

**LLPPA Minutes
Annual Meeting 2014
July 5th, 2014 – 10 AM**

Meeting called to order by President Sauer at 10:10am

Welcome

Welcome back to Long Pond.

Secretary's Report Fall 2013

Secretary's report summarized from the fall meeting –

* Maddy and Roger Ferland and Judy Schur were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and gift cards for all of their years of service.

*Ed talked about the purchase of two gas grills for use at the picnics and that they can be used by Association members.

*Jim Beard, Chair of the Lempster Conservation Committee, spoke about the Long Pond Forest. The town of Lempster has voted to put the Long Pond Forest into a Conservation Easement. Lempster would still retain ownership of the property and there still will be a variety of recreational uses allowed. There will be restrictions such as no sub-divisions and mining. The Conservation Easement will protect the land from being developed. The property will still be used for hiking, fishing, etc. the easement will allow the town to use forest management procedures. A motion to donate \$500 to the Forest Society was made, seconded and the motion carried.

* Ideas to broaden the Lake Host program with more volunteers were discussed. Jim Beard said that Sand Pond has money through their dues, \$10.00 per member, which allows them to have more funding for the monitors. A motion was made to have the Association allocate \$150.00 to the Lake Host Program for out of pocket expenses. The motion was amended to donate up to \$150.00 in expenses with receipts to be able to be reimbursed. Motion and amendment carried.

*Motion made and carried to donate \$125.00 to the Loon Preservation Society was made.

* Nola Gerrits handed out the annual water report. The State average of PH in the pond is 6.6 and we are low, 5.5 to 5.8.

*The Treasurers report was given. TD Bank account closed and account opened with Sunapee Bank with three officers as signers.

*A motion was made and carried to make a donation of to the Lempster Fire/Rescue of \$500.00.

Motion to accept Secretary's report was made, seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasure's Report given

Starting balance: \$7591.80

Expenses: \$140.00 utilities
 \$98.80 bank fees
 \$725.00 gifts and donations
 \$152.92 office supplies
 \$27.60 postage

\$625.00 grills
\$39.64 paper ink office supplies
\$463.47 picnic

Ending available balance: \$6638.80

Motion made to accept Treasurer's report, Motion seconded and motion carried.

Election of Officers

Ed asked if anyone wanted to nominate anyone new to be officers. Current officers are as follows:

President: Ed Sauer

Vice President: Billy McKone

Secretary: Synthia Liska

Treasurer: Linda Angelillo

Motion made to keep existing officers, motion seconded and carried.

New Business

Member asked about our 501c3 status. Ed explained that we currently are not a 501c3 and unless we want to go that way, we will not pursue. David Beckman asked if we are getting any large donations, which are not the case. Ed said that he would be happy to talk about that if we wanted to pursue it. Because of our low income, there isn't a tax benefit to becoming a 501c3.

Maddy Ferland stated that she did not get a letter this year in the mail. Ed will make sure the individuals who requested a hard copy of notices receive it.

Fall Meeting 8/31/2014, 10 AM followed by Picnic

Wrong date put on the agenda. Fall Picnic is 8/31/2014. Ed said that we have two new tanks for the grills. We are looking for volunteers to help cook. Grills and tables are available for members to use.

Moments in memory

Ed asked if anyone has any knowledge of anyone that has passed away on the pond to see Synthia and let her know so we can update our records. Arthur St.Martin passed away recently.

Dedication, of the pavilion, at our fall meeting in honor of Roger Ferland

A plaque will be purchased for the occasion. In the fall, at the meeting, the pavilion will be dedicated to Roger Ferland. The town has agreed with this dedication to Roger Ferland and that we may erect a plaque. Ed is asking what type of plaque and asked the group of we could spend between \$200.00 and \$400.00. Bill McKone. recommends that we do not go to the Bronze plaques because they are being stolen from around the state. Ed was thinking aluminum. Motion made for a small committee to pursue this. Motion seconded and carried. Looking for people to give ideas how to word plaque, design ideas and places to obtain a plaque.

DUES should be paid at this time

Dues are 5.00 for individual and 10.00 per family

Request for "volunteer recycling" at the transfer station

Ed has a handful of brochures about the savings we can realize by recycling. Our taxes help the running of the transfer station. The town is currently not considering pay by the bag. Ed is asking everyone to be diligent about recycling which will in turn cut down on expenses at the transfer station which will help our taxes. All volunteer since Lempster does not have mandatory recycling.

Pond draw down this fall

Plan is for early October – Columbus Day Weekend...then draw down. The boards go back in as soon as the ice at the dam is out. This year it was the third week in April.

*The flowers by the dam. Who does them and where are they? Synthia explained they were purchased but stolen.

*Speed limit signs need to be posted and clear.

*Status on Mountain Road repair. Ed explained that a year ago we put in for a state grant and we were not approved. Currently there is nothing in the works for this. Lovejoy road is the worst road in Lempster. We have about 48 miles of roads in this town and a lot of them have gone back to gravel. We have 4 people on the Lempster Highway dept.

*Two baby loons were born May 24th

Old Business

Lake Host Volunteers are needed again to help staff the program this season

* Synthia Liska the new Point Person

* The grant we received for this year is \$1250.00. This means that the paid Hosts can cover 250 hours for the season which runs May to October. 56.5 hours need to be covered by volunteers. We need to at least match the 1250.00. The more coverage, the more inspections, the more inspections, the more money in grants, means more hours for paid hosts which means LESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

Trained Lake Hosts staff boat ramps to:

- * Educate visiting boaters about aquatic invasive species (plants and animals)
- * Conduct a brief boater survey
- * Conduct courtesy boat and trailer inspections to remove all hitchhiking aquatic invasive species and teach boaters how to do so
- * Send suspicious species fragments to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for identification
- * Synthia can hold a training if members would like and have a sign up for volunteers. Even one hour!!!!

*Monthly email to go out with link to calendar to encourage volunteers.

*Question is, would it be any help if we raised our dues, could it be put towards a paid host. Instead of raising the dues, ask people to donate variable monies. Motion was made to double the dues and seconded. Discussion was if we bring it up on the following meeting but Ed said we should take care of it now. Motion amended to add the extra dues to Lake Host – This would take effect for next year. This might have some ramifications with members on fixed incomes. This would not be earmarked because we are not employing anyone it is NH Lakes. The possibility of increasing the dues, should we be looking at how many members we might lose. Members said that it wasn't in the new business and people aren't here and would have voted. *Straight motion made to double dues. Motion declined. Motion to keep dues as they are but if you wish make a voluntary donation for the Lake Host. Motion seconded – motion carried.*

*Increase of Dues will be discussed at the fall meeting.

Long Pond Town Forest – Conservation Easement

Ready for the town's review in 2 weeks. Town kept out 10 acres to keep for any future use. Everyone on the lake side was not surveyed because there isn't forest around them. The pins were found and lines were drawn precisely. Pins reset. A few parcels had pins that were in and varied from deeds that they found but new location was pinned that goes with deed. Some were pinned to see the right of ways. The surveyors did nothing with the sidelines of the properties. Pink ribbon markers were put on the trees to indicate the line.

In addition, A licensed surveyor went out and blazed trees. In the fall, someone will come back through and put paint on the blazing. Please don't cut these trees down. When maps come out, Ed hopes to secure a map. Member said that the Washington town line there was a discrepancy but the town tax maps are not legally binding. Ed will check if they saw any discrepancy. The easement starts 150 feet from your back line into the woods the town still owns this 150 foot buffer area. Ed said that was a good thing because this would allow the Town to possibly allow a leach field to be put there and this will be determined on a case by case basis. What does the conservation easement prevent- can never be sold for development. We have rights as a town to do selective logging and sugaring and more. All these items will be listed in the final document when they are ready.

Other Old Business

The grills have propane tanks. Ed asked about a usage fee. Do we just lend them out or does the Association have a usage fee? Bill McKone said that the tanks should come back full. If a member is to borrow a grill with tank, the tank needs to come back full.

Two loads of beach sand has been delivered to the beach..

Right-of-way access was discussed. The right of ways are town property. What are the restrictions of the right a way? IF you build a dock right off the right away, it is for public use. As long as it is within the right away you can store your boat.

Meeting Adjourned by President Sauer at _____ 11:28 _____

Submitted

Synthia Liska, Secretary