



swains lake association
BARRINGTON, NH

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July Board Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 20TH, 2015 @ 6:30PM

DOWNING RESIDENCE

66 STADIG ROAD, BARRINGTON, NH 03825

ATTENDEES

Pres-Deb Winter; Vice Pres-Margery Shepard; Sec'y Wendi Tremblay; Treas-Jan Shaw.
Pat Lenzi, Matt Niswender, Zak Downing, Cynthia Harrington.

Treasurer's Report:

Since the last meeting, \$450.00 has been deposited. Checks were written out for the following: Domain Name - annual fee... \$10.99. UNH - Water Testing ... \$386.00. Printing of Newsletter for those who have no computer email addresses-\$122.00. We currently have 125 members out of 481 Lakefront homes.

Sand Dumping on beaches:

Deb Winter stated that we have gotten a few complaints in regards to large sand piles that look like they will end up on private beaches.

There are currently 3 visible piles. Those complaining want to know if these people have permits for sand. It is unknown to us if they do or don't. A call to Dale Kern of Department of Environmental Services, (DES), yielded no information because they can't say anything regarding permits that have been obtained. He did say that the minerals from sand are not good for any lake. Deb Winter suggested perhaps trying to work with the town to propose an ordinance regarding the spreading of sand. This was not met with much enthusiasm by board members. Pat Lenzi stated that she didn't think the town would want to get involved in this issue. Many other board members agreed with her. So our goal will simply be to EDUCATE.

1. The Newsletter: Include an article, and give Road agents a copy of the newsletter with the article to share with others.
2. Bring this up at the meeting. Bring copies of the information to give out.

Matt Niswender said that many of the "common beaches" used by associations use sand. The important thing is to put it above the high water mark and be sure it is "washed" sand only. Deb Winter will talk to Dale Kern tomorrow and see what he says.

Boat Parade:

About 25 boats took part in this. All agreed it was fun, despite inclement weather. It is definitely on the agenda for next year.

Upcoming Annual Meeting:

Wendi, Deb, and Margary will put the signs for the annual meeting out on Saturday morning. Signs will be placed at the ends of roads, the Boat Launch and Campground. There will also be signs at the JCT of Route 9 and Young Road, Route 4 and Hall Road, and 125 and Beauty Hill Road. Because of a Carnival Weekend taking place at the Campground on our usual "2nd Saturday of August," our meeting will, instead, be held there on the following Saturday, Aug 15th.

Lake Host:

Training for the Lake Host volunteers took place here in Barrington on Monday, July 13th. In attendance were: Michael Briggs, Ethan Budney, Pat Lenzi, Kelly Landry, Sandy Winter, and Cindy Harrington, (who is organizing it). Deb Winter suggested to Zak Downing to put the schedule of days on the web site, so that people know the days that are still uncovered, in case anyone else is interested in helping. She also intends to give a flier and info on weed spreading to Chris, (owner of Barrington Shores Campground).

Cindy Harrington also said that she has “sample bags” to put suspicious weeds in that our lake hosts spot on trailers. The lake host gets a sample from the boat and/or trailer, places it in the bag, and fills out the paperwork attached. Boats and trailers must be inspected both going into the lake and leaving. Weeds and information collected are sent to Amy Smagula at the NH DES.

Wendi Tremblay suggested possibly using some of our money in the treasury for obtaining official lake hosts next year. She suggested possibly using \$2,000, that would then be matched to come to \$4,000. Deb Winter said that unfortunately, there is a minimum of \$5,000 that must be used. This makes it so far, too expensive for us to participate.

Zak Downing suggested possibly approaching Coe Brown High School with the idea that their high school students needing time volunteering could be utilized here at the lake next summer. The Board agreed this is a GREAT idea and this will be looked into.

Tax Exempt Status:

Deb Winter said that although we have regained our tax exempt status, she got a letter from that government agency, requesting our records back to 1970! We simply don't have those that far back.

No Wake Signs:

One of the NO WAKE signs along the narrows between the islands and Mica Point Island, (Bulley Road), has been taken down and moved. Boaters feel it is now facing the wrong way. This matter will be looked into.

Upcoming Annual Meeting:

Bring:

(1). Information on beach sand. (2) .2014 Water Testing Results. (3). Twenty Five extra copies of the newsletter. (4). Info on Twitter and Facebook sites. We now have 239 LIKES on our Facebook page, and 42 Twitter followers. (5). Weed Brochures. (6). Tents needed for shade, as many as possible. (7). Matt Niswender to bring the box his “Yard Enforcer” came in to show audience this way to deter geese from beaches. (8). Wendi Tremblay thinks that perhaps bringing a “Beach Buddy to show may be interesting too, along with info on where to buy one? Wendi Tremblay will bring a water dispenser, cooler with ice, plastic glasses and tent. We need long tables ... Wendi has one. (9). Pens and clipboards are needed for sign up.

Meeting Topics and Information to be disseminated:

(1). Zak will bring his computer and show the new Logo, and website. (2). Lake Host Program to be explained. Volunteers will be recruited too. (3). Renewing our Loon Preservation Society Membership, and the annual loon count. We have one adult, no chicks. We lost our chick this year. Do not know why. Also, a loon in NH died from ingesting a lead sinker. Bring article from the LP Society’s Facebook page. Beginning in 2016, lead sinkers will be illegal. (4). Road cutting along the causeway. Still needs to be mowed higher, and does the membership think we need signs placed there to let the brush cutters know. (5). Updated information regarding Save Our Groundwater. (6). Burning of Plastics and use of gasoline or kerosene is detrimental to the lake. (7). Thank our Vice President Margery Shepard for obtaining updated Personal Watercraft Signage and placing them at the boat launch. Get a photo of the sign for the meeting. (8). Jan Shaw suggests obtaining more area representatives

to lessen the burden on those serving. Solicit volunteers? Former SLA VP Renee Soucy is interested in representing Edgewater area? (9). Put Boat Parade Photos on Website. (10). Bladderwort - Water has gotten clearer with it. If residents rake or pull it out of the water before it goes to seed in mid-July, it will be less the following year. If there were fewer nutrients from septic systems and/or fertilizers, there would be less “food” for the bladderwort. (11). Pat and Roger Gingrich, Cliff and Karen McKenney and Pat Lenzi to explain and answer questions in regards to water testing.