

Lake Parker Association (LPA) Annual Meeting 07/13/24

Meeting called to order by President Brenda Plastridge at: 9:17 am

There are currently 65 paid members in the LPA. There were 24 voting memberships in attendance which represents more than the 20% of membership needed for a quorum to hold the meeting. There were 33 individuals in attendance. The meeting notice was posted on the LPA website, emailed and mailed to those with no email address, to members on July 2, 2024, satisfying the notice requirement.

Secretary Report:

Brenda Plastridge stated that the minutes from the 2023 annual meeting had been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at the 10/21/23 meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Joyce Croteau spoke of the reports included in the packet (see attached), last year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Joyce reviewed the period January 1, 2024 to date. Joyce stated that the net income for 2023 was 29.6% greater than the previous year. 2024 year to date information includes \$1620.00 in contributions, \$3713.71 in total income and a net income of \$3346.19.

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

Committee Reports: (SEE ALL WRITTEN COMMITTEE REPORTS ATTACHED)

Highlights include:

Membership:

During 2023 through June of this year, a total of 6 lakefront properties changed hands: 2 on Monette Place, 2 on Access Lane and 2 on Parker Road. In addition, several other properties were sold that were off-lake and within the Lake Parker watershed. New this year, LPA is offering a Visitor's Guide that our members can provide to their guests/renters. This bi-fold pamphlet highlights information on boating, fishing, local ordinances, eco-friendly practices and where to find basic supplies and essential services in the immediate area.

A question was asked about identifying AirBnb properties available on the lake. It was determined that the best way to find this information was to search the AirBnb website.

Water Quality:

With the summer season upon us we have started our third season of water sampling with the LaRosa Partnership Program. Results from past years can be found on our website. Lake Parker is now officially a 'stressed' lake due to phosphorus levels. These levels could be a direct result of the flooding in 2023.

The phragmites are nearly 100% gone on the south end of the lake. There are plans to do another cutting the third week of August and hand massaging in September.

If you see phragmite around the lake, please let Mike know.

Five property owners have done the Lake Wise Program assessment on their properties and at least 3 more homeowners have scheduled assessments for this summer. Contact Alison Marchione for an assessment at alison.marchione@vermont.gov or 802-490-6128.

There is concern about the ability to avoid runoff from drainage ditches into the lake. It was felt that adding rocks to the ditches would help. Mike intends to advocate for Lake Parker during the upcoming winter season. Mike has requested that other property owners sign up for a Lake Wise assessment. Having many homeowners participating in this program shows due diligence from Lake Parker. There is some concern about the time lapse between the assessment and receiving the results.

There was a question and answer period that includes the following:

Q: Is the Lake Wise program only for lake front properties?

A: Mike is unsure and will follow up. Mike offered to bring flowering plants from his home if needed.

Q: Who monitors the manure pits in the area?

A: LPA hasn't any control over this. It would be up to the town to address.

Q: Can I cut the growth from the water in front of our property?

A: No! There are 17 kinds of aquatic plants in the lake. Four are considered rare. There is a very large fine associated with the cutting back of any aquatic plants. A list of these plants is available on the LPA website. There are currently no invasive species in the lake.

Boat & Water Safety:

Through the end of last year and beginning of this year we have not received any complaints of dangerous or unthoughtful operation of boats. As a camp owner, and possible renter of your camp, we ask that you post the information that is provided in your resource guide so anyone from your location understands the rules for what is required when participating in water sports on the lake. For example- There must be a life jacket on a stand-up board. Brenda suggested that if you feel comfortable, feel free to address any paddle boarders without any PFDs. Just let them know that there is a hefty fine if caught without having one. Let them know they do not need to wear them but must have one on the board with them.

Fish & Wildlife:

The Committee has been involved in these various endeavors this year:

1. Facilitating the State's stocking of Lake Parker with 850 trout. Please inform the LPA with information about the fish (kind/size) caught in the lake.
2. Viewing and reviewing reports from others of eagle and other bird sightings.
3. Assisting with the removal of the nuisance beavers at the south end of the Lake.
4. Observing various wildlife around the lake.
5. Participating in the Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes (RWVL) volunteer committee meetings and reviewing the State's progress regarding the use of wake boats on VT lakes.
6. Preparation of an independent petition to prohibit wake sports on Parker Lake with a submission date possibly in August.

7. Monitoring the VT Fish and Wildlife website.
8. Working with VT Center for Ecological Studies concerning the loons nesting and eggs. The loon nest platform will be moved to another lake next year.
9. Working with the VT Center for Eco Studies, emptying the lead weight and fishing line disposal receptacle. The receptacle has been modified to prevent trash disposal.

Discussion included information about a Fish and Wildlife program for kids called Let's go Fishing. It was suggested that fish hooks have the barbs removed/bent down for ease of catch and release. It was suggested that if you observe boats operating in wake sports mode within the 500 foot shoreline buffer zone to notify the Game Warden. A picture of the boat and trailer would help.

Recreation:

Mother Nature upended the end of summer after the July flood. Neighbors helped neighbors recover from that event. The flood heavily damaged the walking path and the path was closed as a result. It remains closed to date. Repairing the path will be a main focus for this summer. The goal is to have the walking path open by fall foliage season. There is another Lake social planned for this summer with a date yet to be determined. Please contact Tim with any ideas for community events around the lake.

Nomination and election of officers:

The Nomination committee of Ken Kasz, Tim Plastridge and Linda Alderton presented the following slate of candidates:

President	2 year term	Brenda Plastridge
Treasurer	2 year term	Joyce Croteau
Membership Chair	2 year term	Linda Alderton
Water Quality Chair	2 year term	Michael Pierce
Boat and Water Safety Chair	2 year term	Steve Cutler
Recreation Chair	2 year term	Tim Plastridge
Fish and Wildlife Chair	2 year term	John Wooten

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Tim Plastridge and seconded by Charise Baker to accept the nominations as presented. Motion carried with an affirmative vote by the membership.

Old Business:

Update on Wake Boats/Rules and the LPA Wake Boat Petition:

Vermont is the only state with wake sport regulations. The ANR's rule concerning wake sports took effect on 04/15/2024. This ruling results in an eligible wake sports zone of some 88 acres near the center of Lake Parker. The individual petition to prohibit wake sports on Lake Parker has support from the Town of Glover (co-sponsor) and letters of support from VT Eco Studies, FOVLAP, Pioneer Camp and the Glover Planning Board. The goal is to have the petition ready for submission in August. The ANR plans to review petitions from Lake Parker and other surrounding lakes sometime in the fall.

New Business:

The LPA has a new mailing address: P.O. Box 157 Glover, VT 05839 . Mail will begin being forwarded to this box in a few weeks.

Repairs to the walking path:

The LPA will take the lead on the repair of the walking path. The original bridge will be reused. Mr. Tetreault has given the LPA permission to access the land and make the repairs. There are additional costs associated with the repairs that exceed the LPA spending limits. Art Greenbaum motioned for an expenditure of \$1500.00 be granted to the board. Steve Goldstein seconded and the motion passed. There was concern that amount might not be enough and it was suggested that perhaps the Trail Committee could help supplement any additional costs. Tim stated that old snowmobile tracks were available to use on the slippery bog bridges.

Any homeowners concerned about speeding on their roads were encouraged to contact the Orleans County Sheriff's department.

Any homeowners with concerns about the lake were encouraged to reach out to the Fish and Wildlife Warden.

Concerns about trees and debris blocking the outlet were addressed. Brenda stated that last year LPA did contact the Agency of Natural Resources specifically about large trees in the lake and they said they could only be moved to the shoreline if it infringed on boating or swimming access. If it looks like the debris could damage the dam, the Agency might be more responsive; John W. to check with state agencies.

Upcoming dates:

Saturday 07/27: Glover Day

Sunday 07/28: Chicken BBQ at the West Glover Church

Saturday 08/03: Free concert at the West Glover Church to include a potluck dinner and a jam session after the concert.

Joyce thanked Brenda and Tim for the great job they do for the LPA.

Adjournment- A motion was made by Ken Kasz and seconded by Mike Pierce to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Charise Baker, Secretary

Approved by the Board of Directors at the 08/28/24 meeting.