

PLA ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, June 27, 2009
9:30AM
Historic Deerfield Town Hall

2008-2009 Paid membership 132
Attendance: 45
Meeting conducted by President Stan Clark

Minutes of 2008-2009 Annual Meeting were approved(Motion by Tom Brennan, Second by Pat Delorey).

Prior to Bill Bushnell's final Treasurer's Report, Stan Clark thanked Bill for providing continuity to the PLA for all his years on the Board.

Bill reported on the PLA's 4 funds:

General Fund

Balance 6/28/08	\$ 8404.57
Income	+3644.39
Expenses	<u>-3910.88</u>
Balance 6/27/09	\$ 8138.08

Lake Improvement Fund

Balance 6/28/08	\$24,390.68
Income	+2,460.85
Expenses	<u>- 500.00</u>
Balance 6/27/09	\$26,351.53

Memorial Funds

Balance 6/28/08	\$ 2933.41
Income	<u>+ 111.34</u>
Balance 6/27/09	\$ 3044.75

Grant Fund(1999)

Balance 6/28/08	<u>\$ 1829.68</u>
Balance 6/27/09	\$ 1829.68

TOTAL \$ 39,354.04

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Dan Cote, Chair of the Nominating Committee placed the following names in nomination for the 2009-2010 year.

President: Tom Brennan

1st Vice President: Linda Brennan

2nd Vice President: Jackie Blanchard

Recording Secretary: Andy Partridge

Corresponding Secretary: Carol Smiglin

Treasurer: Janice Cote

Chairman of the Board: Stan Clark

Directors:

Dam - Claudia Spangler

Veasey - Jeff Karlberg(term expires 6/12)

West - Frank Albert

South Cove - Krist Nelson

Loon Cove - Mike Beaudoin(term expires 6/12)

Pout Point - Pat Delorey

Broad Cove - Roger Shaw(term expires 6/12)

Ledges - Holly Martin (term expires 6/12)

North - James Creighton

Committee Chairs:

Environmental - Joe Farrelly

Social - Elaine Fregosi

Nominating - Dan Cote

There being no additional nominations from the floor, Joe Knox made a motion to close the nominations and accept the list as read. Seconded by Pat Delorey. The vote was unanimous.

Dan Cote thanked Stan Clark for stepping into the presidency in a time of great need for the PLA. Dan also thanked Bill Bushnell for his years of service to the PLA. Dan further asked for volunteers for future vacancies on the Board.

Linda Brennan, Ponderings editor, stated that the goal of the Newsletter is to inform and educate PLA members. Besides contact information, a calendar of events, and articles of historical and current interest, the Ponderings has valuable links to information of lake interest/concern. Currently 4 issues each year are published. The current cost is \$125 per issue(\$500/year). Of the 132 copies produced/sent out, 100 go out hard copy while 32 members request email. Sending the Ponderings by email saves \$1.04 per copy, which is a tremendous savings to the PLA budget. Linda would love to receive short, to-the-point, articles of Pleasant Lake historical interest. Age of your camp, interesting facts about the camp/lake, remembrances of interest to PLA members.

Claudia Spangler, our webmaster, said the PLA website (www.pleasantlakenh.org) was set up for \$200(way under the \$1500 budget appropriated for this at last year's Annual Meeting) and is easy to navigate. Claudia suggested everyone visit the site frequently as it is continuously changing. A new addition to the website is a For Sale /For Rent section for PLA members selling/renting items(not services). Claudia would also like old photos(returned unharmed) of your camp and any other news of interest to PLA members for inclusion on the website.

Mike Farrelly spoke about the Lake Host Program. This is the 8th year of the program which is jointly sponsored by the NH Lakes Association and NH's Dept of Environmental Services. By doing courtesy boat inspections at the public ramp on Gulf Road , the goal is to prevent the spread of variable milfoil, an invasive aquatic plant. Successful to date on Pleasant Lake , the program's funding has been significantly cut this year. Mike relies on a team of volunteer lake hosts and 2 paid lake hosts. A 1-hour training session is available to anyone who would like to volunteer. The parking lot at the ramp is frequently full of boat trailers further indicating the need to inspect boats coming into Pleasant Lake from outside lakes.

Jim Creighton(not present - excused) thanked the 14 "Weed Watchers" who regularly patrol a portion of the lake looking for,what else-weeds! Jim says that many eyes are important and more volunteers are needed. Our property values need to be protected and a few minutes of weed watching each month is one way to ensure the continued value of each owner's investment. Training is available.

Chuck Reese(absent - excused) reported that the VLAP (Volunteer Lake Assessment Program) is continuing. 9 inlets are tested for watershed run-off plus a dissolved oxygen reading is taken at a 62' depth 3 times a year(June, July, August).

Environmental Committee Chairman, Joe Farrelly discussed projects he is currently working with along with the Board:

- A GPS - GIS lake inventory in which the entire lake shoreline would be inventoried by film;
- A re-classification of Pleasant Lake from the current Class B waters to the

previously held Class A waters;

[Pleasant Lake reverted to Class B when the lake no longer was a reservoir for the towns of Pembroke and Allentown];

- A concern for Cyanobacteria as is happening in Lake Mascoma .

Andy Partridge gave an update on the failed loon nest(due to high water) with the hopes that a re-nest may occur before the end of June.

Steve Decatur, whose family has been on-lake for 70 years, shared some photos from 1953 and 1970 showing the permanent change in the lake's water level. He is concerned that the increase in the water level has had, and continues to have, a negative effect on the lake's water quality.

In the same vein, Joe Knox mentioned the ice damage to many walls around the lake. Joe said the Dam Bureau has said that "the lake has not been down normally the past 3 years." Joe also said "Survey work(DES) has been done and a new, 4' culvert(Gulf Road) and new sluiceway with appropriate dredging will be done(this fall)."

Incoming President, Tom Brennan, gave introductory remarks and thanked outgoing President, Stan Clark, for a job well done. Tom is looking forward to a successful year and is looking to all Pleasant Lake residents for support.

Jackie Blanchard spoke about the July 4th Boat Parade.

Andy Partridge spoke about the on-going Fishing "event" for kids.

Tom mentioned the Pot Luck Supper on August 1st and the need for set-up help July 31st from 5-6PM.

The Speaker(s) for the meeting, Capt. Mark Gallagher and Officer Josh Dirth of NH's Marine Patrol, gave an enlightening talk on the role Marine Patrol takes in enforcing Lake Safety . Eventhough we are "not a Red Flag lake" for violators, they are a very visible presence here on Pleasant Lake .

They respond to all complaints and occasionally use unmarked boat(s) and/or personal watercraft. Their job is to enforce boating and legal laws on NH waters.

The worst infraction they see on Pleasant Lake is the violation of safe passage(150' rule) and the greater than headway speed. HINT: The standard ski rope is 75' so twice that is the required 150'. Also, you know how long your boat is so estimate how many boat lengths it takes you to maintain safe passage!

Water ski observers must be a minimum of 13 years old.

If convicted of operating under the influence, a minimum 9 month loss of ALL drivers licenses!

First Offense operating without the required Safe Boating certificate \$60 fine. 2nd offense \$300 fine.

Their Dispatch Station is in Gilford, (603) 293-2037 or 1-877-642-9700.

Their website: www.nhmarinepatrol.com

Their being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:38AM.