

Gregg Lake Association

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2017

In attendance: Janice Mellen, Marlene & Jerry Schultz, Denise & Paul Scott, Tom & Jan Boyle, Martha & David Osler, Ruth Benedict, Paul & Charlene Stephens, Joan Gorga, Walter & Joann Kloss, Linda & Bob Southall, Althea Nastasi & guest, George & Michelle Caughey, Ken Akins, Steve Ullman, Ursula & Jacques Perivier, Helen Perivier, Ulf Birgonder, Ben Pratt, Diane Chauncey, Celeste Lunetta, Gwen & Rod Callahan, John Reinstein, Nancy Gertner

President Denise Scott called the meeting to order at 12:32PM.

Welcome & Introductions

Introductions of all in attendance were made. Ben Pratt, Diane Chauncey, Gwen & Rod Callahan were welcomed as new members of GLA.

Recording Secretary:

The minutes of the June 10, 2017 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Treasurer Ken Akins:

Fall	Report	2017		
		Gregg	Lake	Association
Date	Deposit	Checks	Balance	
06/30/17	XXXXXX		\$ 817.75	Balance @ June 2017 Meeting
06/13/17	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 942.75	Dues Received and Deposited
06/14/17	\$ 50.04	\$ -	\$ 992.79	Dues Received and Deposited
06/15/17	\$ 25.02	\$ -	\$ 1,017.81	Dues Received and Deposited
06/22/17	\$ 25.02	\$ -	\$ 1,042.83	Dues Received and Deposited
06/27/17	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 1,067.83	Dues Received and Deposited
08/18/17	\$ 25.02	\$ -	\$ 1,092.85	Dues Received and Deposited
08/29/16		Balance	\$ 1,092.85	Balance @ August 2017 Meeting
Total	Deposit	Checks		
	\$ 275.10	\$ -		
		Treasurer		Ken Akins
				<i>Kenneth D. Akins</i>

Corresponding secretary:

Charlene Stephens, Corresponding Secretary, reminded 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.

Old Business

Antrim Wind: The Antrim Wind Appeal has gone forward with required paperwork submitted. Annie Law has accepted donations to help defray the costs of the appeal and her contact information was available at the meeting for those that might still want to contribute. There will be a meeting on Monday, August 28, 2017 with the Antrim Selectmen to address potential changes to the PILOT Agreement.

Lake Testing: As Joan Gorga was introduced, appreciation was expressed for her work and the work of the Watershed Management Grant committee who have given much of their time and expertise for the good of Gregg Lake.

Joan reported that she and Ben Pratt have done lake testing 5 times so far this season. In general, there is an appropriate temperature gradient in the lake ranging from 40° – 80° F. Most of the qualities tested for are in acceptable ranges. There are, however, concerns.

- In the deeper parts of the lake there is not enough *dissolved oxygen* to support life. There appears to be enough dissolved oxygen in only the top 13 feet of the lake. (The deepest part of Gregg Lake is 36 feet deep.)
- There are sections of the lake that have higher-than-ideal levels of *phosphorous*.
- The *Ph levels* in the lake are low, as are most lakes in New Hampshire. Gregg Lake has been fairly stable in this reading and there is not much to be done to change the acidity of the water.
- *Algae* results come in at the ‘Good’ to ‘Exceptional’ range. There has been no cyanobacteria found in Gregg Lake.
- *Clarity* has been in a good range.

Antrim Police Department Reminder: Members were reminded to consider using the Antrim Police service of keeping watch on empty cottages during the off season. The ‘Vacant House Check’ form is available at the Police Station, on the GLA website and on the AntrimNH.org website within the Police Department pages.

Gregg Lake Association 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>).

If any one of the members is not receiving GLA emails, please contact Charlene so that she can correct the problem. Also, if an email or mailing address has changed, please let her know about that, too. Please note that the most specific membership news can be seen once members log in. Please contact Charlene through the website to request a log in if you have not yet done so.

Denise noted that the current story on the front ‘page’ of the website is about Nathaniel Hawthorne College, which has recently become Hawthorne Academy, a private high school. Please see <http://www.hawedu.org/> for more about the new school.

New Business

Watershed Management Grant: Joan Gorga is the Project Manager of the grant. She is one of many people who are pooling their expertise and resources to write this grant application, for the purpose of developing a Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan. Once a plan is in place, EPA or DES grant funding can be obtained to support implementation of practices that will protect the quality of Gregg Lake, such as creating retention basins to help with sediment control. With the financial support of the state and DES, large projects would be possible. Joan noted that the grant decision process has moved slowly, but the committee recently received notice that they could expect to sign

an agreement, with the state, in the near future to receive grant funding to develop the Watershed Management Plan between October 2017 and March 2020.

The initial tasks the committee will work on include:

- Selecting a consulting firm to assist with making the watershed plan
- Preparing highly detailed, site-specific plans
- Documenting the assigned responsibility for all committee tasks
- Compiling water quality data based on consistent testing
- Creating lake loading files/models to be used in analysis of data
- Beginning watershed outreach to local residents. This involves GLA members who are asked to begin doing self-assessment in terms of septic systems, rain run off and any observed water issues.

Online education will be offered about these issues. Local residents will be asked to contribute their knowledge to future maps of water movement in the watershed. Core members of the Watershed Plan Committee members are: Diane Chauncey, Ben Pratt, Peter Beblowski, Missy Lombard, David Ward (a GIS professional), Helen Perivier, and Cathy Spedden, in addition to Joan.

If other members of GLA are interested in joining this committee, please contact Joan at jgorga2@gorga.org.

Addendum to the meeting from Joan Gorga:

In my attempt to be brief yesterday, I was most remiss in not mentioning either how much work Helen (Perivier) did on the grant proposal or that Helen is a member of the GLWMP committee. In the grant proposal, we defined two committees, a "Core Working Group", which was assigned the task of managing the project initially, and a broader "Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan Committee."

I should also have mentioned the extensive contributions from Cathy Spedden, who is on the Core Group. George and Michelle Caughey, who attended the GLA meeting, contributed as well, and Bob Southall gave his advice and support. And, of course, Ben Pratt and Diane Chauncey have been instrumental from the beginning, and have now joined the GLA. Suzy Ward also worked on the grant proposal and helped with the lake bathymetry.

Clearly, I was wrong in saying that we didn't have enough input from the GLA. Helen Perivier has a great background and a tremendous amount to offer and made substantial contributions even while she was in Belgium and Portugal. She has also been active in both Weed Watching and Lake Hosting. She is welcome to be a member of the Core Group, and we can communicate in whatever way works when she's not able to physically be here.

Denise has asked the membership to check the GLA website periodically for surveys that will be used to support the work of the grant and thanked Joan and the committee for their hard work to obtain the grant to allow a watershed management plan to be written for Gregg Lake. Grants are not usually available until after a plan is in place.

Fundraising Opportunity: The association has had one Gregg Lake necklace with blue water in the silver shape of our lake (\$150 value) donated to GLA to use for fundraising purposes as noted in our Spring Meeting minutes. The members present felt that a raffle would be the best way to raise funds with tickets going for \$5 each. There was some discussion of possibly creating an incentive for ticket buyers that would give a free, 6th

ticket to anyone that purchased five raffle tickets for \$25. Gwen Callahan, Denise Scott and Ruth Benedict volunteered to meet and plan the launch of this fundraising endeavor. Watch your email and the GLA website for more information. (This raffle will take place in Spring 2018)

Spring Meeting Schedule/Location: There was discussion about the possibility of changing the Spring 2018 Meeting date back to Memorial Day weekend, as it had been previously. The members felt that there were many members at the lake for the holiday weekend and that attendance at the June meeting was very low. The membership voted and passed to have the Spring meetings changed to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend moving forward. A new schedule for the GLA Meeting dates will be available on the association website soon. The date for Spring 2018 will be Saturday, May 26, 2018. The meeting will be hosted by Martha and David Osler at 175 Gregg Lake Road, Antrim.

Support for Lake Host Program: Celeste Lunetta responded to questions about whether the GLA could donate funds to support Lake Host paid staffing in lieu of putting in volunteer hours. She explained that a donation of volunteer hours is more needed than money. Volunteers 18 years old and older are needed for as little as 1-2 hours per session. Celeste relayed to the membership that money COULD be used to hire local teens, but that finding teens for summer work is challenging, which Celeste has experienced. She made the point that the 2-hour Lake Host Program training is valuable for all to get, and is a life skill, once acquired.

Celeste shared some important information regarding the reality of boats coming to Gregg Lake from infected lakes. In addition to guarding against pieces of algae and plant material coming into the lake because they are stuck or caught on an arriving boat, microscopic organisms can infect Gregg Lake from the water caught inside any cavity, such as kayak paddle handles.

Denise reported that the smartphone app 'Bloom Watch,' which allows any citizen to take pictures of an algae bloom and share it with the EPA, does work. With citizen-supplied data, the EPA can keep abreast of development of dangerous algae blooms in real time.

Members Forum:

Marlene shared that Roy Carlo's son died recently.

Steve Ullman shared that the new Librarian at the James Tuttle Library is Cynthia Jewel. The membership was asked to consider presenting a talk about their Gregg Lake experiences at the library at some point in the future.

Denise shared that Ann Bogrette passed away April 15, 2017 after a long and wonderful life. She was buried in her Army Blues. Her cousin will be assuming ownership of the family cottage. Also, there have been many recent changes to ownership of local cottages, including the Hickey's log cabin home which was sold to a young couple from Massachusetts.

Annual Meeting: August 25, 2018 at the Gregg Lake Pavilion

The meeting was adjourned @ 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Benedict, Recording Secretary