

LIPPC Annual Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2011

Attendees: Ann Williams, Ralph Tedesco, Tom Hughes, Gene Spender, Sue Hamlin, Marty Prox, Ed Poliquin, Ray Senecal (via Skype) and Diane Caracciolo

Guest Speaker: Robert Hill - Project Leader on IEP Survey

Lake and Watershed Resource Mgt. will be conducting the Level 3 survey on the Watershed this summer. The purpose of the survey is to rule out the presence of the 11 target invaders and document natives as well. Quality and success of the survey depends on the experience of those conducting the survey, weather conditions, and light, to name a few. The survey is timed with the peak plant maturity, mid-August to September.

Roberta and Scott have extensive experience in conducting surveys, they developed the methodology that has now been adopted by the state and used internationally.

A level 3 survey is recommended to be completed at a minimum of every 3 years. Early detection is vital in successful eradication. A level 1 survey, which surveys the high risk areas, or a Level 2, which surveys the high risk plus shallow shoreline and coves could be completed on the off years. Going forward we should develop our own lake wide Volunteer Survey Field Team to take charge of different sections of shoreline. The high risk areas should be focused on first, this would alleviate the need for a level 1 survey and save money. There are 60 lakes in Maine that currently have these teams in place.

LIPPC Meeting:

Secretary's report was approved with no changes. Ann Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Ed Poliquin seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Treasurer's report was approved with no changes. Gene Spender made a motion to accept the report as presented and Marty Prox seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Committee Reports:

CBI - Marty Prox: As of July 15 there have been 697 boat inspections, including about 58 at the North Ramp and 3 at Horseshoe Pond. There have been 131 hours of volunteer time at the ramp. Old Home Days was a success - 4 volunteers signed up. Moira Yip, Jane Gleason and the Pillsbury's have been helping at the North ramp. One or two additional paid inspectors may be needed to cover both ramps entirely.

Communications - Ann Williams: Submitted articles to Cola, LEA and VLMP about "Eyes on the Water" outings and Aaron Tripp's milfoil find. There was also a write up in LEA magazine. Check out the new photos on the website.

Education - Lucy Lacasse: Sue Hamlin reported in Lucy's absence. There were approximately 45 people at the recent "Eyes on the Water" outing at the North ramp. Another outing is planned for August 6th at the Narrows at 10:00. It will be run slightly different - Jackie

Bailey a biologist at St. Joseph's College specializing on aquatic plants, will help train and identify participants. Everyone will be given a list of native plants to find. Old Home Days was a success with steady traffic. Almost all 1,300 Eyes on the Water books have been passed out - unused books will be collected at the end of the season. Another printing of the booklet will be necessary for next year.

Grants: Ray Senecal - Interim report on CBI grant is due Monday. Currently gathering all details from Gene and Marty.

Volunteer Coordinator - Ed Poliquin: \$3,460 has been contributed to the CBI program from businesses, individuals and road associations. Volunteers have contributed 131 hours to inspections at the ramp. Gold stars were awarded to: Palmer Lane, Vinton Road, Mud Cove, Farrington Cottages, Stearns Road, Ladies Delight and Horseshoe Pond. Westways, Rattlesnake, Severance, Fox Cove, Boulder Brook, Quisissana, and Conifer still need work.

Rapid Response - Diane Caracciolo: Committee met for the first time to discuss Local Rapid response plan for plants found by volunteers or inspectors at the ramps and in the event that an invasive plant is found in the Watershed. Details are still in the works but the committee expects to have a preliminary draft of a plan in place before the Level 3 survey is completed.

Private Ramps - Ed Poliquin: a document discussing locations of private ramps was circulated to all members. A letter outlining options on how to control launches was also included. One option is to block ramp with chain and sign directing boaters to do a self-inspection of their boat. Ralph Tedesco volunteered to get estimates to have sign made.

Election of Officers:

Nominations included: Tom Hughes - Chairman, Ed Nista - Treasurer, and Lou Olmsted - Secretary. Gene Spender made a motion to accept the nominees, Ralph Tedesco seconded the motion. Board members present voted unanimously to accept all nominees.

Need more trustees - 4 more were recommended. A posting will be put up in Town Hall. The selectman will also be asked for recommendations.

Gene made a motion to adjourn meeting, Ann Williams seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Caracciolo