

LOON LAKE PARK DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2014  
TOWN OF CHESTER MUNICIPAL CENTER

Ed Griesmer, President, called the meeting to order at 10:03.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The reading of the minutes of last year's meeting was waived since it was posted on the LLPDA website and copies were available upon entrance. Terry Thomas made the motion to waive the reading, seconded by Jim Fregoe, and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mary Flynn, Treasurer, presented a statement of activity for the first 6 months of 2014. She said that it is separated into categories. She pointed out that the Golf category shows a balance of \$6,770 but that after expenses are paid all the golf proceeds are donated to local charities such as The Friends of the Library, The Chestertown Emergency Squad, The Birthday Club, Chestertown Food Pantry, Chestertown Youth Commission, The Helpers' Fund, Chestertown Fire Department, and two scholarships to North Warren students. The income from the Dinner Dance will also be paid out after the event. Milfoil money was donated and is earmarked specifically for that purpose. In the General category the \$4,402.00 total revenue represents dues and donations received this year plus interest. The General expenses for the year so far amount to \$2,084.00. Membership is up this year. Ed thanked Mary and said everything is in order. Sue Martin has reviewed the 2013 books and found everything in order. Ed thanked her for her service. Ed asked all present to encourage all their friends and neighbors to join this important organization. Our goal this year is 300 members. Glen Vogel made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, it was seconded by Gary Sanders, and passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ed Griesmer said all officers and directors of the LLPDA are volunteers. Our mission is to preserve and protect the lake as well as to sponsor social events. The Board meets 4 times per year. He thanked all the volunteers and board members. Ed said the LLPDA Board and the Town of Chester have been working cooperatively and we have received outstanding support from the Board of the Town of Chester and Fred Monroe, Supervisor. We are fortunate that Fred is very active in Warren County and various Adirondack agencies and organizations working to control invasive species. LLPDA volunteers tagged boats this year to help at the boat wash station. He also thanked those who assist Rob Freligh and John Nick with the buoys and dives.

**LAKE MANAGEMENT ISSUES:**

Fred Monroe, Town of Chester Supervisor, said he and Ed talk 2-3 times per week and the Town could not have accomplished all we have to protect the lake without the help of Ed and the LLPDA

**LOON LAKE DAM**

Mr. Monroe said that unfortunately the DEC has new regulations that require us to do engineering evaluations of the dam. We received a high hazard class evaluation indicating that if the dam broke it would cause major flooding. The town has contracted with an engineering firm that will start an evaluation. Bob Kearney, who has worked on the repairs of the dam in the past, will consult with the engineering firm. They will evaluate the spillway and dam for structural stability, determine the volume of the lake, and submit a report to the Town and DEC. The town will have to update the Emergency Action Plan. Mr. Monroe said the dam was constructed in 1941; in 2011 there was leakage and repairs were made. He hopes that minor repair methods will be approved and we can meet the regulation in the most cost effective way. We will have to see what the engineering firm report says.

## WARREN CO. & NYS INITIATIVES - INVASIVE SPECIES

Warren Co has been very supportive of the mandatory inspection/washing on Lake George and paid \$150,000 for the program. This helped us since it was part of an allocation of \$350,000 from Warren County and another \$350,000 from the state. The town of Chester got \$41,600. We get nothing from the State. Green seals on boats (indicating they have been washed) will be cooperatively honored by Lake George and Loon Lake launching sites. Warren County passed a county wide transport law which made it illegal to transport or launch a boat which has not been inspected and is clear of invasive species. A similar statewide law passed the legislature at the last hour and is waiting the Governor's signature. Mr. Monroe said boats come from all over the country to our area. Lake Champlain has 51 invasive species.

## BOAT INSPECTION CENTER

Ed said the Loon Lake Boat Launch and Inspection Center is doing a fine job. Boat owners have been cooperative and they have received no complaints. They are also cleaning boats from Friends Lake, Schroon Lake, and Brant Lake. People have been educated and understand the necessity. Mr. Monroe cited an example of a recent incident at Schroon Lake. A boat from Saratoga Lake attempted to launch in Schroon Lake and they were refused – it was full of milfoil. Employees at all area boat launch sites have been trained. The Loon Lake Marina has been cooperative and encourages boats to go to the boat launch for cleaning. Rich has posted a sign at the entrance of the marina that his fee is \$20 and it is free at the boat launch.

## MILFOIL UPDATE (2014 PLAN) LYCOTT (WORK SITES, SCHEDULE)

Rob Freligh said we are working with Lycott and are using a different approach this year. LLPDA divers will follow up after Lycott does the major harvesting to cleanup plants left in the area. We are also instituting a bottle drop program where volunteers will mark spots with milfoil before Lycott is scheduled to dive in that area. There are several volunteers for each area. It will alert Lycott to small spots that need to be paid attention to. After the area is cleaned, bottles will be returned to the boat launch for use by the next set of volunteers. The area around rock island will be first to be matted. The LLPDA divers are going to clean around the panels already in place there. Lycott will move some mats from Kingsley Lane to the island. Our mats will be moved to the southern tip of Loon Lake Club. Please volunteer if you are a diver. Also, please honor "diver down flags." Rob will be available after the meeting for any further suggestions or questions.

## BUOY MARKERS, BOATER SAFETY & SHORELINE CONCERNS

John Nick said he and other volunteers put the buoys in in the Spring and take them out in Fall. The Town pays for the buoys and supplies. Rich allows us to use the marina's work boat. Please advise guests and renters the purpose of the buoys and ask them to honor the "Keep Out buoys". He said we are lucky that we have a constable – most lakes don't. He said people should read the boating regulations which are at the top portion of the LLPDA website. Some of the highlights – all personal watercraft all operators need a certificate and have to be 14 or older. The lake speed limit is 45 mph; within 100 feet 5 mph; and 200 feet for jet skis. Arnold said he has observed people paddle boarding without life jackets. The law requires that it be "on board".

## WATER QUALITY & TESTING

Jim Fregoe said water testing will be done this week or next. The results were great last year and we expect the same this year.

## WATERSHED COMMITTEE REPORT

Doug O'Brien said there is a sheet on the display table with suggestions of what and what not to do. It will also be on the website.

## SUMMER EVENTS OVERVIEW

Boating Safety Course - Thanked Barbara VanVoorhis for instructing 15 students  
Fishing Derby - 90 kids participated – Thanked Ron Nadeau for running this event for 10 years.  
Ron will not be running the event next year so we need a replacement.  
Water Carnival – July 26 at 9:00 a.m.  
Boat Parade - July 26 at 4:30 p.m. – starts at Marina and goes counterclockwise  
Family Hike Day – August 2 – Kipp Mountain overlooking Loon Lake – meet at White Schoolhouse Road and Rt. 9. @ 9:00 a.m.  
Golf Tournament – August 8 @ 8:30 – room for one more foursome  
Dinner Dance – August 15 @ 6:00 – room for one more couple  
Sailing Race – three Saturdays in August @ 2:00 – please join in.  
Paddle Day – August 16 @ 9:30 – kayaks and canoes at Pack Forest.

## ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES:

### LLPDA INCORPORATION

Doug O'Brien announced that the board has become incorporated and is filing for becoming 501(c)(3). The cost is \$400 to the IRS and \$125 to NYS. The attorney's fees are usually the biggest expense (\$1,000-\$1,500) but Terry Griesmer did it pro bono. We are now incorporated and await the tax exempt status. The benefits are tax exempt status; reduced postal rates, limitation of personal liability to board members, and the ability of the LLPDA to apply for and accept grants

### BLOCK CAPTAINS/MEMBERSHIP

Ed, speaking for Roy, said our membership is up to 262 members and we hope to reach our goal of 300. Sue Sliva and Marilyn Layton head up this committee and will be contacting block captains to promote membership. Several associations around the lake are paying in bulk for their members including Chester Shores, Pine Ridge, Loon Lake Heights, Loon Lake Club and Forest Shores.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Eric Lauritzen presented a slate of candidates for election: Mary Flynn, Treasurer; John Nick, Vice President, and George Greenwood, Michael Baumis and Howard Kennedy as Directors. Joe Benedict made a motion to cast a unanimous vote in favor of the slate as presented. Rob Freligh seconded and it passed unanimously. Howard said he has been on the lake for 30 years, now lives here full time, and is looking forward to helping wherever needed.

### FROM THE FLOOR-OPEN DISCUSSION

Linda Saunders suggested we start a petition to ask the Town landfill to accept more recyclables. She is working with Mike Baumis.

A resident said there is a family of beavers living on the end of the lake past the marina. It was suggested he contact DEC. A member said DEC will not do anything but will issue a permit to allow citizens to remove them.

Linda Munch thanked the Marv Cole Loon Lake Golf Committee for their donations to the Birthday Club. She explained that any parent or grandparent who uses the food pantry can sign up for the children. She purchases an article or two of clothing and a toy. She has bought presents for 20 children. Our contributions have helped her make the children's birthdays' happy ones.

Glen Vogel moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jim Fregoe, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:05.

There were 91 people present.