



# Windy Waters Conservancy Newsletter

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is the Business name of the Waukewan Shore  
Owners Association, a tax exempt charitable  
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501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

## **Keep in Touch!**

From time to time we have found it helpful to send out an e-mail to all those for which we had an e-mail address. Examples of the e-mails we've sent are to forward an invitation we received to join the 4th. of July Boat Parade. Or to advise everyone when a wayward boat or swim platform has been found. Another example is to announce a planned snail hunt or training session for invasive species. Rest assured that we have never given out anyone's e-mail address to others. You've never said it was OK, and we've never done it. If you agree that there are times when an e-mail from us would be useful, please send your address to [wwc-support@waukewan.org](mailto:wwc-support@waukewan.org)

## ***In Memoriam***

Sadly we have lost a friend, ardent and generous supporter of WWC, and a long serving member of our Board of Directors, Chuck Braxton. Chuck served on the board for over a decade, first joining the board in early 2011, and served as President for most of those years. All through the years Chuck was very forward thinking, always trying to get more and more people involved through membership in preserving and protecting the lake he loved so much.

The Windy Waters Conservancy owes Chuck a great deal of gratitude for all that he did. He will be sorely missed.

## ***Charles R. Braxton***

MEREDITH — Charles Randolph Braxton, 76, passed away on Thursday, October 21, 2021.

"Chuck" was born in New York on October 1, 1945 to Winston and Marjorie Braxton of DeWitt, New York. He received a BSENG with honors from Princeton University and held an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Chuck was a realtor with Roche Realty Group in Meredith for many years. Due to his overwhelming love for the outdoors, he focused on land sales of all size acreage throughout New Hampshire. Prior to his real estate career, he was Northeast region Vice President for Duke Energy's energy services as well as an employee of Niagara Mohawk.

Chuck had a strong commitment to the natural environment. He was President of the Windy Waters Conservancy and a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Society for the Protection of NH Forests as well as the White Mountain Gateway Economic Development Corporation. He was a Credentialed Cooperative Director and had earned the NRECA Board Leadership Certificate.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Maggie and their three adored grandchildren, Anthony, Alanna and Aaliyah Robinson. He was pre-deceased by his daughter, Bree Louise Robinson.

A celebration of Chuck's life will be held at a later date.

A donation in memory of Chuck may be made to the Appalachian Mountain Club at <https://www.out-doors.org/>.

The Mayhew Funeral Homes and Crematorium, in Meredith and Plymouth, are assisting the family. [www.mayhewfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mayhewfuneralhomes.com)



## ***Volunteers: Doing Their Part***

**Did you know** that while you're enjoying the lake, there are many volunteers behind the scenes that donate their time to keep our lake healthy and clean?

**Did you know** that for many years, Tim Whiting has been Lake Waukegan's point man for Lake Hosts? Working with NHLakes, Tim organizes and schedules Lake Host volunteers, who educate and inspect boats entering and leaving the Lake at the town ramp. Tim, along with all his Lake Hosts, help keep aquatic invasive species at bay. Thanks Tim!

**Did you know** that there is a new gauge to measure the Lake level in the canal? With the blessing of the NHDES Dam Bureau and our dam operator, Tim Marchand, Jamie Irving purchased and placed the new gauge this summer. Thanks Jamie!

**Did you know** there is someone who has been involved in organizing snail hunts, weed watching and also does VLAP testing on the tributaries coming into the Lake. Janan Hays has been the point person for NHDES in helping to keep our Lake free of invasive plants like milfoil and heads the efforts to eradicate the invasive Chinese Mystery Snails from the southern part of our Lake. Thanks Janan!

**Did you know** that the aerial poster in the kiosk at the ramp has been refurbished? It was looking pretty beat up and in need of a little TLC. This summer, Doug Steele reprinted the poster, cleaned up the kiosk and gave it a new lease on life. Thanks Doug!

**Did you know** that our VLAP volunteers do water sampling through out the summer?

John DeMichaelis and Frank Murphy go out monthly, take samples and John drives them down to DES in Concord for analysis. We have 30+ years of data thanks to volunteers like John and Frank! Thanks guys!

These are just a few of our volunteers!

Thanks to all the volunteers who give so generously of their time and effort to keep our beautiful Lake pristine!

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## ***We'd Love to Hear From You!***

Have a suggestion? An idea on how we can improve? Or maybe a criticism, complaint, or compliment?

In our WWC we all have the same objective, to preserve and protect our wonderful Waukegan environment. So sharing your thoughts and opinions can only make us better. Looking forward to hear from you at [wwc-support@waukegan.org](mailto:wwc-support@waukegan.org)

## ***Windy Waters Membership***

This past year we happily added 11 new members to Windy Waters. Membership now stands at 82. Thank you to all our members and a special welcome to those new to WWC:

Karen & Greg Andre	Immacolata & Jack Perrino
David Dickinson	Kathleen Swanson
Elizabeth & Peter Jacobs	Linda & Steve Vogler
Linda & Nils Nordberg	Kathy & Bob Whelan
Ellen & Paul Nordberg	Lilly Yam
Charles Nyman	

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@waukegan.org](mailto:wwc-support@waukegan.org).

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## ***Waukegan's Lake Host Report 2021***

In spite of the continuing Covid 19 restrictions the Waukegan Lake Host Program continued to provide protection against Invasives this past summer. This was accomplished by a dedicated group of Volunteers and Paid Lake Hosts.

We were very fortunate to have all three of our paid hosts, Carolyn Rideout, Nancy Conlan, and Andrew VanNess, returning from last year. They covered the Waukegan Boat Launch on Weekends, Fridays, and Holidays. Our Volunteers headed by Anne Sayers consisted of Deb Corr, Sharon O'Donnell, Marion Tucker, Bruce Bond, Janan Hays, and Cathy Whelan covered Mondays. All of these people owe our appreciation for the countless hours they continue to help keep Waukegan free of the dreaded invasive species, both plant and animal. The number of inspections by our group this year was down considerably from 2020. There were 1700+ as apposes to 2500+ last year. This was consistent with the other water bodies that NH Lakes supports with a Lake Host Program. This seems to have been due to bad weather on several weekends and Holidays. No invasive weeds or species were found by our Hosts which is a good thing and shows that boaters are informed and are cleaning and inspecting their boats.

Please do consider joining our volunteer group next year. We need to stay vigilant in keeping this wonderful lake as it has been.

Tim Whiting, Lake Host Coordinator

# WWC Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Financial Report

## Notes to the P&L:

1. Year over year Revenues were higher by over 20%, due to increased membership, often at the higher levels. Thank You.
2. Expenses were lower than the prior year due to lower Printing cost and a decrease in our donations to other causes (Laverack Trail)
3. As a result our Net Income was higher than anticipated, which is both good and bad. Profit always feels good, but remember we are a NON\_PROFIT. Our goal is to preserve and protect our environment. If your property has a runoff problem, please fix it. And we will gladly help offset the cost with our grant program.

## ***F Y 2020 2021 Profit & Loss***

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

40000 · Membership Dues	6,553.00
41000 · Donation to Operations	1,240.29
42000 · Conservation Fund	5,138.00
43000 · Donation to CF	1.00
46400 · Other Types of Income	
46410 · Bank Account Interest	4.12
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	4.12

#### Total Income

12,936.41

#### Expense

60900 · Business Expenses	
60920 · Registration Fees	32.00
Total 60900 · Business Expenses	32.00
65000 · Operations	
65005 · Bank & PayPal fees	29.84
65020 · Postage & Mailing	468.50
65030 · Printing and Copying	1,130.00
65040 · Supplies	47.84
65070 · Memberships	850.00
65080 · Water Quality testing	540.00
65090 · Lake Host Program	500.00
Total 65000 · Operations	3,566.18
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	
65120 · Insurance - D and O	744.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	744.00

#### Total Expense

4,342.18

#### Net Income

8,594.23

## **FY 2020-2021 Balance Sheet**

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

#### Checking/Savings

10000 · WSOA Checking	11,384.23
10500 · Conservation Account	18,407.39
10800 · Petty Cash	50.00
12000 · Undeposited Funds	99.00

#### TOTAL ASSETS

29,940.62

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Equity

30000 · Opening Balance Equity	3,964.41
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	17,381.98
Net Income	8,594.23
Total Equity	29,940.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	29,940.62

## 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.

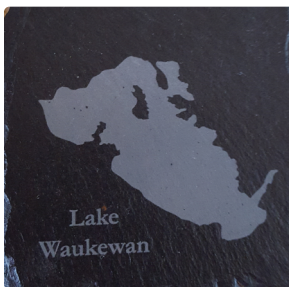


## A Message from the Board :

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 already 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. 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 area, important contact info, and the neighbors. It also of Waukegan have a new we should contact know.



WWC for new includes a pair coasters. If you neighbor that please let us

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We hope safe and healthy "Pandemic" times and hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual meeting next July 2022.

Best Wishes, the WWC Board of Directors

## Monkey Pond: Just Doing It's Job

In 2019, Lake Winnepesaukee Association, under direction of Pat Tarpey, and the Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee for the town of Meredith, applied for and received from NHDES a Source Water Grant for the study of Reservoir Brook and Monkey Pond. In 2020 the project was put out for bid and contracted with Dubois and King Inc. The study was delayed due to Covid and completed in 2021.

The good news is that the study and evaluation of Monkey Pond's contribution to the water quality of Lake Waukegan shows that areas of dense wetland vegetation, including cattails and alders, sequester nutrients, preventing pollutants from entering the lake and helping to maintain water quality. Dredging is not recommended.

In order to maintain Monkey Pond's ecological integrity and flood storage potential, that are compromised by sedimentation from upstream sources, it is recommended that restoration and conservation be focused upstream. Currently, the Belknap County Conservation District, Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee (and by extension, Windy Waters Conservancy) as well as the Town of Meredith are working to bring a mitigation scenario for Reservoir Brook.

Stay tuned!

Donna

## Jenness Cove a Growing Concern

Several of our members have raised a concern over Jenness Cove filling in due to sedimentation and plant growth. In particular, the south-east corner has become so shallow that it's hazardous just getting back to your dock. Can anything be done?

The short answer is we don't, and can't, know unless a study by experts is commissioned. The sources of the sedimentation flowing into the lake must be determined and remediation plans developed if possible.

WWC has been in contact with Dubois & King to get an estimate of the cost of a study. Once known we can then assess whether it is something WWC can handle, will we need financial help from the abutters most effected, or is it so costly a state grant must be pursued?

We will do our best to help, and keep you informed as we go.

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### 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](http://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