



Silver Lake Association Belmont-Tilton, Inc.
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
June 26, 2021

President Terry Threlfall called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM at the cove on Gardners Grove Road. More than 50 voting members of 82 were present providing a quorum.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Terry invited new members to be identified. They are: Robert Golabiewski, Brian and Dina Hubbard, Gilbert Hultz, Jim Brown, Brent Phillips, Jeff Abrams, Alice Lawrence, and Karen Griffin.

2. Reading of the Minutes

Terry read the minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting as they were submitted by Secretary Sabina Foote. Caryn O'Connell made a motion to accept the minutes as they were read; Dennis Leclerc seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Julie Paquette summarized the Financial Report for the year ending May 2021. The balance was \$13, 359.36. PayPal dues caused change to be uneven because fees are based on the amount at the transaction. Marie Bonnett made a motion to accept the financial report as presented; Dave Foote seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Election of Officers and Board Members

Terry announced three vacancies—two on the Board of Directors and one officer (VP).

Caryn O'Connell nominated Karen Griffin to replace Karl Makin as a Tilton member of the Board; Lew Loud seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Dennis Leclerc nominated Paul O'Connell to replace himself as a Belmont member of the Board; Caryn O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Julie Paquette nominated Jim Brown to replace John Meunier as Vice President; Pauline Tessier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Terry Threlfall nominated Julie Paquette to another term as Treasurer; Pauline Tessier seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Officers & Board Members (with term dates):

President: Terry Threlfall (2022)
VP: Jim Brown (2023)
Secretary: Sabina Foote (2022)
Treasurer: Juliette Paquin (2023)

Board Members: Paul O'Connell (B, 2024);
Karen Griffin (T, 2024); Mark Evans (B, 2023)
Dawn Marie Godin (T, 2022); Bill Naughton (B,
2022); Pauline Tessier (B, 2022)

5. Milfoil Mitigation Efforts for 2021

Terry presented a summary of harvested milfoil by Aqualogic last year, totaling 145 gallons.

A question was raised about the amount collected whether it was verifiable. The data is based on the honor system. It was suggested that the dates when Aqualogic is scheduled to harvest be published so SLA members can observe and assist with kayaks to pick up floating pieces.

Mark Evans gave an update on the progress of mapping milfoil more accurately in Silver Lake. He has been in contact with the UNH Dean who had grant funding to assign four UNH students to map milfoil in Silver Lake. Meanwhile, the supervising faculty member has since retired, and a replacement is pending this summer.

Dawn Marie Godin updated members on her efforts to train certified divers to harvest milfoil. The State no longer certifies divers and milfoil harvesting has not been typically included in diving hours for certification. She explained she is working on getting approval for recently graduated students from her course to harvest in Silver Lake. She asked SLA members to allow students to harvest milfoil as a means of logging hours towards certification. Marie Bonnett made a motion that Lew Loud seconded.

There was discussion about using chemicals to get rid of milfoil. Belmont has approved chemical treatment in Lake Winnisquam. A majority felt it was an option that should be looked at. It was also suggested that we should look at ways to capture material at the dam before it comes into Silver Lake.

6. New Business

- A. Milfoil Effort 2021—Terry will try to schedule Aqualogic mid-summer and look at chemical treatment for non-moving water, especially the stagnant cove near the Chevanelles. Dave Foote mentioned that treatment in that area was done about 25-30 years ago. It was effective but lasted about one year and grew back. It would be an on-going process.
- B. T-shirt Sales—Pauline is working with Champion Choice, the Crampton family, who have been very helpful. They updated the logo this year. A link will be available on Facebook with a short window of opportunity. Mail orders will be accepted. (NOTE: to receive a notification in Facebook, adjust your settings for the SLA page so All Notifications is turned ON.)
- C. Water Level Issues—Paul O’Connell informed members that a legal water-level must be maintained by the State for Lake Winnepesaukee. In past years, Franklin has negotiated raising lake/river water levels for kayaking events in January. Recently they have negotiated a second adjustment in June.

Pauline gave an update of Mill City Park in Franklin. Phase One development becomes effective July 12 and they want to maintain 250 cubic feet of water.

Winnisquam has become the reservoir for the water park: Last Friday our lake was raised more than 12 inches and lowered around 16 inches on Monday.

Building a dam down river to help maintain Silver Lake water levels was discussed. Years ago, the State approved a proposed swing-gate dam with a runover, but it was never funded, Jim Sawicki explained.

Woody Fogg gave a brief history of dam ownership (at the head of Silver Lake) from PSNH to the State DES. When there is a 12-inch change, the State is required to give notice. However, the notifications have been inadequate because the State will make one 6-inch change two separate days to avoid giving notice, until *after* the change has been made. (NOTE: The State agreed to notify when there is a 6-inch change by their email/text-message system in the last few years.)

Paul's experience has been that DES provides inconsistent information. Lew Loud confirmed that DES "corrects" their data making it inconclusive. For example, Silver Lake, measured at the outflow of the dam, has had a flat line for a ten-year period. Mill City Park was supposed to engineer their own water-level management, but it hasn't happened. DES needs to be contacted.

Jim Brown volunteered, and DM Godin made a motion, to contact DES in writing; Terry Threlfall seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously. Pauline distributed a list of State Representatives and urged everyone to contact them.

Dredging the lake was discussed. Dredging was planned in the 1970s but was never approved due to environmental concerns and lake use restrictions.

- D. Annual Boat Parade—Dave Foote announced the 35th Annual Boat Parade. Anyone who wants to participate should meet at the cove at 1:00 PM on Sunday, July 4. After touring around the lake, we meet back at the cove for songs and trophies. He also mentioned he and Tom would be retiring as King & Queen Neptune after this year and are looking for volunteers.
- E. SLA End of Season Get-Together—Jim Brown invited everyone on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend to get together at his place for a potluck, cookout, games, etc. Look for upcoming details on Facebook.
- F. Web Access—SLA website re-establishment was discussed briefly. Facebook is good for updates, but lacks the ability to store documents, historical information, etc. especially when SLA will potentially be looking at large projects in the future. Dennis made a motion, and Robin Schofield seconded it, to earmark \$500 in the budget for the Board to look at website development. Robin Schofield, Caryn O'Connell, and Juliette Paquin would also assist.

7. Adjournment

Dave Foote made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 AM. Paul O'Connell seconded it and the motion passed.

(All thanked and applauded the efforts of the Officers and Board Members!)

Respectfully submitted by Sabina Foote