

MINUTES - LAKE ARMINGTON ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

September 9, 2023

Held as a "Drinks at the Lake" event, hosted by Bill and Wendy Cahill

Lynn Dennison, co-president called the meeting to order.

Finance Report: Kate Merritt gave an update on the budget; Sam Rounds is now assisting with financial issues. We are close to our budgeted amounts but short for 2023 to date (we are on a calendar year budget) by \$1700 but more expenses have not yet come in. Regarding income, our budget close on dues collected, but not on donations, so please donate. We have received the annual donation from Camp Walt Whitman. Our expenses were up this year: charged for 2 porta-potties because last year the company providing them failed to charge us; all our website renewals came in at the same time this year. At this point, we are budgeting a negative income and need your help with donations.

Lake Host Report: Lynn DeMerchant reported no worries for funding in this program; this year we had fewer inspections compared to last year and thus have a carry over balance to next year. The inspectors have never found invasive species and most of what they do is raise awareness among people using the lake. Lynn asked for a volunteer to be co-coordinator starting in March 2024 and explained what is required for the Lake host program, including application process and collection of data; the sponsors handle the payment of those doing the inspections. Camp Walt Whitman is willing to help with volunteers; but it seems they are more interested in weed watching.

Lynn DeMerchant also reported on LAA swag - we still have a limited number of bags and hats available; they are selling well, brought in \$145.

Weed watchers Program – Linda Kline not available, Lynn Dennison gave the report; had an infestation of phragmites that was removed last week and they did a good job. It was not a big amount but under a rock on the shoreline, so was not something we could do on our own. The company will do a follow up visit to make sure it is not coming back. Many of the weeds were prolific this summer – more of everything but nothing invasive. Recommended that all go to our website to see a picture of the bryozoan proliferating this year; they look like nerf balls and attach to dead logs underwater. Most are on the far shoreline of the lake. It is an ancient species, before the dinosaurs. They filter algae. Good to have and fun to watch. <https://lakearmington.org/documents-%26-reports>

Water quality report – Mike Poole: everything is good. State was here in June, the best time for transparency because no rain or wind; quality was down slightly later in the summer, assumed due to rain. Will get the report from the state in a month. Recommended that people interested in water quality go to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) state website on the NH Volunteer Lake Assessment programs like ours; includes many links on studies done in NH with lake water quality measures, fish, beaches, ice in/out. <https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/volunteer-assessment-programs>

White Mt National Forest Project: Lynn Dennison reported that nothing has changed since we discussed at our July meeting. No final report yet about any changes due to the comments received. Comments from Lake Tarleton Coalition at the meeting: the independent reviewer is not independent; we should get one more report this month. Also, Standing Trees organization is working on this. People were referred to the websites of all these entities.

Announcement of the slate of new officers for the next year - Alice Wellington: Listed the candidates and a motion carried to accept the entire slate in one vote.

Honoring two people around the lake who passed this year. Polly Tafrates spoke of Dedee Interbartolo, wife of Chuck Interbartolo; and Alice Wellington spoke of her husband, Rob.

Motion to thank the outgoing presidents passed enthusiastically.

Lynn Dennison: Association gave a plaque to Camp Walt Whitman for their 75th anniversary.

Motion to adjourn meeting carried.