

MEETING OF THE DEERING LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

MAY 28, 2020

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:04 by Betsy Holmes, President.

Meeting started with remembering Joe Foley and Allan Maddox who passed away this past year, Members of the DLIA Council for 2022 were introduced.

Updates:

- The constitution and bylaws were amended and approved last year; members can propose changes that will be posted on the DLIA website, with a in-person vote at the last meeting of the year.
- Review of the mission: social, conservation of the lake, and represent the lake with gov'ts and other stakeholders.

Approve the minutes: from last September (Labor Day) – moved by John Rudd; Glenn Clark seconded; minutes approved unanimously.

Glenn Clark, Loon Preservation Committee Update:

- There are two nesting pairs now, as of May 14 for the northern pair and May 28th for the southern. We expect chicks around the 20th and 27th.
- The ropes are up around the northern nest – trying to create protection (from jet skis and boats).
- The eagle nesting on Driftwood Island has chicks
- Boat Launch: there are 3 employees, all returnees from last year; 6 volunteers from Conservation Committee; and Glenn. This year the non-resident parking is free (as was required by the state). (Other side of the road was always free but limited to registered boat trailers.)
- Water testing: 3 times a year. Results of all the samples have been very good. Testing done by Clark and Deering Conservation Commission volunteers; this year, NH biologists are coming out to observe.
- Roadside cleanup – was last week. It went well with the usual team.

Jen Battistello, Weed Watchers:

- She and volunteers have started weed watching. The lake is divided in sections with someone to keep an eye on each.
- If there is anything suspicious in your area of lake, contact her. If you have guests with boats, make sure they are clean.
- They've seen nothing concerning yet. They watch for invasive clams as well as weeds.

Kate Cleveland for Donna Raoust – Social Committee

- Introduced who is on the committee
- Reviewed the events for the year: 2 cocktail parties (June and September) and an evening of simultaneous potlucks
- Family fun day is on hold

Barbara Brooke – Membership Committee

- The directory is coming together. It will list the owner of all properties so we can help monitor the neighborhood for fire, etc. It will not be distributed to the public, only to members of the association, and will not be available electronically. Members are asked to check their information and to decide if they want to opt out of having their email and phone number listed- if so, please contact Lilian Carter. There will be copies distributed in July and a full printed directory next year.
- If you see a property for sale/change hands, let Barbara or Lillian know so they can update the directory.
- Directory will indicate who are members- please encourage your neighbors who have not joined.

Charles Hambrick-Stowe – introduced a short “meet your neighbor” activity.

Chris Wells, Executive Director, Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) was the speaker. The DLIA makes an annual donation to PLC. The membership was encouraged to look at the PLC website for free outdoor activities: <https://plcnh.org/>.

Scott Adams, DLIA Treasurer

- Copies of the budget were shared.
- Dues are going up to \$30 and revenue projected at 60 members. Expenses were reviewed. It was highlighted that the goal for special events is for them to pay for themselves. We are planning an honorary bench but that will be funded by the existing assets of the DLIA.

Q&A:

- How many full-time families are on the lake now? Estimated at 20.
- What % of lake residents are members? There are 106 properties, but some people own two. We are roughly at 60%. Everyone encouraged to recruit their neighbors.
- How much land is protected: 500 acres in Wilcox-Campbell including significant shoreline. Deering has more land in conservation than any town in NH. High Five/Hedgehog is 1500 acres. Total is 4000.

Announcements:

- You can special order hoodies and long sleeve T-shirts. Hoodies with and without hood or zipper. Speak to Scott Adams.
- A neighbor is organizing group purchasing of propane.
- Someone wondered if we can we also do a group purchase for pumping of septic. (In July, the town will be looking at those who come up this year for their 3-year cycle. You can apply to extend if you spend limited time at your lake house).
- Deering Library in having a Buy a Brick Campaign- last day to purchase is June 30.

The next DLIA meeting is July 9. There will be a vote for slate of officers for the Council.

Motion to adjourn was approved at 10:08.