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The name Windy Waters Conservancy™ (WWC) is the Business name of the Waukewan Shore Owners Association, a tax exempt charitable organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

VLAP - A Key to Water Quality

The Volunteer Lakes Assessment Program is a statewide program sponsored by NHDES to evaluate and monitor our state's lake water quality. Windy Waters Conservancy takes a leading and hands-on role in this effort for Lake Waukewan, providing the volunteer members to do a large part of the monthly water quality sampling for the NHDES and financially underwriting many of the testing costs involved.

These sampling and testing efforts have provided three decades of consistently valid information on Lake Waukewan's water quality, affording both macro and micro analyses of data trends. To date, our lake is not only classified as oligotrophic, exhibiting the beneficial

VLAP continued:

characteristics of a geologically young water body, it is one of the cleanest and clearest lakes in our state.

The interest and efforts of the Windy Waters Conservancy membership goes a very long way to preserve and maintain the current status of Lake Waukewan, so critically important for our local economy, our recreational activities, and as the water source for the residents of the Town of Meredith.

The reports produced by NHDES on a yearly basis are found on our website, with the sampling tests and graphed data analyses and explanations of their significance. It's a fascinating, informative and important overview of just what is so critical to Lake Waukewan's continued health and viability.

To download or view these reports go to
<https://www.waukewan.org/vlap.htm>



**Our VLAP Team
John DeMichaelis & Frank Murphy**

Many thanks to John and Frank for all they do for VLAP.

LAVERACK NATURE TRAIL AT HAWKINS BROOK

The Nature Trail officially opened this past September 13th. If you haven't walked the trail yet you should; it's well worth the trip. You can have a look at the entire trail on YouTube at:
<https://youtu.be/X2EqbiTpUXE>



The Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook offers a scenic, off road pedestrian trail, featuring observation platforms with descriptive signage, located in a large and diverse wetland complex that drains into Lake Winnepesaukee.

The trail is conveniently tucked in the heart of Meredith Village. The trailheads can be found behind Meredith Village Savings Bank and at Prescott Park at the other end of the trail.

Our Windy Waters Conservancy has donated \$2500, over several years, to support the completion of the project. We hope you will enjoy this wonderful trail.

A FreePlug for WWC by Ray Moritz

Due to the virus the N.H. Boat Museum did a virtual boathouse tour this year, and it included a Waukewan boathouse, mine. I was able to sneak in a plug for our WWC. Take a look at

<https://www.nhbm.org/>

Windy Waters Membership

We are very pleased to report that our membership has increased by 17 over 2019, and of the 17, 10 are new to Windy Waters. Membership now stands at 82. Thank you to all our members and a special welcome to those new to WWC:

Ann & Alan Bauer	Rose & Doug McBride
Meg & David Corriera	Laura Nasuti&Ben Hagberg
Erica & Thomas Hession	Nancy & Dave Schloss
Linda & Fred Huntress	Michele Wells
Sean Kavanaugh	George Wilcox

If you know of someone new to the area please tell us. We have a "Welcome to the neighborhood" package telling them about all that Windy Waters does and would like to present the package to them. You can let us know by e-mail at wwc-support@waukewan.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As you are probably aware, due to the coronavirus pandemic, covid 19, the board of directors canceled the annual meeting that was to be held during the month of July 2020.

Usually at the annual meeting new board of director's candidates and current board members that are up for re-election are voted on. Since the meeting was canceled, all current board members were continued on the board. Then a vote amongst the directors voted on the new slate of officers, as follows:

Donna Van Ness Murphy will serve as Co-President
Anthony Sabutis will serve as Co-President
Ray Moritz will serve as Treasurer
Frank Murphy will serve as Secretary
Chuck Braxton will serve as a Director

At our October 11th. board meeting, the board, as provided for in our by-laws, made three more board appointments. These are :

Tim Whiting Meredith
James Kros Center Harbor
John Slavik Meredith

We are extremely thankful for these folks for stepping up to serve on our board. It is so very important for members to step up and be part of the board as the health of our lake is paramount. Without a healthy lake, everything that it gives us will fall apart.



The Loon Preservation Committee

We are very lucky that the premier authority on loon preservation resides right here in the Lakes Region, the Loon Preservation Committee with headquarters in Moultonborough. This year the Windy Waters Conservancy entered our membership in the LPC at the "Supporter" organizational level. This will be an annual membership costing \$250.00. A real bargain considering all the LPC does to protect our loons and how much we enjoy them when they visit each year.

Storm Water Runoff Grants

The Storm Water Runoff Grants program that we started last year provides up to \$500 to WWC members to correct runoff problems on your property. Unfortunately there has been too few participants in the program, meaning too little runoff mitigation, probably because we often don't know what to do about it.

As we have pointed out, Stormwater runoff is the number one cause of water body impairment. Pollutants are picked up and carried in the runoff, finding their way into the lake. Stormwater runoff is the primary cause of many water quality issues, including cyanobacteria blooms.

In addition to the WWC grant, Windy Waters has an arrangement with Stephens Landscaping. Because they recognize both the importance of stormwater runoff mitigation and the grant initiative, they are offering 15% off on native plantings for members of WWC on their property projects. Native plantings include a variety of trees, shrubs, ferns, groundcover and perennials. While your stormwater runoff projects don't have to include plantings, often plantings can be part of the solution, and when combining both it's a win-win for you and the lake.

If you have erosion from runoff on your property and are not sure how to deal with it, contact us and we will find you help.

Details of the offering are found on our website at <https://wwc.waukewan.org>.

WWC Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Financial Statements

FY 2019-2020 Profit & Loss Statement

Notes to the P&L:

1. Year over year Revenues were significantly higher due to increased membership, often at the higher levels and a large donation to underwrite our printing and copying costs.

2. Expenses were in line with prior years except for Printing cost due to the restocking of membership envelopes and printing our first brochures.

3. Net Income was higher than anticipated, largely due to the less than expected applications for Storm Water Remediation Grants. Since the grants are intended to protect the lake's water quality we are hoping for a large increase next spring.

Ordinary Income / Expense

Income

40000 · Membership Dues	4,825.00
41000 · Donation to Operations	3,091.33
42000 · Conservation Fund	2,805.00
43000 · Donation to CF	25.00
46400 · Other Types of Income	
46410 · Bank Account Interest	4.31
46400 · Other Types of Income	0.52
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	4.83
Total Income	10,751.16

Expense

61000 · Stormwater Grant Program	25.00
64040 · Laverack Nature Trail	1,500.00
65000 · Operations	
65005 · Bank & PayPal fees	10.51
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	89.00
65030 · Printing and Copying	2,270.00
65040 · Supplies	50.00
65070 · Memberships	300.00
65080 · Water Quality testing	540.00
65090 · Lake Host Program	500.00
Total 65000 · Operations	3,759.51
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	
Coasters	550.00

Total Expense

5,834.51

Net Income

4,916.65

FY 2019-2020 Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Checking/Savings

10000 · WSOA Checking	8,031.61
10500 · Conservation Account	13,164.78
10800 · Petty Cash	50.00
Total Checking/Savings	21,246.39

Accounts Receivable

11000 · Accounts Receivable	100.00
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Total Accounts Receivable

100.00

TOTAL ASSETS

21,346.39

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

30000 · Opening Balance Equity	3,964.41
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	12,465.33

Retained Earnings (Net Income)

4,916.65

Total Equity

21,346.39

Notes to Balance Sheet :

1. Our cash position remains strong and ready to fund worthwhile conservation projects and remediation grants.

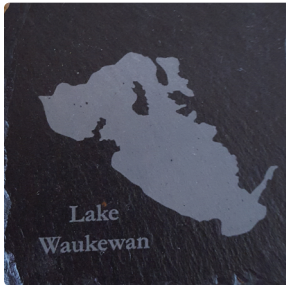
2. We currently have no accounts payable or outstanding debt.

A Message from the Board :

Our membership year runs from July 1st. through June 30th. Now is a good time to renew your membership for this year if you haven't done so. Remember, your dues go to protecting your lake!

As always, we are hoping to add more members and to gain more volunteers to join our Board of Directors. We are very fortunate this year to have added three new members to the Board of Directors. Our by-laws call for up to eleven board members so there are still three openings. Please reconsider joining the board, you can make a difference.

We have put together a welcoming package of information about the lake, the contact info, and the WWC for neighbors. It also includes a pair of coasters. If you have a new neighbor that we should contact please let us know.



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We hope everyone stays safe and healthy during these difficult times and hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual meeting next July 2021.

Best Wishes, the WWC Board of Directors

Memberships & Donations

Ever since our founding 31 years ago as the Waukegan Shore Owner's Association, we have worked to protect and preserve the quality of our beautiful lakes. It's your dues and contributions that have allowed us such great success with placing land in conservation, such as the Spear, Baird, and Bergeron properties. We also provide support for the Lake Host Program, the VLAP efforts, etc. Please renew your membership so this success can continue. Our membership year

has changed to July 1st. through June 30th. to coincide with our annual meeting in early July. You may send your dues or donation check made out to "Windy Waters Conservancy" to: Windy Waters Conservancy, PO Box 91, Meredith, NH 03253. You may also pay your dues or make a donation on-line with your credit card via PayPal. Go to waukegan.org and click on Membership or Donations. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank You.

Category	Amount	Operations Fund	Conservation Fund
Individual or Family (one vote)	\$50+	\$50	Balance
Protector	\$100+	\$50	Balance
Steward	\$250+	\$100	Balance
Conservator	\$500+	\$100	Balance
Life Member	\$1000+	\$250	Balance
Affiliate (Non-voting)	Donation Accepted		
Honorary	Donation Accepted		
Donations	Any	Specify	Specify
Unspecified Donation	Any	100%	0



Chinese Myester Snails - An Update

This summer saw multiple organized, as well as individual, snail hunts that have helped reduce the Chinese Mystery Snail infestation at the southern part of Lake Waukegan.

Hundreds of snails were removed and we owe a debt of gratitude to Janan Hays for organizing the snail hunts as well as all the volunteers who participated. If you haven't volunteered you should try it. It's fun and you get to meet your neighbors.

Legislation that could affect you:

The following are updates to the status on Bills that were being considered:

SB 713-FN: Winter maintenance of paved roads and other areas and reducing salt to reduce impact on lakes and other water sources. Status: Killed.

SB 627: Establishing voluntary dock registration procedure. Registration with DES to reduce complaints, conflict, improve record keeping, and promote hassle free and environmentally protective permit requests. Status: Killed.

HB 1609: Relative to seasonal platforms on public State waters. Inflatable platforms to be regulated by Department of Safety Division of Marine Patrol, for placement and safety. Status: Killed.

HB 137: Wake Boat Study Commission. Final report issued on June 30, 2020. As expected there was little consensus between conservationists, boat owners, and industry groups. The recommendations were presented from those in favor of legislation and those opposed. The recommendations can be found at :

<https://nhlakes.org/wp-content/uploads/Commission-to-Study-Wake-Boats-Final-Report-1.pdf>

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