

LAKE PARKER ASSOCIATION POT-LUCK DINER AND ANNUAL MEETING JULY 09, 2005

There was a large crowd that attended the dinner and annual meeting again this year.

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

The first order of business was the introduction officers and new members to the LPA.

Minutes of the 2004 meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Committee Reports:

Land Use and Conservation: Madeline Ducham reminded us that what we do on our property effects the lake, such as fertilizing lawns near the lake and having a buffer strip helps to filter runoff before it enters the lake. The George Young's offered siberian irises from their garden to use as a buffer strip. Anyone wanting some just needs to call them to set up a time to get the irises. Madeline made flyers to post in camps regarding milfoil. The Trudell's offered to hand out the flyers to camps on West Shore Road and Monette Place and Madeline will do the east side. Any suspicious looking weeds can be taken to Bob Richard's place as someone from the state comes twice a month to pick them up. They need to be put in a jar and left on his kitchen table. Randy Williams spoke about the ditching that was done on the east side by the town and there were also more culverts put in. This was done to divert runoff and was approved by a state inspector. Any concerns regarding drainage can be taken to Madeline.

Water Quality: Bob Richards stated that the sicci disk was visible at 4 meters on a cloudy day. In the sunlight and with the algae bloom that occurred the reading was only 2 meters. The heavy downpours that we had did wash a lot of sediment in the lake. The algae bloom is not harmful but did contribute to the fish kill. There was much discussion about milfoil and it was noted that 58 lakes in Vermont have milfoil.

Week Harvesting: The weed cutter is housed at Jeff Millette's camp and can be used by anyone who has been checked out on it. The life jackets are inside the boat house and there is a box on the side of the boat house with a notebook for people to record where they cut and time spent. People were reminded that we receive money for not just cutting weeds but also for looking for weeks, pulling weeds, and raking weeds, so please keep track of the time spent. Lynn Washburn suggested that if several people wanted to learn to use the weed cutter that perhaps it could be done as a group.

Camp Safety: The Burn camp was broken into and a bottle of wine was taken along with a lawn ornament.

Fishing: It was not known if the lake had been stocked.

Water Safety: Lorna Kiley handed out sheets on water and boating safety.

Other Business:

The mailing of membership cards was discussed and due to the cost of the cards and the cost of the mailings it was voted on to no longer send them.

Discussed the 2nd meeting in August. In the past it had been an educational meeting but these types of meetings had not been successful and were a lot of work and expensive. It was suggested that the 2nd meeting be dessert and coffee and spend the time discussing what we had accomplished and what still needed to be done. A motion was made and passed to have the meeting on 8/13 and it would be a potluck.

Glover Day is 7/30.

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the pressure washer at the boat house. A \$300 donation was made by Don Mayward and Brett Urie to be used towards the purchase of a pressure washer. There was a suggestion for volunteers to form a committee to figure out the logistics to getting a pressure washer. The Shadow Lake Association is willing to send someone over to discuss how they built theirs. Douglas Duncan, Bob Richards and Randy Williams will form a committee to see about this. Susan Adams may know of someone who would be willing to donate a horse trailer to keep the washer in. Both Ron Ducham and Chuck Holden have hot water heaters they will donate. A motion was made and passed to send a letter to those who donated the \$300 letting them know about the committee and if nothing happens with the pressure washer the money will be returned.

The LPA web site has not been changed since last fall and Marilyn Morin asked if anyone would be willing to take over maintaining it. Larry Peck volunteered to do this.

The LPA maps were last done in 2002 and Marilyn Morin is willing to make changes to it next spring but the cost is an issue as it is over \$300 to print them. A motion was made and passed to print them and charge for them or if we decide to raise the dues that money will be used.

The bridges for the walking path washed away. We were offered old ladders from the fire department to use as bridges but they are very heavy so it will take equipment to get them into place. At 7/23 at 9:00am anyone interested in working on the walking path can meet at the Barnes' camp. Skip Borell will be in charge. John Urie and others will be going in this week to chain saw downed trees on the path.

Douglas Duncan discussed raising the annual dues. A motion was made to raise the dues to \$50 and was seconded. There was much discussion around this issue, such as will we lose members if we raise the dues and what will we spend the money on. The motion to raise the dues was withdrawn and another motion was made that the board meet before the next meeting with a budget as to expenditures and vote at the next meeting whether or not to raise dues. This motion was tabled as new officers needed to be elected. Joyce Croteau discussed having a membership drive but volunteers would be needed to do this. Lynn Washburn suggested getting back to welcome packages and going door to door and talking to people.

Douglas Duncan spoke about the Federation of Vermont Association of Lakes and Ponds and would like to take a specific message back to the Governor. The key issues raised were better state funding and better involvement from state in battling milfoil. A motion was made to allow our representatives to make statements on behalf of the LPA but this motion was withdrawn as it was felt to be too open. It was then determined for the representatives to ask for help from the state in financing the boat washing station.

Election of Officers: President: Randy Williams
Vice President: Becky Holden
Secretary: Sharon Smith
Treasurer: Joyce Croteau

Committees: Land Use and Conservation: Madeline Ducham
Water Quality: Bob Richards
Camp Safety: Bob Richards
Weed Harvesting: Jeff Millette
Fishing: Terri Johnson
Water Safety: Lorna and Don Kiley

Donations: West Glover Church \$50
Glover Days \$75
Fire Department \$250
Bob Richards for gas \$75

Meeting was adjourned.