

Lincoln Pond Association Annual Meeting Minutes Saturday, July 23rd, 2022

Introductions: We met on the morning of July 23rd at the Sienkiewicz's camp at 39 Lower Pond Way. The meeting was called to order by Association President Gerry Zahavi at 9:35 am. As in past years, the meeting began with all those present introducing themselves and identifying their camps.

Unfortunately, three of our members passed away this year. Debbie Maxwell (our Secretary), Jim Madelone, and Nancy Rose. Doug Spilling led us in a Moment of Silence to honor them. They will be dearly missed.

Minutes: Last year's meeting minutes were reviewed by Gerry to the group. The minutes were approved by the members present. The 2021 meeting minutes can be viewed on our Web site.

Treasurer's Report: Our Treasurer, Jeff Sienkiewicz, was unable to make the meeting today, so Susan Bradford reviewed his report for us. At this point, only 17 camps had paid this year's dues -- and with another anticipated 17 payments coming in -- it should bring our paid memberships to about 34 camps this year. This is down a bit from previous years. Susan stated that, overall finances look good -- with a little over \$5000 on hand, but this is due mainly to our Lincoln Pond logo merchandise sales. So, besides making sure we all keep up on paying our dues, let's also please keep buying (and/or pushing) our merchandise (they make perfect holiday and B-day gifts). The Treasurer's Report was approved by the members.

Elections: Gerry stated that he and all of the directors had been re-elected last year (April Spilling, Wayne Johnson, Christy Lill, Ron Husner, and Dave Myers). He also said that due to Debbie's passing, we now need to elect a new Secretary. He then nominated Karin DeMuro, who accepted. Our treasurer, Jeff Sienkiewicz, was also up for re-election and was nominated for such. He accepted the nomination -- and so did Bill Martin, who was nominated for a directorship vacancy.

A motion was made for acceptance of the slate as presented, and all were approved by the Members.

Road Clean-up Report: Gerry reported on the Road clean-up that took place on Saturday, June 25th. Fewer people showed up this year, but it was still a good turnout. The volunteer crew took about an hour & a half to do the job - but it all went smoothly and really well. Thank you very much to all who turned out! We hope to have even more next year. (Then maybe we can be done in 45 minutes :-).

Annual Picnic: This year's Annual Picnic is scheduled for Sat. August 20th, over at the State DEC Campsite. It will take place from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. If you drive in, members were told, DO NOT PAY. Just let them know that you are with the LP Association, and they will note it. The treasurer will pay them for everyone at the end. (We pay per car, so ride with a buddy if you can!)

LPA Logo Merchandise: Susan reviewed the various items available for sale, and said that some new orders will be going out. So touch base with her if there is anything specific you are looking for, or interested in getting. She still has short & long tee's, golf shirts, sweatshirts, glassware, mugs & insulated mugs, hats, and "Henry's Honey". Remember, these items are also available throughout the year; just contact Susan for more info on getting what you need. (And did we mention already that they all make great holiday gifts??) ;)

Water Testing: Wayne summarized the water testing process that he (& his assistant Gerry) do each year. There are 8 tests total. He said they saw no changes in the tests. The water quality looks great, and all is well! Once the results are back, we post them on our Website so that they are available for everyone to see. He also asked that if anyone ever does see something suspicious (i.e. Blue Algae) to PLEASE report it to them! So far, that has not been an issue, but we all want to keep an eye out to protect our pond.

Aquatic Invasive Project: Gerry mentioned that we will continue to do the 'mapping' of the Milfoil on our Pond, so that we can monitor its spread. There are 200 GPS location points that we map. Anyone who is interested in helping out, please contact Gerry, so that he can set up training, etc.

Water Safety Project: In order to keep safety in check here on our Pond, Gerry has applied for a 'floating object permit'. They are for 6 'No Wake

Zone' signs. He summarized the process with the DEC (regulations, etc.) and said that the Town goes in on it with us, so a joint application is filed. A question was asked about 'Object Location Markers'...and Gerry said that yes, we can submit applications for those as well.

Broadband Report: Doug Spilling summarized our options here at LP for internet: SLIC offers hardwired fiberoptic broadband and has various package options; Verizon has 5G coming in soon; and of course there is the option to do a 'hotspot' on your personal phone with your own carrier. He explained the different pros & cons of each option, emphasizing that at least we now actually have options! For those new to SLIC, here is their Web site: <https://www.slic.com>. Doug did mention that they were very easy to work with, and easy to contact should you have a problem. They also have seasonal rates available. Anyone with questions on any of these options, please feel free to contact him.

Road Reports: Wayne updated us on Lower Pond Way. He gave a sum-up of the repair work that he, Eric Roselli, and Doug Spilling had completed. All roads seem in good condition for now. Mike Speshock offered to re-grade & repair the entryway of LPW, to help correct the problem of the large pools of water that collect there. Ron Husner said that Twin Brooks was also in good shape. He, Tony Fernandez, and Richie Carroll take care of that road. He mentioned that at some point they will need to repair or replace the bridge(s), so he will start a fund soon in order to prepare for that.

Wildlife Sightings: No one reported any Moose or Bear. But there were the usual sightings of Muskrats, Ducks & Geese. Eagles and Loons were also both seen and heard. (But of course, the Loons hid during the one hour annual 'Loon Count' this year.) Lol!

Respectfully Submitted,
Karin DeMuro, Secretary