

DLIA Labor Day Meeting

September 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by the President, Elizabeth Holmes.

Carmela Courtemarche moved to approve the Minutes from last meeting (which were sent out with the invitation). Cameron Lewis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial summary (shared on slide and can be sent to anyone who wants it) – Scott

- Expenses were less than income!
- Social events were breakeven – and great opportunity to get to know each other
- Apparel is available at the meeting. One hat left. Sweatshirts can be special ordered.
- We bought a brick for the library, otherwise all expenses and revenue are business as usual.
- People have been buying raffle tickets for the two baskets, to benefit the DLIA.

There were no questions.

Council Elections:

Proposed slate:

- Scott Adams – Treasurer
- Ben Barkhouse and Donna Raoust – Council Members

Doug Dalrymple voted to approve the slate. Karl Hauschildt seconded and the vote was unanimous to elect these candidates to a 2 year term.

Loon Report: Glen

- There were no successful fledging loons this year. The two on the south end didn't hatch; two on the north end, disappeared. Loon biologist was here three times but unable to find the two that disappeared; it is assumed the eagles got them.
- Lake Host duties were done last weekend and today by volunteers; this is the last weekend. 2 of the 3 lake hosts are committed to coming back next year which we are delighted about because they are great. Funds were used from the budget to tip them.
- Over 700 boats came through the boat launch this year. Need over 600 for the grant for next year.
- Lease with the state by the town of Deering for the public beach ends after next year. Going forward, the terms may change (defined swimming area; non-resident charges); the town manager is working on it.
- Water testing – done three times in the summer. The August test was just finished last week and results have not come in. July testing involved the

Deering Conservation Committee and a biologist from DES in Concord, Sarah Simon. She particularly noting how positive the results are at Deering and she was very impressed with the clarity of the water.

- Roadside cleanup – the last one is Oct. 1.

Weed Watching: Jen

- We have found purple loosestrife this year. We see it all over Rte 149 in the marshes but we don't want it on the shoreline. She dug them up and put them in a black bag until they dry out and then you can throw it away. If you see it, let her or other weed watchers know. Jen described that it has a square stalk and flowers in late July. It is more common in the marshy areas.
- A question was asked about Bladderwort: it has been seen in the north cove and other inlet areas. This has been a high growth season – everything is growing a lot more than normal including the bladderwort. It is considered non-invasive and a normal part of the lake but can grow significantly and overcome other plants. Jen will contact the state for guidelines about removing.
- Another question was asked about clams. We have clams but not the invasive zebra mussels. The clams we have are normal for the lake. They are oblong; zebra clams are the size of a quarter and round. Turtles like to eat the normal ones; you see the shells in piles next to rocks.
- If you have guests bringing a boat, remind them it should be dry and clean, especially if they are coming from the south or west of US. Glenn commented that the boats coming into the lake this year have been super-clean and people have been really good about making sure they are dry and clean.
- Jen encouraged people to call her with questions about anything you see near the lake and she'll come and take a look.
- Betsy thanked the weed watchers; we love having a clean lake.

Membership Report: Barbara Larmond

- 65 members have paid dues year to date.
- If you know a neighbor who is not a member, you are encouraged to invite them to come to meetings and to join the DLIA. We want the community to grow and engaged with each other. You can put them in touch with the Membership Committee.
- Final directories will come out next year.
- Thank you to Lillian for all the work on the directory.

Social Committee: Donna Raoust

- Donna told about all the social events so far to date. 23 different couples have been represented so everyone is meeting new people.
- Sept 24 – second annual Harvest Happy Hour. Publicizing via email beginning next week.

- Thank you to the committee of five who have done so much! Lillian, Ben, Amy, Kate and Donna. Everyone has been an organizer for an event. Next year, the committee would love to add a couple of people. See or reach out to Donna if you would like to join.

Steve Avery – LakeSmart:

- July 28th was a LakeSmart evaluation day of 3 homes.
- Two of them actually earned the award of excellence on the spot. Bob Macatee (right before you enter Campbell Cove) built his place from scratch and stayed in compliance. John Rudd was the other. He built a post and beam home and designed the water flow from the driveway into a center depository that looks natural. Beautiful shoreline and use of crushed stone.
- The third home had new owners who wanted to learn what should they look at to become LakeSmart in the future.
- Due to low staffing, NH Lakes will have no more evaluation days this year. If anyone is interested next year, we need to let NH Lakes know by Memorial Day. If you want an evaluation, just notify a member of the team: Steve, Betsy Holmes, Deb Degan, or Helen Grembowicz (who is in training). The volunteers are also happy to do an informal evaluation. The biggest issue is runoff mitigation. It doesn't have to be super-expensive; less is more. They are also looking for invasive species: bittersweet is becoming more prevalent.

Speaker: Gabe Roxby

Gabe is a Licensed Forester, since 2012 has been with the Society for Protection of NH Forests. 60K acres is under the auspices of the Society. (License for Forester requires 6 years: UNH in Masters in Forestry counted for 2 years and then 4 years in work for the Society. Forestry no longer focused on production of wood but on the complexity of managing forests for multiple purposes.)

Society's mission balances wise use with preservation of special scenery.

He came to discuss the logging in Campbell Wilkins that is planned for this fall.

- This property was acquired in 1999; added more in 2004 and 2010; the Society also owns Hedgehog and Tom Rush (with Chestnut Orchard) A15 year Inventory and management plan was developed in 2018 for Campbell Wilkins.
- He showed a map outlining the different purposes of different stands. 80 acres are wetlands or buffers or steep – not appropriate for management; 10 acres are mowed.
- Harvest will cover about a 3rd in the Central and Western part of property but will not areas between 250 feet of lake. The goals include cutting undesirable trees (in poor health or less desirable species); maintain and enhance diversity; earn money from harvest, maintain wildlife habitat, and increase resilience to climate change.

- Most of the harvest is marked. If you see blue marks – to be cut. Orange and pink flags are also messages to loggers.
- After logging, they focus on stabilizing the site which is really important. Immediately after, things look raw but afterwards, it greens up and regrows.
- Have done these timber cuts previously, in 2000 and 2008
- Private consultant, Jerry Meadows, markets the trees. Logger: Jake Bronenberg. Have worked with them for decades.
- He will send email updates on when it is starting and ending and also link to where it is posted on
- Questions:
 - Will forest be closed during logging? Usually post signs that it is close for safety reasons.
 - How long will it take? Several weeks to two months.
 - How do you control what seeds come in new areas? Use light to control in general. They do post harvest regeneration surveys – 5-10 years afterwards to learn what to do better.
 - Can you ride bike on trails? Bikes and horses on woods roads only; not on trails.
 - Emerald ash borer beetle doing a lot of damage in town? All the ash will be gone. Cutting some of it; leaving some dead trees. Follow guidelines for cutting to control spreading but it is widespread now.
 - What happens to branches from trees that are taking down? The materials will be left on site. Forest fire is not a huge concern here and there are benefits to leave it, especially here. It returns the nutrients to the site; protects from deer browse. Choose thoughtfully for each instance.
 - Mowing fields and regrowth: are you seeing resurgence of game birds? Definitely, they benefit from this. Provide diversity of habitat. Biologists say maintaining young forests is very important.
 - What changes are you noticing from climate change? Prevalence of large weather events which affects infrastructure like roads and culverts, even for temporary stuff. Tree species changes takes longer but trying to keep all species in case some don't survive as well (like currently preparing for loss of ash trees).
 - How do you mitigate impact of taking out logs? Machinery chosen based on site. Wet soils govern what equipment and when (winter).
 - Who buys the wood? Lots go to local mills. Different wood goes to different purposes. Firewood stays local. High value forest products go further.
 - Impact of shorter winters: less time for winter harvest. Operational challenge.
 - What about trees at edge of lake: you don't want to remove them as provide natural habitat for fish, etc.

Elizabeth Hambrick-Stowe led a short exercise for people to get to know neighbors and the raffle winners were drawn for the two baskets.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 by Karl Hautschildt and seconded by Jean Lewis that passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kaufman