

Gregg Lake Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2020

Held online, as a Zoom meeting, due to Covid-19 issues

In attendance: Denise and Paul Scott, Janice Boyle, Ruth Benedict, Charlene Stephens, Ken Akins, Earle and Jeanne Shumway, Mary Dillon, Marlene and Jerry Schultz, John Reinstein, Nancy Gertner, Martha and David Osler, Joan Gorga of Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan Committee, Dominic Ciccone, George Caughey, Michelle Caughey, Rod Callihan, Gwendolyn Callihan, Lauren G (Langdon), Michael Langdon, Jeanne Baker, Carol Carnes, Patrick Pezzati, Ben Renda, Betsy Landis

President Jan Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

Recording Secretary:

The minutes of the 2020 Spring Meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Fall	Report	2020		
		Gregg	Lake	Association
Date	Deposit	Checks	Balance	
05/20/20	XXXXXX		1,738.29	Balance @ May 2020 Meeting
05/28/20	50.04	0	1,788.33	Dues Received on Web Page
05/29/20	25	0	1,838.37	Dues Received and Deposited
06/03/20	25.02	0	1,863.37	Dues Received on Web Page
06/05/20	25.02	0	1,888.39	Dues Received on Web Page
07/14/20	25	0	1,913.41	Dues Received and Deposited
07/18/20	0	163.95	1,774.46	Web Page Annual Costs
07/27/20	50	0	1,774.46	Dues Received and Deposited
08/05/20	25	0	1,824.46	Dues Received and Deposited
08/13/20	25	0	1,849.46	Dues Received and Deposited
			1,849.46	Balance @ August 2020 Meeting
Total	Deposit	Checks		
	250.08	163.95		
				Treasurer
				Ken Akins
				Kenneth D. Akins

The annual association dues of \$25 per household can be paid to Ken Akins by mailing a check to him at **19 Rachel Lane, Antrim, NH 03440** or online through the GLA website: http://www.gregglakeassociation.com/store/p5/Pay_your_dues%21.html. A small fee of \$1.90 is charged when paying online.

Corresponding Secretary:

Charlene Stephens, Corresponding Secretary, asked that all members add her email to their contacts so that all GLA emails from her will be delivered and not bounced back. Please be sure to contact her if update is needed to your member contact information.

Charlene Stephens, Corresponding Secretary, can be reached at charstephens2@gmail.com or through the 'Contact Us' link at the GLA website.

Old Business

Gregg Lake Water Testing: Joan Gorga reported that the June water testing this summer yielded results consistent with previous years. (Only partial results are available from the June and August testings.)

Lake temperatures: Temps at all depths were consistent with previous years. There is no concern.

Phosphorous: In most areas, measurements in June were similar to previous years. However, at the deepest spot, it was the highest ever seen in a June test.

Dissolved Oxygen: Dissolved oxygen was similar to previous years in shallower waters but dropped less steeply towards the bottom of the lake. This is good news because as the dissolved oxygen increases in deeper waters, the percentage of the lake that can support aquatic life increases.

The lake has had a bloom of a common, non-toxic algae, Zygnema, this year. Thankfully, no cyanobacteria has been detected up to this point in the season. NHDES suggests a simple test for distinguishing between a bloom of filamentous green algae and potentially toxic cyanobacteria. If one reaches into the green mass with a stick and pulls up a thick stringy mass (it stays on the stick), it is a filamentous green algae. If, on the other hand, it slips off the stick and disperses, it may be cyanobacteria and should be reported to NHDES (603-848-8094 or email HAB@des.nh.gov with photo).

This summer a private lab completed a few E. coli tests at the public beach, all with acceptable results.

As a representative of the Antrim Recreation Department, Joan shared that a new kayak rack is planned for the boat launch area. It will be available at the end of this season to Antrim taxpayers. A second rack may be added in the future, if needed.

Antrim Police Department Reminder: Jan Boyle, President, reminded all that the Antrim Police Department will monitor vacant properties at Gregg Lake over the winter. The form to apply for this service is on the Antrim website:

www.antrimnh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf2736/f/uploads/vacantproperty.pdf

Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan Update: Joan Gorga, Project Manager, shared that after extensive watershed research, data analysis and tabulation the committee has completed their study of the Gregg Lake watershed and proposed an Action Plan. Members can read the completed project at the website: <http://glwmp.antrimlimrik.org> or on the Gregg Lake Association website: <http://www.gregglakeassociation.com>. NHDES gave the committee kudos for their excellent work on this big project which is EPA compliant.

Joan reported that there have been several new septic systems installed around the lake which will contribute to a healthier watershed. In the future, demonstrations may be held at the beach on topics such as erosion and low-cost mitigation of lake issues. Walk-throughs of individual properties may be available in the future, if residents would like help putting into place best practices. The Watershed Committee would appreciate hearing from homeowners about any contribution they have made in the way of mitigation activity. Please contact Joan if you have questions.

Among the actions recommended by the study are mitigation of erosion along the banks of the Gregg Lake Road causeway. Joan suggested that there are less visually intrusive alternatives to the Gabion Baskets that are often used for this type of stabilization.

Another recommendation of the study is to address erosion along the shoreline by lowering the lake water level. Some users of the lake have felt strongly enough about blocking this action that they have intimidated and threatened top members of the committee. The GLA members present did not support such tactics and discussed the issue at length. A motion was made for consensus to recommend lowering the lake by one board as an experiment, based on available data. The motion passed and will be presented to the Antrim Select Board at an upcoming meeting, which has jurisdiction in this matter. Many long-time residents of Gregg Lake properties supported this plan.

Charlene Stephens suggested that this item get onto the Select Board agenda while meetings are still held on Zoom, so that more lake residents can be present and show support for a trial lowering of the lake level. Further discussion solidified the sentiment that the long-term health of Gregg Lake is the goal that drives this proposed action.

New Business

Host for Spring Meeting: With hopes that the GLA can meet in person again by next Spring, Martha and Dave Osler, at 175 Gregg Lake Road, will host the meeting on May 29, 2021 at 10am.

Nominating Committee Report: Denise Scott shared that finding individuals to step up and support the GLA through taking an officer position was more difficult than it has ever been this year. She asked the members to discuss how the GLA should proceed without a full slate of officers (no President). It was suggested that two people could be Co-Presidents and share the

responsibilities of the post. Members are encouraged to get the younger generation involved in the association so that the future care of Gregg Lake has invested stewards.

Election of Officers: Denise Scott presented a partial slate of officers to serve the GLA for the next two years. Vice President: Mary Dillon; Recording Secretary: George Caughey; Corresponding Secretary: Charlene Stephens; Treasurer: Ken Akins. Denise Stephens will, reluctantly, take the role of Acting President until another person (or two, in the case of co-Presidents) volunteers. A vote was taken, and the New Officer slate was passed as presented. Please contact Acting President Denise Scott (508-494-1122) to volunteer for a two-year Presidency.

Denise was thanked for her caring support of the GLA through years of service.

Members Forum: Marlene Schultz noted that Tom (Winslow) Sawyer passed away this summer. A moment of silence was observed. Allen Sawyer thanked the GLA for recognition of his father's passing.

George Caughey reported seeing a moose swim along the lake channel for the first time ever. Denise commented that it has been amazing to see two loon chicks survive and thrive on the lake this year. This has not happened for many years, if ever. She has enjoyed watching the parents teach the chicks all that they need to know.

Denise also spoke about an old postcard that she found from the 1920s that shows the yellow cottage with a barn and Gregg Lake Road was much lower than it is today.

Marlene thanked the outgoing officers for their service.

Jeanne Baker noted that she has seen boaters of the past use their motors to get out of the lake and onto trailers, something that is being done now, as well. (This is a practice that digs out the dirt at the boat launch and adds to erosion there.)

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is scheduled to be a picnic on August 28, 2021 at the Lake Pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned by President Jan Boyle at 11:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Benedict
Recording Secretary