of the erosion issues and will have Wakefield address the erosion problems on Silver Hill Road off of Bonnyman.

There are new apps and equipment for monitoring cyanobacteria. The CyanoMobile is coming on Wednesday, July 27 from 9-12 to Lovell Lake. It's an opportunity to learn more about cyanobacteria monitoring and the associated health issues of the area lakes. Sally and Linda expressed appreciation of the PLA and its members commitment to the improvement of Province Lake water quality.

Sally also reported on the water quality of the lake based on the data obtained during the water sampling completed by Steve Craig throughout the year of 2014. The Phosphorus level remains too high and is one of the reasons the lake is on the impaired waterbodies list of NH. Fortunately, Province Lake has not had a cyanobacteria bloom in the last couple of years. There is still a lot of work to be done to get the lake off the impaired list.

Loon Update: Steve Craig

Last year we had 2 chicks, born on their own nest. Thanks to Jan & Thom Townsend for their watch over the loons. There was a great interest around the lake with the birth of the chicks. There were reports of some loons getting eaten by the eagles. It is unlikely that they were our loons. We have two loons on our lake. At times, there are as many as 4 on the lake. This year 3 eggs (2 at one time and 1 later) were hatched on the raft but later were abandoned.

State of the Loon Presentation: Harry Vogel, Senior Biologist, Loon Preservation was scheduled but not able to attend. Steve Craig provided a comprehensive summary of the loon activity on Province including the two chicks that were hatched last summer.

50/50 Drawing – The winner was Norm Dudziak

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Luce
Secretary, Province Lake Association

Attachments: Treasurers Report and Auditors Report

PROVINCE LAKE ASSOCIATION

PLA Treasurer's report -for the year 2015

4/26/16

Balance on hand on January 1, 2015 was \$40.4K

(revised 9/1/16)

During 2015, PLA income from all sources was \$20.4K, while expenses were \$16.9K. *(please see footnote)*

Contributions to income came from:

- members (dues and contributions) totaled \$6.4K
- State of NH grant: \$4.7K *(rec'd in March as reimbursement from 2014)*
- Towns of Wakefield & Effingham contributed \$4.4K
- Fundraising: \$2.6K (gross)
- Apparel sales: \$1.9K (gross)
- Lost check balance adjust: \$0.3K
- Bank Interest: \$0.1K

Expenses were:

- Lake/Watershed Protection research, planning, analysis: \$1.8K
- Runoff remediation projects: \$2.1K
- Lake Host Weed inspections: \$4.8K
- Insurance & admin expenses: \$2.2K
- Association partnerships: \$2.6K
- Fundraising expenses: \$0.6K
- Beaver relocation: \$0.3K
- Apparel purchases: \$2.5K

PLA funds in our checking account with Profile Bank (includes all short and long term cash assets) on 1-1-16 were \$43.9K.

Respectfully submitted:

Thom Townsend, Treasurer 4/26/16 *(revised 9/1/16)*

Footnote:

Our 2015 expenses above, of \$16.9K are understated due to two expenses incurred in late 2015 but not paid until the first week of January. They were:

- *UNH Lab Water analysis: \$1956.00*
- *Beaver relocation: \$710.00*

Our adjusted 2015 expenses were thus \$19.6K.

Detailed specifics on the above are available upon request.

*Michelle A. Schank
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July 11, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Michelle Schank, and I am a member of the Province Lake Association and a homeowner at 100 Remick Road, Effingham, NH. At the request of the Province Lake Association, I have reviewed the Bank Statements and supporting documents generated from their operation during the January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015 period.

Upon examination, I confirmed a starting balance of \$40,376.50 on January 1, 2015 for Profile Bank checking account ending in "1560". I reviewed basic checking account transactions totaling "Deposits" in the amount of \$20,318.80, "Checks/Withdrawals" in the amount of \$16,972.98 and "Interest" in the amount of \$128.86. As such, I confirm the ending checkbook balance of \$43,851.18 on December 31, 2015. I further acknowledge the Treasurer's Report - 2015 submitted by Tom Townsend, Treasurer.

To the best of my knowledge, all records appear to be complete and maintained accurately with detailed monthly breakdowns for both income and expenses and supporting receipts. I applaud the meticulous bookkeeping of our treasurer and thank him for the time and effort that he has put forth as a volunteer.

Sincerely,

*Michelle A. Schank
100 Remick Road, Effingham NH*