

Minutes of the 73rd Lake Groton Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 31st, 2019

Preamble: The By-Laws require an annual meeting of the membership during the months of July, August or September for the purpose of electing trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

1. Call to Order and Quorum Confirmation

Rusty Reader, President, presided over the meeting. At approximately 10:20 a.m. Rusty asked Susan Pelkey Smith to confirm that there were at least 20 members in attendance to meet the by-law requirement. Susan confirmed attendance exceeded the minimum. Rusty called the meeting to order.

2. Introduction of New Camp Owners and Association members

On behalf of the Welcoming Committee, Jim Soutar reported on the following new camp owners and welcomed them to the association:

- Brent & Kimberly Tewksberry – 896 West Shore Drive
- Tom & Missy Ehrgood – 50 Pond View Lane
- Stevie Smith and family – 567 Lakeside Drive

Jim Soutar mentioned that there are 6 “Smith” families living on Lake Groton. Only 2 of those families are related.

Jon Desilets introduced Ron and Judith Lamberti. Ron and Judith will soon be purchasing Jon & Sandy’s camp, Jon & Sandy will be moving (back) into a refurbished ‘Rocky Point’.

Welcome to all the new folks!

3. Moment of Silence for deceased members

Rusty read the names of members who died during the past year and asked for a moment in their honor:

- Doug Duckett
- Elaine LaRosa
- Margery Walker
- Arthur Bloom
- Dave Clough
- Joan Tucker
- Bob Gagnon

- Billie Clark

4. Volunteer Thank You

Rusty referred to the numerous volunteers who were listed on the agenda and asked membership to join him in thanking the volunteers for their time and expertise.

5. Email Address Request

Rusty requested email addresses for members not currently receiving emails from the Association. Please provide your email addresses to Jon Desilets at jonsandydes@gmail.com

6. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 1, 2018 Annual Lake Groton Association Meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

7. Financial Report

Susan Pelkey Smith, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report and referred to the handout. As of September 1, 2018, the Association had total cash of \$10,268.09 consisting of \$2,423.80 in a Certificate of Deposit, \$33.13 in petty cash, \$6,268.20 in operating funds, \$1,305.37 in Fireworks Fund and \$237.59 in Bladderwort Fund. Receipts totaled \$5,497.39, including dues of \$2,040, \$3,435 for fireworks, \$20 for Bladderwort and \$2.39 of interest income. Expenditures were \$5,600, including \$5,000 for fireworks, \$550 in donations approved at last year's meeting and \$50 for the FOVLAP membership, leaving the balance prior to the collections at the meeting at \$10,165.48.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

8. Nomination and Election of Two Trustees

Of the six Trustees, two are up for election every year. The slots currently held by Rusty Reader and Gail McDonnell need to be filled. Rusty was nominated for and elected to continue. (Those gathered at the meeting applauded for the wonderful job Rusty does as president). Gail McDonnell was nominated and elected to continue on as trustee. Gail willingly accepted.

9. Financial Recommendations from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees recommend approval of the following:

- \$250 donation to Groton Fast Squad
- \$250 donation to Groton Fire Department

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- \$50 donation to Loon Recovery Program
- Dues of \$40 for the following year

The above recommendations were unanimously approved.

10. Committee Reports

- a. Goose Report: Peter Lyon reported that a nest of 8 eggs were successfully added, resulting in no new geese on the pond. However, there appears to be some new adult geese, suspicions are that they are from the banks of the Wells River by the Clough farm in Groton/Ryegate. Peter notes that they could be eyeballing Lake Groton for their future home.

Peter Lyon reminded members that they can buy tickets from him to the annual Groton Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, October 5th.

Volunteers are needed to peel potatoes and squash the night before. Show up at the kitchen of the Groton Community building with a peeler and/or a knife at around 6pm on Friday, October 4th!

- b. Web Site: www.Grotonpond.com. Dave Spencer is the webmaster.
- c. Lay Monitoring Report: Bob Ricker reported that the water clarity continues to be clearer than usual. Clarity is a bit higher than last year at 4 meters. Lake Groton rates in the middle when phosphorous and chlorophyll results are compared with other lakes in Vermont. For more statistics people can use this link:
dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/monitor/lay-monitoring.com
- d. July 4th Activities: Rusty thanked Goober Schaarschmidt and Ashley White for offering their location (again) for the 2019 fireworks.
- e. Loon Report: Darlene Sprague gave the annual loon report. This is Darlene's 22nd year. She started in 1997, it wasn't until 2000 that the first pair nested at the South end. Both North end and south end pairs nested this year. To honor the memory of Doug Duckett, Darlene named the North end loon chick, "Duckett". A reminder was provided to be alert for loons when boating, and to feel free to phone her in the event that a loon needs attention.
- f. Bladderwort: Allen Goodine thanked the committee volunteers. Early season bladderwort blooms were relatively small, however, late

season bladderwort blooms have increased from 2018. Allen reminds us that if you have a bladderwort problem, give him a call and the team will push it into your shoreline, for easier removal.

11. Park Update

The park update was given by Kylie Kellard. Reminder to those campers who wish to use the boat launch that the Stillwater gate will be dummy locked until Columbus day, Monday, October 14th. For special arrangements or if the gate accidentally gets locked, See Kylie at the Big Deer residential area.

Bears were not a terrible problem this year, especially since the berries came out.

12. New Business

- a. Approval of amended by-laws: The amended Lake Groton Association by-laws were approved.
- b. Nature Center Revitalization: After much discussion, The Lake Groton Association voted to donate \$1000 to the Vermont Parks Forever Program. Jim Bostrom (who has volunteered his architect talents to this endeavor) also has requested the LGA to formulate a letter requesting free usage of a proposed shelter area for future LGA meetings. As of this time, there is no groundbreaking date set for the start of the Nature Center renovations.
- c. Helicopter Pad signage: Members of the LGA are sponsoring and erecting the signage for the route 232 emergency landing helicopter pad.
- d. Survey membership: There will be mailed or emailed survey sometime in the near future regarding ways to boost membership to the LGA. Together, the LGA is an important voice to the State for all Lake Groton concerns. Please consider being a part!
- e. Recreational committee plan for the 75th LGA anniversary: LGA members volunteered to be part of a committee to organize a celebration of LGA's 75 years. So far, the members are:
Adam Martin, Sean Lindley, Ashley Luurtsema, Stevie Smith, Ashley White, Bob Ricker, Brent Tewksbury, and Joyce LaRosa.

- f. Spring meeting: An email will go out in the spring for a response on if a spring meeting is desired by LGA members.

The 2019 LGA meeting adjourned at 11:50 for the members and guests to enjoy the potluck lunch, organized by Gail McDonnell.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Page, trustee and clerk

**Minutes of the 73rd Lake Groton Association Annual Trustee Meeting
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A quick meeting was held by the current 2019 LGA trustees who are:

- Rusty Reader (president)
- Susan Pelkey Smith (treasurer)
- Matt Coxen (setup)
- Bob Ricker (vice president)
- Gail McDonnell (pot luck organizer)
- Janet Page (clerk)

We all agreed the meeting went well and had no further recommendations or comments. We agreed to all keep the same trustee appointments (as listed above).

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