



Fall Newsletter

A Note from the President

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I am Kent Pieri, and I was elected LHPOA president after serving eleven years on the Board. My wife, Nancy, and I have been on the lake (Duboff Lane) since 2002. I am a Vietnam veteran and a retired banker. We have lived in the Albany, New York area for the past twenty years.

Nancy and I grew up on lakes in Maine and New York. We are fortunate to share Lake Hortonia with our children and grandchildren. It brings back

great memories watching them learn to swim, sail, and waterski.

The water quality of our lake is very important. The Board intends to make every effort to preserve the lake by exploring cost-effective and lasting treatment options. We need the support of all the property owners.

In addition, we are looking for volunteers for projects such as grant writing, fund raising and

membership. Please contact me with your interests, ideas, and concerns.

I would like to thank Mary Batzinger and Carole Beauregard for their work on this, our first newsletter.

2014-2015 Officers

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Elections are held during each fall meeting. Officers & directors are all 2 year terms with alternating years of election.

Fall and Winter Projects

Sonar or 2-4D Treatment

The Board is pursuing permits from the state to treat the lake with either Sonar or 2,4D in order to kill the milfoil weeds.

Rough cost estimates to treat with Sonar are \$180K. That includes purchase of the product and cost of application. Because of the high cost, the Board is simultaneously pursuing a grant from the state to help mitigate the cost.

Project leader: Dave Weaver

Hydro-Raking

The Board is pursuing a permit to allow property owners to utilize Hydro-Raking to clear weeds on their lake front. The Board will also provide a list of companies that owners can hire to do this work.

Project leader: Mike Kelley

Creating a Special Lake Tax District

The Board is looking into working with the towns of Sudbury and Hubbardton to create a Lake Tax District. This would work like a town Fire

District tax. It would be levied by the towns directly on lake property owners, collected with the yearly property tax and then the town would give the funds to LHPOA. This tax revenue would replace dues payments and would be used the same way dues are used now; to protect and maintain the health of our lake.

Project leader: Mark Young

New Billing Process



Starting April 2015, property owners will receive an invoice by mail for dues payment. This invoice will have a tear-off stub at the bottom for remittance. The remittance stub will also have a place for you to update your contact information such as e-mail address and phone number.

Fall Meeting Minutes (Labor Day Weekend)

Following the annual luncheon held at the home/garage of Dave and Janet Weaver at noon on August 31st 2014. The fall meeting was opened by President M Young at 1:05pm. As usual, a member of each family present stood and identified their name, location and years on the lake. The meeting was well attended as was the luncheon.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. To date the balance in all accounts is \$85,938. This seems like a good amount, but would not be enough to treat the lake effectively if we don't receive a grant from the state for Sonar.

Dave Weaver talked about the 2 chemicals being considered

to use versus Sonar. Diquat would not be good as it is not selective and would damage or kill all weeds. 2,4-D/Aquacide is more selective and would be the better choice. Problem being neither of these have been used before in Vermont and a lengthy permit process would be needed. So Dave will prepare a permit application for Sonar and Aquacide. He will be assisted by Mike Kelley.

Copies of the new Shoreline Protection Act were handed out for owners to take and try to understand. The latest copy of the Property Owners List to match the Lake Map was available. After much discussion, the dues were voted to remain at \$150 per year payable May 1st. The Fire

District was again mentioned, but to date, no action has been accomplished.

A slate of officers was presented: President – Kent Pieri, Treasurer – Marg Villeneuve, Directors – Dave Weaver, Mark Young. Marg asked for help to maintain the list of owners as it is very time consuming along with the treasurer's work. Mary Batzinger volunteered to help with contacting both town clerks to maintain corrections. The slate was voted in for a two year term. Those leaving office were directors Ed Pepler, P. Hathaway, Tab Beauregard and Walt Crocker. They were thanked for their service. The meeting closed at 2:15pm.

"We are looking for volunteers for projects such as grant writing, fund raising and membership. Many hands make light work."

Please consider giving just a bit of your time to help make our lake a great place to be.

2014–2015 Board of Directors

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