

Waukewan Shore Owners Association

Annual Meeting 2010 Minutes

Date: July 10, 2010

Location: Meredith Community Center

Directors Present:

Kay Anderson
Bill Corr
Duncan McNeish
John P. Pazzani
Douglas W. Steele
Robert S. Wenstrup

Guest Speaker: Randy Eifert

Agenda:

1. Call to order and recognize quorum of members present
2. WWAC Lawn Care Subcommittee Presentation, "Don't P in the Lake" Program. - Randy Eifert Presenter
3. Spear Property Purchase and Funding Report - Duncan McNeish
4. Lake Host Program - Tim Whiting
5. Kodiak Camp Report - Anne Sayers
6. DES Regulatory Process - Biron Bedard
7. Lake Level Trial Period Status
8. WSOA 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes
9. Treasurer's Report July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010
10. New Business
11. Adjourn

President Robert Wenstrup recognized a quorum of members present and the meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.

Meredith Representative Kate Miller reported that she had conversations with DES employees Jim Gallagher and Mike Walls suggesting a 540 lake level for the remainder of the summer and it was rejected. A draw down will definitely take place in the fall.

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee member, Randy Eifert, addressed lawn care issue as it affects Lake Waukewan. Prescott Field is now pesticide free as are all school fields in the Interlakes School District. Meredith Village Savings Bank, Lakes Region Hospital, and NH Hospitality Holdings (the Inns) are now pesticide and fertilizer free. Aeration and other methods are used to preserve the lawns. Lawn Signs and Flyers discussing phosphorus and pesticides and their effect on the lake were provided to the public at the end of the meeting. Randy mentioned Dan Harris of, "Real Green Lawncare," on Route 3 as being very instrumental in promoting lawn maintenance without the use of pesticides and phosphorus. NH lawns do not need phosphorus. Randy suggested people get their soil tested before using any additives in their soil. NH requires a 250 foot setback for pesticides and fertilizers to be used on soils adjacent to town drinking water supplies.

The Spear Property purchase and acquisition to protect the Lake Waukewan watershed was reported on by Duncan McNeish. The WSOA Conservation Fund has raised \$8,000 above the purchase price of the property. Some of the additional money will be used for fees involved with the purchase. Anything left over will remain in WSOA Conservation Fund for use in the future. New Hampton will take title to the property at the closing and Meredith will be granted an easement to maintain the property. The town of Meredith contributed \$10,000 and the town of New Hampton contributed \$5,000 to the purchase. WSOA raised the remainder of the money through personal contributions from people interested and concerned with protecting and conserving the quality of Lake Waukewan. Stan Wallerstein, WSOA member and attorney, is to be thanked and appreciated for providing, pro bono, all the legal counsel required to facilitate the purchase, as are Duncan McNeish and Bob Wenstrup. Without the generous contribution of their time and effort this purchase would not have taken place. The Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee is to be thanked for bringing it to the attention of WSOA and supporting our efforts to complete the purchase and acquisition through our ability to solicit funding. Fran Gershwin, WSOA member, congratulated Bob Wenstrup and the present Board on the purchase and acquisition of the Spear Property and considers it a coup for the organization.

Lake Host Program Coordinator and WWAC member, Tim Whiting, described the joint effort of the two organizations, WWAC and WSOA which resulted in the purchase and acquisition of the Spear Property.

Tim then went on to report on the Lake Host Program. Contributions of \$1500 from the town of Meredith and an additional \$1500 from WSOA has allowed the program to continue at Lake Waukegan boat launch ramp even with the cutbacks at the state level of funding. Two paid Lake Hosts, Jim Hughes and Jim LaFrance, will continue to work on the weekends. Volunteers led by Anne Sayers and Bob Vogler will be on duty Monday through Friday. There are still some time slots vacant so Tim asked members to please consider signing up and he will provide one on one training.

Kodiak Camp report provided by Anne Sayers. - 10 day camp took place prior to July 4th with between 30 and 50 children and adults participating. Camp buses blocked emergency exits at times. Marine Rescue and Fire Department had to be called when the camp raft was abandoned after a squall took it too far out into the lake.

DES Regulatory Process - Biron Bedard, WSOA member and attorney, has filed a lawsuit against DES for lowering the lake level to 539.5 without following their own established regulations for doing so. No date has as yet been scheduled to hear the appeal in appellate court. People interested in being appellants with Biron should contact him at his home.

Status of Lake Level Trial Period - Bob Wenstrup reported on the state of the boat launch ramp built in 1990. The Meredith Selectmen have applied for a dredge and fill permit to correct some of the inadequacies that now exist at the launch area.

Bruce Bond stated that the steel studs at the boat ramp will be removed when the lake is drawn down in the fall. McNeish will talk to town management.

There are two docks at the boat launch area. One is a floating dock used by the Winnepesaukee Rowing Club, but owned by the town of Meredith.

Deb Corr, WSOA member, asked the Board to retract the lake level statement previously reported in the local newspapers. Doug Steele has corrected the statement on the WSOA website and Kay Anderson reported that the item has been added to the agenda for the Board meeting immediately following the annual meeting.

Fran Gershwin asked when Monkey Pond was going to be dredged. No answer given.

Marian Tucker moved that the minutes from the July 11, 2009 annual meeting be accepted. Duncan seconded the motion. No discussion, minutes accepted with no opposition indicated.

Treasurer's Report (to be attached) McNeish reported that, due to the time taken to complete the purchase and acquisition of the Spear property, we are late getting out the newsletter to members and formulating this year's budget, so this year's budget is based on last year's. Dues envelopes have not been provided or collected for the 2010 - 2011 dues of \$35. Boo Gershun moved that the report be accepted. Fran Gershwin seconded the motion.

New Business - Nomination of New Directors and Re-election of Two Present Directors

Christi Van
Chuck Lowth
Ron Draper
Bruce Bond

Bob Wenstrup (re-elect)
Bill Corr (re-elect)

Marilyn Barber moved to accept the slate of directors and Bruce Mohl seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Wenstrup discussed conductivity issue of lake water, as well as, phosphorus levels which are higher than we want them to be. It is important to note that salt runoff from winter road conditions continues all year long. Water quality is important to any long term plan involving the management of Lake Waukegan.

Boo Gershun asked if the WSOA website could include a posting of the agenda for the annual meeting prior to the meeting next year and also the final draft of the minutes of the meeting today, July 10, 2010.

Doug Steele discussed the website for WSOA and Lake Waukegan Association, Inc. and his ownership of the rest of the site.

McNeish moved the annual meeting be adjourned at 12:07 P.M., Anderson seconded the motion and the membership voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay M. Anderson

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