

PLA Annual Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2021

9.00-11.00 am

Edge Lake Farm

Welcome - Lorie Dunne, President

Lorie opened the meeting at 9:00 and introduced our guest speaker Jon Balanoff.

Jon is the Executive Director of Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance which has been instrumental in developing the Province Lake Watershed Plan and managing the 319 Grant Federal funding for the Clean Water Act. The main purpose of AWWA is to help ensure water quality protection against phosphorous. Erosion is the number one threat to the water quality of our lakes and streams. Water runoff, human and animal waste greatly increase phosphorous. The AWWA Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) work to help the fight against erosion by helping landowners with plantings to mitigate runoff. This local resource is available to all. Jon spoke about the 2021 319 grant that is available for upgrading four septic systems, four YCC projects and the stabilization project on Bonnyman Rd. The grant work will begin on Bonnyman east of the boat launch to revegetate the land there to prevent run off.

ACTION: Lorie will send out an email to let PLA members know about the 319 Grant funding that is available.

General Comments- Lorie Dunne

Lorie thanked everyone for their support during this time of Covid. Carl Davis, Rick Greene and Dave Lajoie recently stepped off the board and she thanked them for their leadership and contribution to PLA. After 17 years Steve Craig is stepping down from his job as the water quality coordinator. Katie Jones has volunteered to fill that position. Lorie also thanked the families of two past presidents, Mary McLaughlin and Don Harrison who recently passed away, for sharing their leadership with us. She also thanked the towns of Wakefield and Effingham for their generous support of the Lake Host program. And a big thank you to Sabin and the Porters for the use of Edge Lake Farm for the Annual Meeting.

Business Meeting

1. Jon Samuelson spoke about the changes to the by-laws which included adding two more openings to the board of directors (total of 14) and the option for virtual meetings. He updated the 501 C3 several years ago. All approved the changes to the by-laws.

2. Election of Officers: Lorie Dunne (Pres) and Jim Aiken (VP) were extended in their positions for another year. Pete Dinger and Mindy Vye agree to stay on for another two years. Ryan Ruel and Dennis Badman introduced themselves as potential new board members. Larry Moody offered himself as a new board member. All of these positions were voted on and approved with 11 of the 14 Board positions filled. The question was raised as to why we do not have an uneven number of board members to break a tie if needed. It has never been a problem but it is something to be discussed at a future board meeting. It was noted that job descriptions are available for all to see on our website.

Action: Jon will post these job descriptions on the website.

3. Secretary's Report - The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting were voted on and approved.

4. Financial Report - Read by Thom Townsend, Treasurer

This reflects the 9th year that I have been your Treasurer.

We began 2020 with a balance of \$48.0K.

During the year we had an income of \$15.0K. The two major components of income were: Members' Dues & Contributions: \$9.5K and Contributions from the towns of Wakefield and Effingham of \$5.4K to offset much of our Lake Host payroll expenses.

Our expenses during 2020 totaled \$17.6K.

The major components of the expenses were:

- Our Lake Host payroll of \$7.5K
- Partnership contributions (AWWA, LPC, NH Lakes, UNH, MMRG) \$4.5K
- Beaver control expense of \$3.0K
- Insurance expenses of \$1.7K.

At the end of 2020 our Treasury had a balance of \$45.4K a net decrease (loss) for the year of \$2.6K.

The Board has re-confirmed its desire to maintain this significance balance so that we are equipped to rapidly respond to any threat of invasive weeds (e.g. Eurasian milfoil) or other water quality issues.

Looking forward at 2021, our income remains strong and expenses are consistent with past years. Barring the unexpected, I expect we will break even or run a slight deficit.

It is never too late to pay your dues. The books are always open for receipts. Use PayPal or mail a check to PLA, PO Box 24, Effingham.

We are fortunate that many of you are able and willing to contribute well above our nominal membership cost of \$25.

Carl Davis asked for an explanation of the beaver management and it was explained that Mike Stevens monthly goes into the South River to monitor beaver activity and open the dams as required.

5. Financial Audit - Read by Jim Aiken for Michelle Schank

Michelle A. Schank
5 Emerson Lane
Middleton, MA 01949

June 21, 2021


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, 2020 thru December 31, 2020 period.

Upon examination, I confirmed a Bank Statement balance of \$49,988.91 on January 1, 2020 for Profile Bank checking account ending in "1560". I reviewed basic checking account transactions totaling "Deposits" in the amount of \$14,886.73, "Checks/Withdrawals" in the amount of \$19,552.70 (Check #523 in the amount of \$2,000.00 cleared from FY2019) and "Interest" in the amount of \$136.59. As such, I confirm a "Bank Statement" balance on December 31, 2020 of \$45,459.53 which corresponds with the 2020 Treasurer's Report submitted by Thom Townsend, Treasurer with a "Balance on Hand" of \$45,459.53.

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

6. Membership - Jim Aiken, Vice President

There are 10 new members added today.

<u>Current</u>	<u>7/12/20</u>
Membership 108	131
\$7,866.00	\$8,104
New Members 4	7
<u>Current</u>	<u>7/12/20</u>

Returning Members 104 124.

Pay by Check or Cash 87

Pay by PayPal 21

Membership Numbers:

Basic up to \$25 = 38, Protector \$26-49 = 8, Defender \$50-74 = 22,

Champion \$75-99 = 4, Hero \$100+ = 36 Total 108

Opt out of web posting of name = 0

Website listing = 108

Jim is always looking for articles for the newsletters.

7. Water Quality & Monitoring and Cyanobacteria Program- Steve Craig, Water Quality Coordinator

Due to Covid, no samplings were done on the lake and tributaries last year.

We are up and running this year for sampling. Spots are open for people to be on a sampling team.

8. Lake Host - David Lajoie, Lake Host Coordinator

Dave gave credit to the inspectors who are employed by NH Lakes. There are 5 inspectors who cover about 50 hours each week. Coverage began Memorial Day weekend and will end on Labor Day. 266 inspections have been completed as of today. There have only been two minor findings. He asked us to say thanks to the lake hosts when we walk by them. Due to inclement weather, particularly over the holiday weekends, the boat counts have been greatly reduced. Dave suggested we open a week early and close a week late so we can provide for coverage we are missing now. This would allow us receive more grant money for this program. There are some open time slots near the end of August that need to be filled.

ACTION: Lorie at our next board meeting there will be a discussion about requesting an increase funding from Towns of Effingham and Wakefield pending analysis of this year's activity to support an increase in staffing.

9. Dam, Bailey Rd Bridge and Beavers - Mark Hempton, Dam Master

The dam is in good shape. The lake is high due to all the recent rain. This time of year the dam boards are kept in to keep the lake level high. The boards are taken out for the winter to help prevent ice erosion of the lake shore. The Bailey Rd culvert is partially collapsed and will need repairing soon. Mike Cahalane, who is overseeing the culvert project for Effingham, gave a report on what's happening with the culvert. Chuck Fuller is the present Effingham selectman who attended the meeting. Hopefully steel

insert pipes will be installed soon until a more permanent solution is put in place. That solution would be to replace the culverts. The dam will still necessary. The Town reps indicated the funds would be available for this work.

10. Weed Watch - Tucker Vye

Fourteen weed watcher volunteers from June thru September have signed up for this year which covers 6 miles of shoreline. The good news is that Province Lake is invasive weed free due to the diligence of our weed watchers and hard work of our lake host inspectors. Unfortunately, not all watercraft are launched at the Towle Farm boat ramp which makes weed watching a critical job. Tucker said there is always a need for more volunteers. You do not need to be a property owner to volunteer for weed watching.

11. Loons - Thom Townsend & Steve Craig

Thom and Steve put out the nesting raft each year. There have been 3 loons on our lake, however, no eggs have been laid, thus no chicks this year. The nest will be taken out in the next few days. The loons are banded and it will be helpful to report any sightings of banded loons. This winter a loon was stranded in a small portion of ice. The water opened up but we don't know for sure if the loon made it off the lake.

12. Q&A

There is concern about tree clearing on the east side of 153 where Province Line Associates is clearing for another camp area. This is of concern given the 'regional' impact of the development. Province Line Associates had informed the PLA this work would occur and it was permitted through the Town of Wakefield. Concerned individuals should contact the Planning Board in Wakefield with concerns or questions.

Reminder - monthly beach cleanup second Saturday of each month. Volunteer count will provide for matching funds to the 319 Grant so the more the merrier at the clean ups.

Upcoming events: Beach Cleanup- Saturday, Aug 14, 10:00 am
Beach Cleanup- Saturday, Sept 11, 10:00 am
Beach Cleanup- Saturday, Oct 9, 10:00 am

The meeting adjourned at 11:00

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Luce, Secretary