

**Lake Armington Association**  
**Membership Meeting and Social Gathering**  
**Sept 7 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Deb Jensen, as Kathy Soloway, current president was away. Lisa McGiffert hosted this combination membership and social meeting.

Election of new board members

Slate of officers was presented to the membership for a vote: Lisa McGiffert, Secretary; Kate Merritt, Treasurer; Arline Cochrane, Corresponding Secretary; Ken Settler, Board member. These are two-year renewal positions and all have agreed to serve. A motion was made to accept the slate and approved unanimously.

Report on the first lake regatta

Beth Wellington reported on the first lake regatta held in August. Boats were decorated and all had a great time. We hope to make this an annual event.

Budget

Kate Merritt reported that dues were on target as budgeted, but donations are not; donations were encouraged.

Activities on the lake of concern

Kate Merritt reported on problem activities on the lake this summer. Visitors to the lake drove jet skis around the lake. Lake Armington is a “restricted lake,” which means 1-2 seater jet skis (“personal watercraft”) are not allowed, however this one had 3 seats. The owner of the vehicle knew that 3-seated jet skis was not addressed in the law. We need to figure out how to resolve this. State legislation was proposed to change the definition of “personal watercraft” to include this larger model; it was opposed by the industry that produces these vehicles that are outside of the legal definition and the bill was defeated. The law includes a vehicle size, which also might need to be adjusted. Also, there is concern re gasoline emissions. Kate volunteered to investigate. She will talk to NH Lakes and the Loon Preservation people, as the effect on the waterfowl is our main concern. The shoreline is also of concern, but we already have a wake regulation, which restricts most activity in the small part of the lake, but wakes can affect the larger side of the lake.

The other issue is that of noise. We are not concerned with people having a good time, laughing, talking, kids playing. But this summer we had a drone flying over homes on the lake; a toy remote controlled motorboat that zoomed around the lake; and lots of fireworks. Kate will check with the above-mentioned organizations to seek information about the effect of this kind of activity/noise on wildlife. In the larger part of the lake there are a lot of water skiers, which also is noisy.

Lake Host Program

Lisa McGiffert reported on the Lake Host program, which inspects outside boats needing new volunteer. This year Lynn DeMerchant, who has led this program for years, stepped back this year due to other commitments and four volunteers to check in and monitor the two people who work for us. These two are willing to return next year and Lynn is willing to write the grant. We have discussed the possibility of hire

They have done over 250 inspections this summer so far. So, this is an important project for protecting the lake. Laurie does the recording of the spreadsheets. She has noticed there are more invasive species in NH, but not here, making this program very important to keeping the lake clean. This is why we have an association; this is what we do. We want to continue the program but we definitely want to continue it. Looking for volunteers. We need someone to coordinate to make sure the staff show up and approve their time sheets (every two weeks) and then Laurie puts together what is sent in. It is only on weekends – Friday night through Sunday.

Training is required (online). Wendy Cahill, Belle Soloway and Derrick Peterson volunteered to work on the program.

#### Phragmites Weeds Issue

Deb Jensen reported on the phragmites growing on the McGowan property on the small part of the lake. We contracted with a company that tried to pull it out but that was unsuccessful, and it came back. So, they are suggesting herbicides/roundup. The members voiced concerns, but all agreed we don't want it to spread. They want to get more information, including how we eradicated it several years ago on the large part of the lake; the effect on water quality. We will send around more information and keep them updated.

#### Merchandise update

Deb Jensen reported that we are working with Green Mountain Merchandise to provide LAA products from our website. We will be earning money to help the association after we pay a fee to them. Hope to get these up before the holidays. Several members were familiar with this company and made positive comments. We do not have to keep a supply, they do this as the items are ordered.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm and the social began.