

**Minutes of the 76th Lake Groton Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 3rd, 2022**

Preamble: The By-Laws require an annual meeting of the membership during the months of July, August or September for the purpose of electing trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

1. Call to Order and Quorum Confirmation

Rusty Reader, President, presided over the meeting. At approximately 10:20 a.m. Rusty asked for confirmation that there were at least 20 members in attendance to meet the by-law requirement. Since attendance exceeded the minimum, Rusty called the meeting to order.

2. Introduction of New Camp Owners and Association members

On behalf of the Welcoming Committee, Jim Soutar reported on the following new camp owners and welcomed them to the association:

- Jay Stewart and Priscilla Carr purchased the Ortiz camp on West Shore Drive.
- Heather and Mitch Livingston purchased the Ergood (Concannon) camp on Lakeside drive.

Welcome!

3. Moment of Silence for deceased members

Rusty read the names of members who died during the past year and asked for a moment in their honor:

- Doug Lindsay
- Terry Dana
- Tex LaRosa
- Annie Chase
- Charlene Bostrom

4. Volunteer Thank You

Rusty referred to the numerous volunteers who were listed on the agenda and asked membership to join him in thanking the volunteers for their time and expertise.

5. LGA Email Address Request

Rusty requested email addresses for members not currently receiving emails from the Association. Please provide your email addresses to Janet Page at janetmpage@gmail.com

6. Approval of 2021 Minutes

Minutes of the September 4, 2021 75th Annual Lake Groton Association Meeting were unanimously approved.

7. Financial Report

Susan Pelkey Smith, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report and referred to the handout. A full report is on the association website. As of 08/30/22 the checkbook balance was \$12,804.14 and the value of the CD was \$4,453.29. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

8. Financial Recommendations from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees recommend approval of the following:

- \$250 donation to Groton Fast Squad
- \$250 donation to Groton Fire Department
- \$50 donation to Loon Recovery Program
- Dues of \$40 for the following year

The above recommendations were unanimously approved.

9. Nomination and Election of Two Trustees

Dick Guy was nominated for, and accepted to be the new LGA president, he is expected to be voted as President by Trustees

Lois Bostrom was nominated for, and accepted to be a LGA trustee replacing Gail McDonnell. Thank you for all that you have done Gail!

10. Committee Reports

Goose Report: Peter Lyon reported this year there was 17 – 23 geese here at any given time. There were 3 laying pairs but no eggs because the nests did not appear finished. Could be turtles, eagles or hawks.

Peter Lyon reminded members that they can buy tickets from him to the annual Groton Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, October 1st.

Web Site: www.Grotonpond.com. Dave Spencer has handed the website duties (with the ducktape) to Cindy Spoor. Thank you Dave for the many years you have done this for us. And Thank you Cindy for taking this task over!. We voted to approve funding for any technology fees that will be incurred.

Lay Monitoring Report: Bob Ricker reported that the water clarity continues to be clearer than usual. Clarity is at 15 meters, which is excellent. Lake Groton report card went from 'fair' to good!

dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/monitor/lay-monitoring.com

July 4th Activities: Rusty thanked Goober Schaarschmidt and Ashley White for offering their location (again) for the 2022 fireworks and for all the donations that made this happen!

Loon Report: Darlene Sprague gave the annual loon report. Barb Zander reported that a second loon platform has been built for the South Shore in hopes that that pair will also nest. The platform on the north end has proven to be a great success with babies hatching year after year.

Bladderwort: Matt Coxon reported that the bladderwort really hasn't been a problem this year. They have not had to take the bladderwort mobile out. Funds were approved to purchase a tarp to cover the boat.

11. Park Update

The park update was giving by Chad Ummel, Regional Operations Manager. Reminder to those campers who wish to use the boat launch that the Stillwater gate will be open until September 25th. September 26th – October 17th it will be dummy locked. Discussion is being had about having punch cards created for which to launch and extract boats in the future.

The Brittle Naiad Reporting seemed to be just ordinary (native) Naiad but it has been sent to a laboratory for testing.

The Nature center project has had delays but should be ready next year. Trails will reopen then.

An AED device at Stillwater Campground is being discussed.

12. New Business

- Randy Odell has offered the use of his sound equipment for meetings.
Thanks Randy!
- HUGE THANKS TO RUSTY READER for his time served as president of the LGA. When asked how many years, Rusty replied A LONG TIME.
Thank you so much.
- Thank you Dwaine Smith for the help at the registration desk
- Any year-round folks that want to be on a separate email list, send Susan Pelkey Smith an email at susanpelkeysmith@gmail.com.
- Kevin McDonnell has been providing CPR training to folks around the lake. He is sure to offer another course, probably in the spring. An email will be sent out at that time. Cindy Spoor, Dale Thorenson, John & Joyce LaRosa and Dwaine and Susan Pelkey Smith purchased a defibrillator and EMT's know this and our local EMT's Kevin McDonnell and Dick Guy have access to it if needed.
- Kevin McDonnell reminds us that getting reflective signs is very important in the event of a rescue. They are available through the Groton Fire Department
- Volunteers are needed to peel potatoes and squash the night before. Show up at the kitchen of the Groton Community building with a peeler and/or a knife at around 6pm on Friday, September 30th! Please call Jim Soutar at 584-3878 if you can help!
- Dennis Casey announced the end-of-year boat parade will be Saturday September 24th at noon, with a rain date of Sunday September 25th.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Page, trustee and clerk