

70th Lake Groton Association Annual Meeting and Cookout

***Annual meeting Saturday September 3, 2016 @ 10:00 am
sharp. Arrive a few minutes early please! Boulder Beach
Pavilion**

Preamble: A meeting of the membership is required at this time by the bylaws of the association for the purpose of electing the trustees and clerk. This meeting is also qualified to act on such business as may be brought before it.

- 1) Call to Order-quorum confirmation (20 members required)**92 present**
- 2) Introduction of new camp owners, and association members: the welcoming committee Jim Soutar, and Milt Lamberton
- 3) Volunteer Thank You

Dave Spencer Groton pond .com web site...damn inspector, Weed survey grant and management.

Dean Edson - Dam inspector

John LaRosa- Clerk, fireworks, milfoil team

Gail McDonnell-trustee and pot luck organizer

Paul Sykas- Trustee and chef

Peter Welch Trustee and chow line set up

Matt Coxon- Trustee and chow line set up

Jon Desilets, Presidential mentor

Steve Clark – Trustee,

Peter Lyon – Goose Nests and Egg Addling

Jim Soutar for welcome committee and Goose Assistant.

Milt Lamberton for welcoming committee

Darlene Sprague - Loon monitor

Mary Ann Dubois – Boat Parade Leader

Spoor family for the fireworks location

Bob Ricker- Lay Monitor Program and most anything else we need help with

Allen Goodine, Bob Ricker, Matt Coxon and Rick Boisvert: Bladderwort clean up committee

- 4) **Email addresses Please.** If you are not receiving email from the association and you want to be kept up to date, please provide your email address. Please send them to jonsandydes@gmail.com
- 5) Minutes approval of 2015 see website. **Approved**
- 6) Financial Report-Presented by John LaRosa: **Approved**

- 7) Moment of Silence for deceased members – Evelyn Bird, Steve Jones
- 8) Nominations and election of two trustees to replace Paul Sykas and Matt Coxon

**Matt has volunteered to stay on one more term
Bob Ricker has volunteered to replace Paul Sykas
Both elected**

- 9) Nomination and election of Clerk/Treasurer position for one year **John LaRosa elected**

- 10) Financial recommendations from the board of trustees

- a. \$250.00 Groton Fast Squad
- b. \$250.00 Groton Fire Department
- c. \$50.00 Loon Recovery Program
- d. Dues set at-\$20.00

Should we consider raising dues to 40.00 annually? Approved for 2017/2018 season, donations approved

- 11) Park Update- Stillwater Park Ranger Ryan... and Boulder Beach Ranger Hannah Frigon **Big Deer and Stillwater close to even with last year. Boulder Beach up 18%. Goss hawk at Kettle Pond aggressively nesting. Bear problems with 2 having to be destroyed. Culvert repair on going at Stillwater entrance. Multiple trail bridge repairs on the trail system. Boat access will be open 8 to 8 till 9/17. Dumby lock at gate till Columbus Day. Make plans through the maintenance shop after that.**

12) Committee Reports

- a. Goose report – Peter Lyon **Please leave nests intact until eggs can be noddled.**
- b. Web Site-www.GrotonPond.com-Dave Spencer
Keep sending your photos and information to Dave. Visit the web site, a lot Interesting information about the lake, and lake history . **Please notify Dave With any corrections or updates**
- c. Lay Monitoring report.- Bob Ricker **Water clarity continues to be clearer than usual**
- d. 4th of July activities-boat parade, fireworks – Mary Ann Dubois **Boat parade will be Sunday the 2nd. Fireworks Saturday night with Sunday night rain date**
- e. Loon report: Darlene Sprague. Reminder from Eric Hansen (Vt Loon Conservation program) to be alert when boating. It is thought that the loon found dead last year was killed by a boat strike. **Five resident Loons. Two north and Two south with a rogue in the middle. 8/19 chick attacked by the rogue and had to be saved, captured and transported**

**to the loon hospital. Many thanks to Doug Dukette, and the Spencers.
Two eagles hanging around harassing the loons.**

13) New Business:

- a. Bears and the lake: Mark Schichtle State Game Warden and Forrest Hammond VTFW biologist **Keep garbage in assessable to the bears. If you see a bear the best way to ward them off is to stare them in the eye and slowly approach them. Or make noise with anything available. Air horn, can cover, pots etc.**
- b. Bladderwort: Allen Goodine Grant Rusty **\$740.00 in grant money so far, expenses just below that. Rake and pontoon boat working well. Thanks to all of the volunteers who have turned out to assist in the removal.**
- c. LGA liability insurance **Trustees directed to research the topic and take whatever action they deem appropriate.**
- d. The annual meeting: Keep on Labor Day or move to Mid-July? **Labor Day schedule kept by nearly unanimous vote.**
- e. Bag lunch versus pot luck versus beverage no food? **Pot luck approved by all. Many thanks to Gail McDonnell for coordinating this year's pot luck.**

14) 12:00 Noon – pot-luck! **Meeting adjourned 12:00 Noon**