



swains lake association
BARRINGTON, NH

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June Board Meeting

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

WINTER RESIDENCE

44 ROCKY POINT ROAD, BARRINGTON, NH 03825

ATTENDEES

President: Deborah Winter; VP: Margary Shepard; Secretary: Wendi Tremblay;
Treasurer: Janet Shaw. Road Representatives and Water Testers: Cindy Harrington,
Pat Lenzi, Pat Gingrich, Matt Niswender; and Webmaster Zak Downing.

Treasurer's Report:

The meeting commenced at 6:30. Jan Shaw read the Treasurer's Report. Since the last meeting in May, we paid the Loon Preservation Society our annual dues of \$100; \$49 was used for stamps to mail the upcoming newsletter; and \$39.95 was paid to the IRS for a filing fee.

Current Membership count is 111, which includes 2 checks that arrived this past week.

Lake Issues:

Lake Host Program/Training sessions.

Deb Winter stated that, in the past month, she has not been able to connect with Paul Silver regarding volunteers for the Lake Host Program. Cindy Harrington said that she had not heard back from any of the people at the annual meeting who volunteered to do this. Deb Winter asked Cindy if she can get a printout of the training session that was done in Concord and at least then, we will have something to give our volunteers.

Water Testing:

Pat Gingrich brought us up to date on water testing. These volunteers went out once in May and performed their tests in 2 locations of Swains Lake. They will go out again in late June. We are doing this once a month. Temperature and clarity readings will be posted on the website. Other results will be posted when we receive them from UNH, where we bring the readings to be analyzed.

Deb Winter got a call from a resident near the causeway bridge where a beaver is building a dam, plugging up the only opening between their small cove, and the larger lake. The woman states that the dam is making the water in that cove stagnant and causing a funny smell. She is worried about her children swimming there and getting sick. Matt Niswender said that we have strips go give her to test for bacteria. Deb Winter will call Fish and Game to see how to handle the Beaver(s).

Deb Winter asked Water Tester Pat Gingrich if she wanted money for gas when she brings water samples to UNH for testing. Pat replied no.

Septic Compliance:

After a member who attended the 2014 annual meeting brought up that one of his neighbors was using a “permanent port-a-potty” at their home because their septic system failed, we agreed to discuss this. The member was concerned about possible pollution from this. Deb Winter spoke with Mr. Hutchins in town, and has learned that we cannot just go knock on their door to inspect it. There is a State outlined process to follow. We need to fill out an official complaint form, and go from there. She was given a sample form by Mr. Hutchins, and then can take the issue

to the state. A sample complaint form has been given to Secretary Wendi Tremblay to keep if it is needed later.

Fires:

Deb Winter spoke with Fire Chief Rick Walker about the safety of burning fires close to the lake. Runoff is the main concern here. In his note back to her were the following points: 1. Written permits are required for all outside burning unless there is adequate snow cover. 2. Campfire permits are issued on a seasonal basis after the site is inspected by the fire department. 3. Campfire rings must be a minimum of 25 feet away from any structure, including decks, sheds, fences, etc. 4. Rings must be no bigger than 3' in diameter, and no low tree canopies around the fire pit. 5. The only "fuel" that may be burned is clean wood smaller than 5 inches in diameter. NO paper, trash, construction debris, painted, varnished materials, or furniture. 6. NH requires that the campfire wood comes from within the state.

Rick Walker - Fire Chief / Emergency Management Director.....
Town of Barrington 774 Franklin Pierce HWY Barrington,
NH 03825

Signage:

Signs placed in the area of the lake are "State-driven." The Board members have not yet had a chance to talk with people in Concord yet regarding the possibility of replacing the "NO JETSKI" sign at the boat launch that is high in a tree and no one notices it. Another possibility may be NO LITTER signs along the roadsides surrounding the lake, as well as NO PARKING along the lakeside of Young Rd where people fish. Cars are parked out into the road, and small children dart in and out of the

cars. It's an accident waiting to happen. There are also beer bottles all along that section of the road.

Margary Shepard will contact the State to check on the price of signs.

Communication:

Web Site Review. Matt Niswender said that the \$10.99 fee for the website was paid today. Jan Shaw wrote him a check tonight for reimbursement.

Tweet call signs: #SLANH #Swainslake.

Newsletter: Zak Downing will get the newsletter out by next week.

Summer Activities:

Boat Parade on July 4th. We will put fliers up to have decorated boats meet up at "Skiers Rock" at 4pm. We will parade around the lake from there. Theme for decorations will be "Patriotic."

Annual Meeting will be held Aug 8th. Matt Niswender will talk to the owner of Barrington Shores Campground to see if that date is open for us to hold our meeting there.

Next Board Meeting: July 20th. Home of Zak Downing. 66 Stadig Rd. 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36

Minutes submitted by Wendi Tremblay