

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
LAKE PARKER ASSOCIATION, INC.

July 17, 1972

The first annual meeting of the Lake Parker Association, Inc. was held in the West Glover church vestry on Monday, July 17, 1972 at 7:30 p.m. with the president, Mrs. Evelyn Buchler presiding.

Since minutes of the previous organizational meeting had been mailed to all members by the secretary, Mrs. Marjory Bickford, it was voted to accept the report as received.

Following the reading and acceptance of the treasurer's report the president explained some legal aspects of being incorporated. The association can now employ, buy and sell property, has a seal, and is tax exempt. It is understood that if ever the association becomes defunct such assets as it may possess shall be transferred to another legal group with purposes similar to ours.

The purposes of group efforts within this organization were decided to be those needed to keep abreast of current federal, state, and local developments affecting the lake and its ecology so the organization could have a concerned voice in any changes. Local beautification projects of a permanent nature were also suggested.

The secretary was instructed to contact the Glover selectmen to ask their cooperation with our group by notifying us of any meeting of theirs where issues relating to Lake Parker were to be considered and to ask their permission for a representative of our group to sit in on that part of their meeting.

Samples of various weeds, algae and gunk collected on the day of this meeting from both ends and each side of the lake were on display and there was a great deal of discussion of cause and effect.

A 1971 map of the lake showing the number and ownership of camps around it was offered for correction by the president who had had it made. A new map will

be made for 1972-73.

The previously distributed proposed by-laws were accepted as printed with the exception that officers should now hold a term of two years instead of the proposed one year and all standing committees should have staggered expiration dates so not more than half its members will be new each year.

The president appointed Floyd Taylor as our contact with the Shadow Lake Association which is similarly concerned with lake matters in the town of Glover.

Different ways of raising money were discussed. Our first effort will be a food sale Saturday morning at ten o'clock in Barton on August 19. The nominating committee was empowered to appoint a ways and means chairman to act when special funds were needed.

Ted Adams, pollution committee chairman, reported that the trash barrel at the state access area is not emptied with any regularity and is NOT to be used by the people in surrounding camps. All campers should be conscious of their image and take proper care of their own trash. For a small fee, it will be collected, or it must be taken to the town dump north of Barton on the Orleans road which is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding manure in the run-off of streams entering the lake and it was learned that Mr. Reynolds, state investigator for the Vermont Water Resources Board, has been at Lake Parker to track sources of this pollution. It was suggested that Mr. Adams present the exact wording of the various laws that affect control of the various kinds of pollution discovered around the lake. At the next meeting some action within the law may then be planned if forms of pollution still exist.

As chairman of the water safety committee, Rene Monette reported that there is no law in relation to the surface size of the lake and the size of the

boat that may operate thereon. The law does state that power boats should operate 200' from shore which will protect swimmers if the law is enforced. Since there have been numerous complaints of boats too close to bathers and to various camp docks, campers are asked to report these violations to Mr. Monette. As a legal organization, we are now able to take some kind of legal action against constant offenders.

When making a report of a violation note the date, the time of day, the boat number, witnesses if any, and give a brief statement of the offense. Sign your name and give the report to Mr. Monette or any officer. A first warning will be sent the offender immediately. If after three warnings the offense is repeated, legal action may be taken by the association. A suggestion was made that this plan also apply to cars speeding around the lake areas. Asking the proper agency for pedestrian signs to be posted along the lake roads was advocated.

Paul Hanson as chairman of the land use and conservation committee presented related printed material. Since pollution is so closely related to this topic, it was voted that Mr. Hanson and Mr. Adams be co-chairmen of this combined committee.

Although Mr. Emerson still has the case, little legal data is yet available on ownership of the sluice gates. It was recommended that a letter be sent the Glover selectmen signed by various members of the organization stating that it has been over a year since information was requested and we would appreciate their definite answer to the ownership of the water gates since it is vitally essential to have the water level established. (The day after this meeting, Mr. Taylor received a letter from Mr. Emerson with the needed information and suggestions for handling the problem.)

A complete copy of the interchange of correspondence between Arnold Smith and the Vermont Fish and Game Department was placed on file with the secretary.

Dr. Smith as chairman of the committee on fishing, then summarized the information. In May and again in June of 1972, the lake was stocked with 1000 steelhead of legal size. The last state check of the lake and its fish was in 1966 which showed no lack of fish. If fish are harder to catch, the report stated that it is because of the plenteous hiding places among the weeds. This lake is classified as a "rich" lake, meaning it has abundant aquatic growth. Below 30' the oxygen content is too low to support fish life. The greatest depth was stated to be 42'.

Dean Bailey as chairman of the committee on home protection told of his frequent winter checks for storm damage to the camps of those who requested this service. He is also to be commended for efforts to organize a teen-age service group who will do yard work in summer or shovel roofs in winter.

The meeting closed with the recommendation that our first priority be the elimination of seaweed from the lake and other related pollution problems.

Refreshments of coffee and cookies were served by Joane Barber during the half hour social time following the close of the meeting. About 55 people were present.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gladys Rives
Secretary, Iro tem

Treasurer's Report for the year 1971-'72 of the Lake Parker Association, Inc. West Glover, Vermont

Income

Receipts

Rec'd - 160.00
Pd. out - 139.24

20.76

Dues 8/16/71 - 21 @ \$5.00 = 105.00
5 @ 3.00 = 15.00

Gifts for Incorporation fund - - - 40.00

Total Income

53.32
160.00 dues pd - 61.00
7/17/72

Paid Out

Food sale contrib - 2.50
dues M. Bickf. had listed on Sep. paper 28.00

144.83

Check book, stamps, paper, etc - - - 14.24

Couns, Rachlin + Martin (lawyers) PP 125.00

Total Disbursements 139.24

Balance \$20.76 accounted for as follows

Check book 17.52

Petty Cash 3.24

Paid out for stamps from Petty cash 7/6/72 1.44

Added to check book 7/17/72

Balance of Petty Cash = 1.80

Spd. { 2 late '71+'72 dues @ \$3.00 = 6.00
5 1972+'73 " " 5.00 = 25.00
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Balance in check book 7/17/72 - 53.32

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Respectfully
Margaret Bickf.
Treasurer