

LAKE PARKER ASSOCIATION POT-LUCK DINNER AND ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 10, 2004

There was a large crowd that attended the dinner and annual meeting. Prior to the dinner many of those attending enjoyed playing Lake Parker Bingo which allowed folks to intermingle and get to know one another.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm.

The first order of business was the introduction of officers.

Announcements:

On July 17 at 9:00am people who wish to work on the walking path will meet at Marilyn Morin's camp.

There will be a meeting, tentatively set for August 20, with representatives from the State Environmental Department for information on milfoil and other invasive water plants. We will invite the other local lake associations and the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting will be at the West Glover Church.

Jim Currier announced that on Sunday July 25 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm there would be an Evening of Musical Grace at the Glover Community Church and all were invited.

The minutes from the 2003 meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report were read and accepted.

Committee Reports:

Land Use and Conservation: Madeline Ducham discussed what the committee has done over the past 10 years. She talked about the threat of Eurasian milfoil and hydrilia. Nick Ecker-Racz, selectman, offered the use of the town hall to watch the video Madeline has about milfoil in Maine. Madeline will be making up flyers about milfoil to be posted in camps. The idea of a boat washing station was brought up again this year. Questions that were raised were: Do we have the funds to build and maintain one? And do we have the volunteers to man the washing station? There was also discussion about closing the unofficial boat launch at the south end of the lake. We would need to work with the state and the town in order to do this. There was a suggestion to request to the Agency of Natural Resources to lock the boat access after a certain hour.

Federation of Vermont Association of Lakes and Ponds: John Washburn explained the purpose of the federation. John said that the annual meeting is July 26 at the Vermont Technical College, 9:00am to 3:00pm. The focus of this meeting will be education. There have been seminars the past two summers on milfoil, zebra mussels, water chesnuts and other invasive aquatic plants. The federation also monitors legislation. John

asked if there was anyone else who would be interested in representing Lake Parker as he and his wife Lynn would like to step down. Diane Barnes and Douglas Duncan came forward and said that they would like to attend the meeting this year.

Water Quality: Bob Richards stated that the clarity in the lake was not bad for the amount of rain we have gotten. He had a reading of 5 meters using the sici disk. If any one finds suspicious looking weeds in the lake give them to Bob as a person from the state comes every 2 weeks to look at any he has.

Camp Security: Bob Richards stated that there had been no break in.

Weed Harvesting: The weed cutter will be ready to go this weekend. It is located at Jeff Millette's house. Anyone needing to be checked out on it can contact Jeff Millette, John Washburn or Glen Barber. Everyone was reminded to keep track of the amount of time spend looking for weeds, cutting, pulling and raking weeds and to report them to Jeff Millette. There is a box on the side of the boathouse which has a notebook in it to record hours.

Boat Safety: Lorna Kiley handed out sheets on boating safety which should be posted at each camp.

Fishing: The Lake was stocked with 500 rainbow trout. There will be no fishing derby again this year.

New Business:

The kid's camp will be 8/14 at Teri Johnson's camp. The registration fee will be \$10. Teri is asking for the LPA to donate \$50. Motion to donate \$50 was made and passed.

Grants from the state are getting smaller and we need to be careful how we spend money.

Marilyn read a letter from Mary Ann Fletcher in regards to making a donation for the fireworks. It was decided that we could put a jar at the meeting next year and folks can make individual donations, they can also donate at the Lake Parker Store. It was decided that the LPA would not make a donation for the fireworks.

There was a suggestion made to raise dues but the question was raised if we raise dues will we lower the membership. It was suggested that we work to increase the number of members and if we do raise the fees we need to be able to show the need to increase them. A motion was made and passed to move the idea of raising dues back to the board for further study and report back.

Chuck Holden heads up the membership committee and ask for volunteers. Madeline Ducham and Diane Barnes said they will hand out membership forms when they hand out the conservation pamphlets.

Randy Williams talked about the ambulance squad being in need of volunteers. He reminded everyone that they should have the 911 numbers clearly posted on camps. Reflective 911 numbers can be purchased from the ambulance squad and people can get the file of life forms from the Agency on Aging.

Glover Days is Saturday July 31. Volunteers were sought to man the table the LPA shares with the Shadow Lake Association. Diane Barnes and Madeline Ducham said that they will do it.

Donations:

Motions were made and passed to make the following donation:

\$50 to Bob Richards to help defray the cost of gas Bob used on camp security – Chuck Holden was opposed as he felt some people may feel that Bob checks some camps instead of theirs because they aren't always there to see him.

West Glover church \$50

Fire Dept \$250

Glover Days \$75

A thank you was expressed to Sharon Smith for providing the flowers for the tables and to those who helped out in the kitchen.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.