

## Laker Parker Association Annual Meeting

West Glover, VT    Saturday June 15, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am by Brenda Plastridge, President with a warm welcome to all in attendance. There are 55 current members (2018) and more than 20% in attendance which constitutes a quorum. There were 12 members represented.

**Secretary's Report** –Copies of the 2018 report were circulated and reviewed by those present.

Joyce Croteau made a motion to accept the report as written and was seconded by John Wooten. Voted in the affirmative.

**Treasurer's Report** –Joyce Croteau, Treasurer presented the treasurer's report to the membership. Assets are \$32,375.57. Income year to date is \$1,915.14 which represents membership dues, contributions, and interest on CD's. Expenses totaled \$700.00, which consisted of website cost and fees for Glover Day tee-shirt sponsor and for insurance for a net income of \$1,215.14.

Art Greenbaum made a motion to accept the report as written and was seconded by Randy Williams. Voted in the affirmative.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Water Quality:** -Art Greenbaum provided an annual written report. He summarized his attendance at the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds and information he learned from four speakers that presented valuable information. He made contact with a Mr. Mueller from Shadow Lake while there. He mentioned that he had the warning buoys ready and also now knows where the loon nesting signs are located. [report attached]

**Fish & Wildlife:** John Wooten reported that the state stocked the lake this year with 400 rainbow trout. Lake Parker remains on the list from Fish and Game to be stocked regularly and will officially be on the State list of stocking in 2020. In late May 2018 a study was conducted to count the fish in the lake by the Fish Biologist. The results of that survey have been released by the State. John checked into people's concerns about the cormorants on the lake and found they are a federally protected migratory bird so nothing can be done to rid the lake of these birds. A written report was provided by John. (report attached)

**Recreation:** Tim Plastridge thanked Ken Kasz and work crews for all the work that has been done in the past on the walking path. He thanked Steve and Clara Cutler for their early work on the trail cutting trees and clearing brush while cutting new slabs for walkways. A new bridge is being constructed over a drainage ditch in the south eastern end of the lake. Further work will be done on the walking path and all those that have expressed interest in helping will be contacted. New planking will be done on the metal

bridges on the trail. A boat social is scheduled for August 10 and a Hot Dog social is planned for July 13. Information was shared about these events and an email blast and posting on website will happen. A save the date paper was handed to all in attendance to help pass the word. Ron Ducham spoke of a jazz band that he is a member of. The band will be practicing on his deck at 3PM on July 20, so if you hear that sound on the lake feel free to float down and listen. The attendees had memories about them cruising the lake on Washburn's pontoon in the past and questions about that possibility again in the future. (report attached)

**Boat and Water Safety:** President Plastridge spoke for Steve Cutler in urging everyone to make sure boating procedures are followed especially in regards to flotation devices on kayaks and paddleboards. A reminder that Game Warden Mike Scott is very nearby and is a great resource for lake residents.

**Membership:** Ken Kasz reported on membership numbers for the last few years. He has several other lake residents in various sections of the lake interested in helping with membership and hopes to reach out to many more camp owners around the lake to increase membership. Some new camp owners have already been contacted.

## **Old Business**

Old business began with a thank you to Art and Sue Greenbaum for once again being the lead workers on our Green Up Day efforts around the lake.

President Plastridge recapped all the action taken since the last annual meeting with concerns to the phragmites plants/weeds presented by Madeline Ducham. A boat tour of the lake was set up with Josh M., a then DEC employee responsible for these issues. It was a very informative day and information was obtained about a permit process for "matting" these weeds.

Brenda reported that the dead tree issue brought up by Barb Scribner at last years meeting was forwarded to the State DEC where it was determined that the tree did not pose a threat and it was viable habitat for birds etc.

The research and findings of the directors concerning the Proposed Greeter program was updated. It has been determined this year that a Watercraft Observation program will be put in motion. Art Greenbaum will coordinate this effort which will have individuals just observing the number of boats that utilize the boat launch. Brenda Plastridge explained the "Watercraft Observation" form to document the information to attendees. Brenda also explained that we could not use the boat access area without a permit from the state.

The 2018 photo contest was discussed by Ken Kasz as not enough new photos were received to print a calendar for 2019. Pictures received this year will add to those from last year to make calendars for 2020 and we will have a "best of" calendar for 2021. He

explained the photo entry categories once again and urged all to participate and also to spread the word.

Our Glover Day sponsorship and promotional expense was talked about and Randy Williams spoke of the new community members committee that is helping the Rec. Dept. organize the Glover Day event.

Once again President Plastridge spoke of the importance of volunteers to help with any aspect. Much work is done by a few people and more involvement lightens the load.

An update on the website was given by Ken Kasz. Brenda and Ken had a conference call with Rebecca Litt to review what help the LPA needs with updating our website. Rebecca is versed in Word Press. Our website is not using the latest version of Word Press and will need to be updated. Ken and Brenda will put together a list of first steps and a plan for going forward.

### **Nomination and election of officers:**

Vice President 2 year term- A nomination committee motion was made to nominate Matt Sheehan as Vice President.

Secretary 2 year term- A nomination committee motion was made to nominate Joan Hudson as Secretary.

Treasurer 2 year term – A nomination committee report was made to nominate Joyce Croteau as Treasurer.

Ken Kasz made a motion to accept the slate of nominees presented and it was seconded by Art Greenbaum. There were no nominations from the floor, so Betsy Day motioned to cease nominations and asked the Secretary to cast a ballot for the slate presented. Tim Plastridge seconded and all officers were elected. Congratulations and thank you to all that serve the LPA.

### **New Business**

Plans for the photo contest and production of calendars through 2021 were once again explained briefly.

Madeline and Ron Ducham shared with the group their experience with permitting process for matting the weeds in front of their camp. They discussed some of the costs that they were likely going to incur.

Joyce Croteau also reviewed their process with the group.

President Plastridge shared some emails from Deb Litt with some helpful ideas she has learned during her permitting process and her process with selecting and applying matting in the lake.

A motion was made by Art Greenbaum to appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to assist those pioneers of the weed matting process. Seconded by Betsy Day. There was very much discussion around this point and during this conversation Art withdrew his motion. It was determined that volunteer physical help would be much more valuable to those people matting their location. There was a general consensus among attendees that a volunteer group would help if needed.

Betsy Day shared with us news about a fundraiser at the West Glover church on June 22 and the Pioneer Day camp activities. Randy Williams updated everyone on the Farmers Market in Glover as well as Ambulance memberships

Suggestions for more promotion and notifications were shared...the kiosk by mail boxes, front porch forum as well as more use of website and email blasts as well as face to face promotions.

Madeline and Ron Ducham offered to host an early season coffee hour next Memorial Day weekend. This will be coordinated with the Chair of the Recreation Committee.

**Door prizes** were won by – Art Greenbaum, Randy Williams, Carol Klinger, Madeline Ducham, and John Wooten.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Art Greenbaum to adjourn and seconded by John Wooten. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Tim Plastridge (Joan Hudson was not able to attend).