

# PLA Annual Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2019 at Edge Lake Farm

**Welcome & Introductions:** Mindy Schuman-Vye, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the Province Lake Association (PLA). She thanked the Province Lake Golf for allowing us to use this wonderful facility.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made to accept the 2018 meeting minutes as published on the Province Lake Association's website. Motion to approve the 2018 minutes of the annual meeting was seconded and unanimously accepted.

**Financial Report:** Thom Townsend, Treasurer Today Thom is completing his 7<sup>th</sup> year as the PLA Treasurer.

- The year began with \$48,200 and concluded the year with \$44,600. The deficit was about \$4,000. The current balance is \$43,400.
  - Both income & expenses were in line with the previous 2 or 3 years. Income was \$15,400 and expenses were \$19,000.
  - 60% of our income came from members' dues and contributions. Other significant income, 29%, is from the towns of Wakefield and Effingham.
  - The primary expenses were the Lake Host payroll at 42%, followed by Partnership memberships (AWWA & NH Lakes) at 16%, and Water Quality testing at 13%.
- The complete Treasurer's Report can be viewed as a separate report by requesting a copy from the President at [president@provincelake.org](mailto:president@provincelake.org).

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

The bank statements and supporting documents generated during January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2018 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. She applauded the meticulous bookkeeping of our treasurer and thanked him for the time and effort that he has put forth as a volunteer. The Audit Report can be viewed as a separate document at the Province Lake website.

**Dam Report:** Mark Hempton

The lake level has been high and is an inch above normal due to rain and the activity of the beavers.

**Weed Watch:** Tucker Vye

No invasive species have been found on the lake. Volunteers are involved in weed watching the lake.

**Lake Host:** Dave Lajoie

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the Lake Host program. So far there have been no invasive weeds coming into the lake. Dave will be looking to replace two more volunteers for 2020. 52 hours are being covered this year. There have been 260 inspections as of today. NH Lakes bases the funding the PLA receives on how many boats are inspected.

**Membership Report:** Lorie Dunne

Membership is up from last year and funding is \$60 above from last year. She thanked people for their membership and volunteering.

**Loon Report:** Thom Townsend and Steve Craig

The loon season begins in April. Steve was able to launch the nest by himself. Tom observes the loons from his place near the loon sanctuary. 2015 was the first year we had a loon chick on Province Lake. Three adult loons were first sighted in early Spring this year. The loons began sitting on the nest on June 13. On July 11<sup>th</sup> Luna was born, exactly 28 days after staying on the nest. Two times a turtle went up on the nest. Initially there were 2 eggs on the nest but there is no knowledge of what happened to the 2<sup>nd</sup> egg. Tom asked that boaters be cautious. The nest has been taken out since the loons do not return to the nest once the chick has hatched.

**Water Quality and Monitoring Update:** Steve Craig

The lake sampling is done monthly from Spring through Fall at the deep spot and the 4 tributaries. The sampling of wind events is very difficult to do therefore it has not been done yet.

Cyanobacteria- The NH Lakes Lay Monitoring Conference at Squam Lake was very informative. Every two weeks a sample is taken from Province Lake. We can expect some blooms this year. We have not had a toxic bloom on our lake. Carl reported that we as a board have developed a protocol and encouraged people to contact a board member if a bloom is observed. We tend to error on the side of caution when signs are placed. Good algae are plentiful on our lake this year.

Mindy presented Steve with a plaque to acknowledge his great efforts and our appreciation for all he does monitoring/testing the water and caring for the loons.

**AWWA Presentation:** Pete Dinger

AWWA supports 7 lakes including Province Lake. Jon Balanoff has been hired as the interim acting director. He is a wetland scientist and is currently running the crew of the Youth Conservation Program. He will continue to transition duties from Linda Schier and in the Fall become the new Executive Director for AWWA when Linda retires.

**Logo Introduction:** Lorie Dunne, Thom Townsend, Peter Dinger

A committee was set up to look at our current logo which has been used for about 20 years. The 3 logos concepts were posted on the wall. A vote will be sent out to the PLA membership to vote on the 3 new logos and the 1 current logo in a month or so.

**Nominations / Election of Officers:** Jon Samuelson

Jon reviewed the current officers. Mindy set up a nominating committee. Barbara Burns term ended and she was thanked for her participation over the last two years. The positions up for a vote are: Lorie Dunne as President, Jim Aiken as Vice President, Mindy Schuman-Vye and Pete Dinger as board members. The vote was presented on the floor and each position was voted on separately. All voted in favor. Jon thanked Mindy for her two years as president. Mindy passed the gavel to Lorie as the new president.

53 people attended the annual meeting today (49 members and 4 nonmembers).

**Beach Clean-up:** Lorie Dunne

Beach clean-up will be done on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow closer to the date.

#### **Q & A**

Mike Calahane and Chuck Fuller, Effingham Board of Selectmen, were in attendance at the meeting. Mike asked what the Lake Host expenses are and would we want to ask the town of Effingham for additional funding? Dave Lajoie said that we do get funding from the towns of Effingham, Wakefield and NH Lakes but can always use more. The culverts on Bailey Road were discussed but we did not get the grant. A second grant has been applied for by the town.

Beaver issue – 3 dams were sighted and opened up on the South River. Lorie informed the group that we have hired a man to do monthly work to manage the beavers. The selectmen will be willing to speak to adjacent landowners about this activity and their responsibility.

**50/50 Drawing:** Donna Davis

The Olsons won the drawing and donated the \$108.64 to PLA.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08