

Alamoosook Lake Association Membership Meeting Minutes—August 18, 2020

The first Zoom meeting of the Alamoosook Lake Association began via computer or other device promptly at 6 pm, with a welcome from our President, Katie Greenman. She introduced Tristan Taber, who was our tech support for the event, and he gave us a rundown of procedure before letting us know that the vote he conducted approved the Board of Directors slate: Katie Greenman, Joe Giard, Anne Buck Davis, Mary Jane Cullinan, Charlie Dodge, Pete Walton, Chip Stubbs, Tad Van Leer and Lisa Deweese (who will be replacing Fred Blodgett). Fred will not be going far, however, as he has agreed to take on the Audubon Society Loon Count, which the Hamorys have managed for the past few years. Thanks to Fred for this leadership, as well as to Dorothy who took over from Frank.

The secretary put in a plea for updates to the directory, as well as noting that FaceBook and the website are good sources for information. The treasurer gave her report. Dues numbers are down, likely due to the lack of physical meetings, but she reminded us that dues may be paid (as well as donations received) via the PayPal button on the website. She noted “thank-yous” received from some of the non-profits we have donated to, including this year Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust. Joe Giard reported on the current state of the dam. The state of Maine inspected and passed dams at Alamoosook, Toddy and Silver Lake. There has been no maintenance this year, but a good bit was done a couple of years ago. Drought has lowered the water level.

Pete Walton reported on the Courtesy Boat Inspection program, which is going well. Only 1 boat from out of state has visited, and 60% of the boats have been hand-powered (canoes and kayaks). Katie reported on the Alamoosook All Clear IPP team, which is working to survey the whole lake over the next three years.

Katie then introduced our speaker, entomologist Colleen Teerling of the Maine Forest Service. She gave a concise and informative presentation of the threat to our hemlock trees by the invasive woolly adelgid pest. We hope to be vigilant and stop any of these insects before they reach our trees. Cold winters work in our favor, but we need to keep checking and be VERY careful about transporting trees or branches. Googling the Maine Forest Service website will yield more information for those interested.

With thanks to all who participated, the meeting was adjourned at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Buck Davis, secretary

