

Gregg Lake Association
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2017

In attendance: Janice Mellen, Marlene & Jerry Schultz, Denise & Paul Scott, Jan Boyle, Martha and David Osler, Ruth Benedict, Paul & Charlene Stephens, Joan Gorga

President Denise Scott called the meeting to order at 10:02AM.

Welcome & Introductions

Introductions of all in attendance were made.
Charlene Stephens was thanked for hosting the meeting

Recording Secretary:

The minutes of the August 2016 meeting were accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Marlene Schultz for Treasurer Ken Akins

Spring	Report	2017		
		Gregg	Lake	Association
Date	Deposit	Checks	Balance	
08/29/16	XXXXX		\$ 955.25	Balance @ August 2016 Meeting
10/03/16	\$0.00	\$22.98	\$ 932.27	Expense Fall Meeting
10/03/16	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$ 832.27	State of NH water Testing
10/16/16	\$0.00	\$129.60	\$ 702.67	Expense Web Page
10/21/16	\$25.02	\$0.00	\$ 727.69	Dues received on Web Page
11/08/16	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$ 1,017.69	Deposit Dues
04/11/17	\$50.04	\$0.00	\$ 1,067.73	Internet Deposit Dues
04/13/17	\$25.02	\$0.00	\$ 1,092.75	
05/03/17	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$ 792.75	NH Lake Association Dues
05/16/17	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$ 817.75	Deposit Dues
05/26/17			\$ 817.75	Balance @ June 2017 Meeting
		Treasurer		Ken Akins
				<i>Kenneth D. Akins</i>
Total	Deposit	Checks		
	\$415.08	\$552.58		

Corresponding secretary:

Charlene Stephens, Corresponding Secretary, asked all members to please contact her if an update to a member contact is needed. She can be reached through the 'Contact Us' link on the GLA Website (www.gregglakeassociation.com) or at charstephens2@gmail.com. A reminder that GLA dues can be paid via the website was also mentioned. It was sadly noted that Ann Bogrette passed away on April 15, 2017. Her cousin will be continuing the family ownership of her cottage.

Old Business

Antrim Police: The Police Chief reports that this past winter was a good one, as far as break-in issues go. He also reported that use of the vacant property form has fallen off, probably due to less reports of vandalism over the past year or so. Members are encouraged to use the form, especially as cottages are closed for the season. Forms are available on our website (Resources/Services) and at the police department.

Recreation Department Report: The Lake Host Grant has once again been awarded and it requires a matching amount of Volunteer Hours to conduct the boat monitoring. Approximately 190 hours of volunteer time are needed to fill the hours left unfilled by paid beach staff. All GLA Members are asked to consider attending a training and sign up for some time slots this summer. A summary of upcoming trainings:

• ***SATURDAY, June 24, 9:00 – 12:00 noon, NH DES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH***

(This training includes species identification session and Lake Host/Boater interaction role play with boat and trailer.)

• ***TUESDAY, July 11, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., NH LAKES Association, 14 Horseshoe Pond Lane, Concord, NH***

If you want to attend one of these trainings, please contact Celeste Lunetta (antrimrekdir@tds.net). You will need to PREREGISTER using this link: <https://nhlakes.org/education/lake-host/>

Scroll down until you see TRAINING SESSIONS SIGN UP, then click on the date you wish to register for.

Celeste is also offering 2 training sessions in Antrim:

SATURDAY, July 1 – 8-10am

SUNDAY, July 2 – 7-9pm

Celeste will only offer the training if at least 4 people sign up. Please contact Celeste ASAP if you plan to attend at antrimrekdir@tds.net

Antrim Wind: There is an appeal going before the NH Supreme Court. In support of the appeal, donations and support have been solicited by Antrim residents. Denise Scott shared that she will not be adding her name to any appeal documents, as a relative of hers is on the Supreme Court.

Lake Testing: Bob Southall was not at the meeting, but our Guest Speaker, Joan Gorga, gave a report on current testing and results. Please see notes below.

Antrim 2020: Approximately 100 Antrim residents participated in the series of meetings held by Antrim 2020 since last October. Four Focus Areas emerged from the October 21 and 22 Kick Off: Food & Agriculture, Natural Resources, 4-H & Families, and

Community & Economic Development. Of specific interest to the GLA, one project selected by residents to be developed is Volunteer Maintenance of Natural Areas including appropriate signage. Please follow these links to see more on all these topics:

- [Creation of an Economic Development board](#)
- Assessment of business and community gathering spaces
- [Developing a business incubator and co-working space](#)
 - [Business Incubator Meeting minutes 02/09/2017](#)
- [Nature trail upkeep and signage](#)
 - [Trails of Antrim Facebook Page](#)
 - [Trails of Antrim Meeting minutes 01/09/2017](#)
- A central town events sign

A link to the full report can be seen at <http://antrim2020.com/> or the GLA website (News/Events).

Invited Guest: Joan Gorga

A trained Volunteer Lake Assessment Program water tester, Joan has been looking at records from 1997 to the present to learn more about the health of Gregg Lake and its watershed. As Project Manager of the new Gregg Lake Watershed Plan Committee, she reports that 3 tests have been done so far in 2017 and that 3 more are planned. The additional 3 will be funded by the committee who has made application for the watershed grant. This group is made of many dedicated professionals who are donating their services to the research, mapping and fact-gathering that is needed for a successful grant. The grant is to support the development of a Watershed Plan for Gregg Lake (writing of plans are not usually grant funded) and having a plan will open the door for further funding from the EPA and other entities. When steps are needed to maintain the lake's health for its wildlife, funding will be available to do so. Currently, water testing shows that there is not good health at the deepest areas of the lake and that life cannot be supported there, mostly due to high levels of phosphorous and low levels of dissolved oxygen.

Joan was asked what the GLA can do to be helpful. She responded that the membership can be very helpful by:

- Being supportive of the Watershed Plan Committee as they research. (They may need to walk on your property)
- Doing a self evaluation of homeowner water use/disposal as well as landscaping practices
- Offering to help with water testing. (Contact Joan at jgorga2@gorga.org)
- Taking surveys that come from the watershed committee
- Attending the watershed education sessions that will be offered in the future (and announced in the LIMRIK, as well as on the AntrimNH.org website.)

As Editor of the Antrim LIMRIK newsletter, Joan also encouraged the GLA to submit an article for the Fall 2017 issue (deadline August 10).

New Business:

Gregg Lake Road Construction Update: Jim Plourde, Antrim Road Agent, reports that culverts have been replaced and patches to the road are to be done next. Plans are to apply a shim coat from Holt Hill Rd to the bridge during the last week of June and then the entire road from Rte 31 to the bridge will be paved by the 2nd week in July. Jim has expedited the re-surfacing due to the increase in traffic on Gregg Lake Road in the summer.

GLA Website: Charlene Stephens, website creator and Webmaster, asks the membership to please share pictures and stories of Gregg Lake by writing to her at the 'Contact Us' pull-down tab at the association website (<http://www.gregglakeassociation.com>). She also reminds the membership that although a lot of information is available without logging in, more in-depth information is available, including surveys to be taken (as needed) and specific membership news can be shared once logged in. Please contact Charlene through the website to request a log in.

Camp Aranu'tiq: Nick Teich could not attend but reports that the camp season will be June 20 – September 4, 2017. Dates for the families coming and going will be:
Sun. **June 25**
Sat. **July 8**, Sun. July 9; Sat. July 15; Sun. July 23; Fri. July 28
Sun. **August 13**; Sat. August 19; Fri. August 25; Mon. August 28
Fri. **Sept. 1**; Mon. Sept. 4

Lake Host Program: Denise and Paul Scott are planning to attend one of the sessions in July and encourage others to get in touch with them, so that we can guarantee Celeste at least 4 people will be at her training. Helen Perivier had suggested last August that GLA donate funds to support Lake Host paid staffing. This topic will be discussed at the August meeting as there was not a quorum at the meeting to vote on this issue Denise enjoyed participating in the NH Lake Association Congress recently. She was very impressed by the keynote speaker, Wallace J. Nichols, author of Blue Mind. She passed around his book and a clear blue marble which can represent our planet, a predominantly blue, water-covered home. A link to the slides and the keynote presentation will be on the Gregg Lake Association website. Denise also relayed a sea turtle story that teaches us all to look beyond the self-imposed limits that we create and to reach out to new opportunities.

Denise also shared a phone app that you can download, 'Bloom Watch,' which allows any citizen to take pictures of an algae bloom and share it with the EPA. With citizen-supplied data, the EPA can keep abreast of development of dangerous algae blooms in real time.

Fundraising Opportunity: Betsy Landis' friend has donated a Gregg Lake necklace with blue water in the silver shape of our lake (\$150 value) to the GLA to use for fundraising purposes. The members present felt that a raffle would be the best way to raise funds with tickets going for \$5 each. There was discussion of creating an incentive among the membership that would give a free, 6th ticket to those that purchased five. Since we are not a non-profit organization, these donations will not be tax deductible. Details will be forthcoming on the GLA website.

Bloom Watch: The latest testing reveals there is no cyanobacteria in Gregg Lake at this time, which is great news. All boaters are encouraged to spread the word that boats are to arrive for use on the lake Clean, Drained and Dry.

Date and Location of Spring 2018 Meeting: Due to the extremely low attendance at this Spring meeting, there will be a discussion at the 2017 Annual Meeting about the possibility of changing the Spring 2018 Meeting date to Memorial Day weekend.

Annual Meeting:

The GLA Annual Meeting will be at 12 noon on August 26, 2017 at the Beach Pavilion. Reminder that this meeting is a Pot Luck luncheon. Please bring a food item to share, as well as chairs and a drink of your choice – no glass bottles please.

Comments:

Jerry Schultz inquired about the lack of road signs for Gregg Lake Road and the possibility of doing some beautification to the small traffic island at Clinton Road. Denise will be in touch with Jim Plourde to ask about these things, as well as to inquire where the 'SLOW' traffic sign by White Birch Point has gone.

Paul Scott noted that there is now a new 'Dog Use' area and non-motorized watercraft launch area designated from the west side of the point to the boat launch.

Jerry Schultz asked who replaces the dog poo bags in the receptacle near the boat launch. It was believed to be Celeste.

The meeting was adjourned @ 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Benedict, Recording Secretary