

# BELLEAU LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

By Joanne Parker, Secretary

- ❖ Before the meeting started, there was a breakfast pot-luck. The table was filled with breakfast food donations as well as juice and coffee. The pot luck was enjoyed by all and favored over the traditional hamburger and hot dog cookout.
- ❖ New Belleau Lake t-shirts were on display and selling for \$15.00
- ❖ Boat launch keys were available to purchase from Mark Tucker from 9:00-10:00 and after the meeting.
- ❖ Milfoil director, Victor Vinagro had a table set up with actual milfoil and bladderwort samples for all to see. He was available for milfoil questions.
- ❖ All board members were available before the meeting started for questions and/or concerns

ROLL CALL: Joanne Parker

The meeting commenced at 10:04 AM. Attendance exceeded 25 members securing a quorum without reading attendees names.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Jenn Dropski

Copies were available for membership preview prior to the membership meeting. Jenn Dropski asked for questions concerning the minutes. There were no questions. Motion to accept minutes as written by Ed Rousseau, seconded by Frank Lowry. Majority approved, motion passed.

BOARD MEMBERS INTRODUCTION: Jenn Dropski

Each board member stated their name and their position on the board.

OPENING STATEMENT: CPA/ATTORNEY DISCUSSION: Jenn Dropski

The Association has hired a CPA (Matt Crouse) to review books and by-laws. We want to be compliant in all areas. In 2014 we had missing revenue of about \$60,000. May Vinagro explained possible reasons for this shortfall of money could be related to the switch to Quick Books and the billing cycle that was changed. Bills were late going out that year so probably a timing issue. Paul Poirier, former Association treasurer, mentioned how difficult it was to set up the Quick Books accounting system. He was part of that switch. Mary Vinagro explained how Quick Books accounting system works. It is too costly to try to determine exact reason of shortfall in 2014. Focus on going forward.

Rick Ward is our hired attorney to review all by-laws. He is currently rewriting our bylaws. He will come to the board with suggestions for changes he proposes.

President, Jenn Dropski, made it clear how important it is to pay dues on time. Approximately one quarter of the Association population do not pay their dues each year. The attorney will make a clear set schedule of when dues are due in the new by-laws.. It was mentioned in years passed, a lien was placed on the property for unpaid dues.

Dock leasing is currently put on hold because there is nothing in our current by-laws that states we are able to buy and lease docks. Existing docks will remain as is until we have by-laws stating how to handle dock leases.

#### MILFOIL/ AAWA DONATION: Victor Vinagro

- Victor thanked everyone who helped out to make Wakefield Pride Day so successful. Millie, our milfoil harvester, was in the parade.
- At a recent town meeting Victor spoke and was able to secure \$10,000.00 from the Town of Wakefield from their Invasive Species Fund. The town of Wakefield is very supportive of our milfoil efforts.
- We currently have a contract in place with Solitude and a permit to treat certain areas of the lake that have milfoil. The areas to be treated will be confirmed after some diving efforts.
- Victor mentioned his table presentation of milfoil samples for all to see.
- Last year we made a donation to AWWA in the amount of \$500.00. Victor asked for the same size donation be made from the Association this year. Motion to donate \$500.00 again this year was made by John Brown and seconded by Diane Lee. Majority approved. Motion passed.
- Victor also mentioned we have our water tested 4 times a year.

#### LAKE FISH RESTOCKING: Victor Vinagro

- Unfortunately the cost of restocking our lake with fish is costly. The company who restocks wants to electro shock the fish and study what our fish population looks like. It was suggested that Victor contact UNH who does restocking to compare prices.
- Ted Turner questioned why he's seen some dead fish floating to shore. It was explained that the rapid changes of temperature this year is the cause of the dead fish.

#### ROADS: Tom Dube & Dana Margolis

- Our consultant, from a management company in Wolfeboro, Fred Phlugger, is currently preparing a new road contract. Dana and Tom are overseeing the contract proposal to be sure everything is included and complete with all that we want. The new contract will specify frequency of plowing and sanding the roads before, after, and during storms.
- Last fall, the brush was cut alongside the roads. Winter plowing went well. Sanding was a little skimpy as noted by several members. A question was raised about if the contractor knows who is a permanent resident here in the winter. Often times he stopped plowing before all the roads were done assuming nobody lived on end of some roads in the winter. Once there was a problem with trees across the roads. Everyone was encouraged to send an email to Tom or Dana if there is a road problem. Hopefully many of the problems will be addressed and clearly stated in the new contract.

- Tom addressed road concerns. He complimented Dave Carem for his plowing work this past winter. There were several comments from members about needing more sand on So. Dorr hill, plowing not completed all the way to the end of Gold Coast. Some members are on call for their jobs and need to be able to get out.
- Members questioned what type of sand was being used since it had a black appearance. Tom said it was a course stone dust. This stone dust has more rock in it to make it gritty for better traction.

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT: Frank Rago

- This year will be the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> year the golf tournament has been held. It is scheduled for July 7, 2018 at 8:00 AM. Frank hopes to get more sponsors. He has sponsor forms available. He hopes to raise enough money to help restock the lake with fish for all to enjoy.

#### FIREWORKS & UPCOMING EVENTS: Dana Margolis

- Fireworks will be on the night of July 6, 2018.
- After the golf tournament on Saturday there will be an ice cream social from 4:00-6:00 at Association Park. There will be a cookout and a DJ at the Park after the cookout.
- We will have a boat parade this summer. Date will be announced.
- There will be some movies shown in the Park. We want to get kids more involved this year.
- Pine River Pond has issued a wiffle ball challenge. This fun will be open to all ages. Looking forward to a fun time together.
- Elections will be coming up in the Fall. There are several vacancies on the board at this time if anyone is interested.

#### LAKE SAFETY: John Shaffer

- John had prepared a Lake Report (attached) with important facts. It was given out at check in.
- We want another safe summer. Remind people to slow down. Boaters need to be 50 feet away from anything to go more than headway speed.
- Working on birdhouses. Volunteers welcome.
- John will be working on a new depth and width map of our lake. Volunteers to help will be appreciated.
- Members asked if we could get some dredging done to make our lake deeper. Not allowed by the state rules and regulations of our waterways.
- Need to put out buoy markers in the narrows. Seems narrows are getting longer every year. John will check on this.
- Boat launch needs to be redone. It's becoming difficult to launch a boat because of the uneven ground.
- At several points in the lake, trees have fallen down into the water creating a possible hazard. Dana and John will help remove the trees.

- A member questioned about the removal of stumps. Stumps must be loose to be removed.

#### DAM ASSOCIATION: John Brown

- Need more members
- Ice must be completely gone before boards can be put back on the dam.
- The lake is mostly fed by springs. Lake level is still going up about one half inch each day.

#### OPEN AND NEW ITEMS: All

- Beaches were recently surveyed so we know boundaries and can update our maps with the town of Wakefield. Cost was \$1,500. per beach. Stakes need to be replaced with more permanent markers.
- Larry McLaughlin stated that Beverly Hills beach has had so much erosion from the road that the water level has gone from 4 feet to 3 feet. Mary Vinagro addressed his concerns stating that that beach needs work to redirect the runoff. Would like to hydro seed to secure banking. Also Beverly Hills beach needs a fence around the plunge pit.
- Royal Doughty mentioned that at Fire Plug beach there used to be a berm to divert sand from running into the water but the berm is no longer there. The fire department used to clean out fire plug beach because that is a main source of water if needed for a fire.
- If you have a tree on your property that falls into the water, you are responsible for removing it. If you want to cut a tree on your property that appears to be damaged or diseased, you should call the forester and he will make the determination of whether it can be cut down.
- The meeting ended with a big thank you to all the board member for all they do to make our Association and Belleau Lake so great!

#### ADJOURN

- Motion made to end meeting made by Ted Turner
- Seconded by John Brown
- All in favor
- Meeting adjourned. All board members stayed after the meeting to be available to discuss any other concerns of members.

## **Agenda for Spring Membership Meeting**

### **BLPOA**

**May 26, 2018 at 10am**

As required by the by laws, the agenda will be:

- Roll Call-Joanne Parker
- Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (copies available at check in)

Reports of Officers and Directors:

- Opening Statement-Review Minutes-CPA/Attorney discussion (Jenn)
- Milfoil-AWWA donation (Victor)
- Lake Restocking-(Victor)
- Roads –(Dana/Tom)
- Golf, Fireworks, Events-(Dana/Frank)
- Open Positions (Jenn/Dana)
- Lake Safety-(John)
- Volunteer for projects upcoming-(Dana/Jenn)
- Open and New Items

## **BELLEAU LAKE Spring 2018 Lake Report**

### **BIRD HOUSE PROJECT**

Will continue this year. If you are interested in helping build / installing them please make sure I have your e-mail address

### **REMEASURE DISTANCE AND DEPTH OF OUR LAKE**

Remeasure distance and depth of our lake

June / July I will retake measurements and depths of our lake. I have both a depth finder and a laser rangefinder. If you are interested in helping with this project, please make sure you give me your email address.

## **The most important thing to Remember?**

### **Who needs to be boat certified?**

Persons at least 16 years old who operate a motorboat over 25 hp or a ski craft in New Hampshire must have a boating education certificate.

### **Age Restrictions**

You must be at least 15 years old to take the online Boat New Hampshire Course and the In-Person Exam for the safe boater education certificate, but the certificate will not be issued until the age of 16.

### **Enforcement**

New Hampshire law enforcement officers patrol the waterways to make your boating experience safe and pleasant. Cooperate with them by following the laws and guidelines.

Carry the Card Vessel operators who are required to have a Boater Education Card must carry the card on board the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer.

Penalty Not carrying your Boater Education Card when one is required can result in a fine.

**This is our lake.** If we ignore the unknowing, uncaring, thoughtless people acting dangerously on our lake, we are as much to blame.

Show Belleau Lake just how much we care about her. EVERY DAY

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

**Wakefield Police Department Office: 603-522-3232 Dispatch: 603-539-2285**

**Marine Patrol: (603) 293-2037**

