

Great East Lake Improvement Association
2018 Annual Meeting
Weeks Park, Wakefield NH
July 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Charles Crespi. Pledge of Allegiance was done and Charles made a motion to accept last year's Annual Meeting minutes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Charles Crespi reported for Jeff Lebida. Handouts of the GELIA financials were available at the meeting. The Association is in good financial shape with the membership dues and contributions to the ISDF. The Lake Host program was prepaid so the P&L statement currently shows a small deficit. It will change to a surplus when the proceeds from this meeting come in. The year should end with a surplus in the GELIA accounts. Motion made to accept Treasurer's report, it was moved and seconded. Motion passed.

Election of Officers and Board Members:

The Nominating Committee has nominated and the Board of Directors has accepted the following Slate of Directors for membership on the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee has nominated three current Board members for reelection to third terms on the GELIA Board: Susi Alvino, Michelle Rhudick, and Caitlyn McKay.

The Nominating Committee has nominated one current Board member for reelection to a second term on the Board: David Upton.

The Nominating Committee has nominated one prior Board member and past President for reelection to a new first term on the Board: Dave Mankus.

The Nominating Committee has also nominated two new Board members for initial first terms on the Board: Tom Knowlton and John Crespi.

The floor was opened for any other nominations and the Secretary was asked if any other nominations had been presented. There were no new nominations presented.

There was a motion to accept the new and existing Officers and Directors, it was moved and seconded to accept the new terms. Motion passed.

Water Quality:

Chuck Hodsdon spoke about the great water quality of Great East Lake. Samples are taken and examined by UNH for clarity, chlorophyll and phosphorous. Chuck keeps GELIA updated and informed on all test results that are pertinent to Great East Lake. There was a report available with a wealth of information.

There has been an issue with landscapers blowing debris into the lake when doing fall cleanups. Members were requested to remind their landscapers not to blow debris into the lake. . There was discussion about making a list of contractors available who understand the issues of lakefront property and how to keep erosion to a minimum. This will be discussed at our fall meeting.

Lake Host Program:

Caitlyn McKay says the program is going well so far this summer season. New Hampshire has changed the information they are gathering at the launch. They are looking for more specifics about boaters and where they have been and where they are going. This is done so they can better allocate funds. A member gave the idea of a power washer at the launch to clean off the incoming boats. Good to discuss at the fall meeting.

Loons and Weed watchers:

Chuck Hodsdon discussed the current Loon situation. They need to be treated with care and respect for the distances people and boats should stay away from them and their nests.

Two chicks in the second basin were hatched the night of the meeting. The pair in the Scribner River lost one chick to a rogue loon and one of the eggs did not hatch and was abandoned. The official count is done on Saturday the 21st of July. This is a statewide count organized by the Loon Preservation Committee.

Boating Safety:

Barry Russo spoke about the signs at the launch that give the safe distances to be away from shore and other boaters in Maine and New Hampshire.

There were members with sightings of bad boating practices with people coming too close to shore, going too fast, and others not having enough observers in the boat for tubers and jet skiers.

The Maine Warden Service and NH Marine Patrol appear to be more active on our lake this year. There was a sighting of at least one boater being escorted from the lake in handcuffs.

Docking lights are to be used for close quarters maneuvering only. When these lights are on during regular boating it can impair the vision of other boaters.

Membership:

Susi Alvino gave a report that we have more donations this year than we had last year at this time. There are currently 399 members, 27 are new members. There were also 16 members from Lake Forest.

The average contribution is \$115.00. Susi asked for members to ask their employers for possible matching funds. Amazon offers Amazon Smile customers to give 0.5% of their purchases to charity. GELIA is now one of those charity options.

Speakers:

Ruth Guttman from Three Rivers Land Trust gave an update on the 2,000 acre land conservation projects. These are located just east of Great East Lake. This year, they hope to complete the path to Goat Hill and close on the Hansen Pond property. Financial support from GELIA membership was requested.

Linda Shier spoke about AWWA and thanked GELIA for their support. YCC is going strong by helping land owners with erosion control suggestions, and will provide their service for free, with the homeowner paying for materials and hopefully a donation.

AWWA is having their first AWWA Water Fair on July 28, 2018 in Sanbornville at Turntable Park. There is so much information and materials for everyone to access on AWWA's website: www.AWwatersheds.org

A motion from the floor was made to appropriate funds for a new microphone for the GELIA PA system. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

The annual raffle followed with great success as did the refreshments of hot dogs, chips and drinks.

Respectfully Submitted,
Effie Jaramillo
GELIA Secretary