

# Lake Parker Association (LPA) Annual Meeting

West Glover, Vermont      Saturday July 8, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:16 a.m. by Brenda Plastridge, President with a welcome and a thank you to all attendees. There are currently 62 paid members in the LPA and 1 associate member. There were 28 voting memberships in attendance which represents more than the 20% of membership needed for a quorum to hold the meeting. There were 39 individuals in attendance and 1 proxy. The meeting notice was posted on the Lake Parker Association (LPA) website on June 26, 2023 and e-mailed and mailed to those with no email address, to members on June 28, 2023, satisfying the notice requirement.

**Secretary's Report**—A copy of the minutes from the July 9, 2022 annual meeting was provided in the packet of reports and information. Brenda Plastridge stated that the minutes had been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors and posted to the LPA website.

**Treasurer's Report**—Joyce Croteau spoke of the reports included in packet (see attached), last year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Joyce reviewed the period January 1, 2023 to date. \$2,000.00 received to date in donations.

A motion was made by John Wooten to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented and seconded by Art Greenbaum. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:** (SEE ALL WRITTEN COMMITTEE REPORTS ATTACHED)

Highlights of:

**Boat and Water Safety:** Steve Cutler shared observations of safety devices with paddle boarders. He also shared observations of larger faster boats on Lake Parker. Steve mentioned the changes in weather patterns and how the weather directly affects the lake.

**Membership:** Linda Alderton mentioned the increase in membership and Brenda Plastridge thanked Linda for the hard work she has done to increase membership.

**Recreation:** Tim Plastridge mentioned that the walking path remains too wet for use and the Ice Cream Boat Toss held on Monday July 3 was very well received. A boat social is scheduled for Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> with a backup date of Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Water Quality:** Mike Pierce provided a review from the cutting of phragmites which took place last fall. Luke Hardt sprayed the phragmites just once. 90-92% have been removed from shoreline and 75% have been removed from the water. There will be a weed removal work bee on Saturday July 22, or Sunday July 30, or August 6<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed.

Mike covered the purchase of the LaMotte water sampler and the ability to obtain a phosphorus level at the bottom of the lake. Mike said the level of phosphorus has been stable and the LaMotte sampler will provide even more information.

Mike spoke of the LakeWise Program and the importance of shoreline buffers to filter sediment especially phosphorus from entering the lake. The State of VT assists with a plan to plant filter type plants such as blueberries. Lakes such as Seymour have had great success with the program. For more information go to [waterqualitychairman.org](http://waterqualitychairman.org) and contact Mike Pierce if interested. There was a workshop held on June 24<sup>th</sup> with Shadow Lake. A question was asked about the Town of Glover Road Crews involvement regarding roads and culverts.

Brenda Plastridge mentioned the scheduled Waste Water Workshop on July 29<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 12:30 at the Glover Town Hall.

**Fish and Wildlife:** John Wooten shared that 900 rainbow trout were stocked in the lake and the loon nesting raft platform was installed which the loons did not nest on therefore the raft will be removed. Eric Hanson, biologist with Vermont Center of Eco studies recommends moving the raft to another lake as the loons will likely never use it at Lake Parker.

A tube container/receptacle will be installed at the fishing access/boat launch for disposal of lead weights and fishing line.

John Wooten provided an update on the wake boat petition and shared that Lake Parker area response has been very strong.

**Old Business:** John Wooten expanded on the update on wake boat petition. The State of Vermont continues to move forward with compromise of 500 feet and 50 acres. Vermonters are supporting the 1,000 feet and 60 acres. There is a meeting scheduled in Montpelier, Tuesday August 1 at 4:00 pm on the Statehouse lawn. Also a second virtual meeting scheduled for Thursday August 3. Need to sign up in advance to speak.

Ken Kasz covered results of the wake boat survey:

- 1) Support wake boat petition = 92% yes
- 2) Support distance of 1,000 feet = 88% yes
- 3) Eligible area of Lake Parker for wake sports = 81% yes

If we wish to actually ban wake boats from lake, need a special reason like the presence of invasive species or some other special situation.

- 1) John Wooten made a motion to continue to support the RWVL petition to regulate wake boats and seconded by Ken Kasz. Motion carried.
- 2) John Wooten made a motion to encourage VT ANR to use 1,000 ft rule and seconded by Joe Laferriere. Motion carried.

3) John Wooten made a motion for the LPA to support and file a separate independent petition to ban wake sports on Lake Parker if the ANR regulation, when enacted, still allows wake sports in eligible areas on Lake Parker. Motion carried.

4) If the LPA files a separate, independent petition to ban wake sports on Lake Parker, the LPA will need to form a committee to work on this.

Brenda Plastridge covered the Lake Parker Association status of 501(c)(4) therefore the association can lobby for the lake. This is all volunteer work and there are no LPA funds expended for this work.

**Nomination and election of officers:** Nominations committee consisting of Ken Kasz, Mike Pierce and John Wooten. Two open board positions are Vice President and Secretary. The nominating committee presented Charise Baker for 2 year Secretary term and no one for the Vice President position. When nominations were requested from the floor, Joyce Croteau nominated Tim Plastridge, seconded by Rachel Blanchard to fill the 2 year term for Vice President. Tim agreed and since there were no other nominations the below were presented:

Vice President/2 year term – Tim Plastridge

Secretary/2 year term ---Charise Baker

A motion was made by Ken Kasz to accept the nominations as presented with the addition of Tim Plastridge for Vice President and seconded by Steve Cutler that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate presented. Motion carried with an affirmative vote by membership..

#### **New Business:**

Brenda Plastridge thanked members for their generous monetary donations. Brenda mentioned book donation/swap container at Andrea Neil's house on Parker Road.

Peggy Day Gibson spoke on behalf of the Glover Trails Committee and a plan to mark the Black Hills and Lake Parker loop providing maps with historical information.

**Adjournment-** A motion was made by Steve Cutler and seconded by Sue Greenbaum to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Hudson, Secretary

Minutes approved by Board of Directors at a meeting held on October 21, 2023.

