

Gilford Islands Association 22nd Annual Meeting Minutes - July 23, 2012

(See important additional information following these Minutes)

Submitted by: Susan Colbert, Secretary

The meeting was held on Monday, July 23, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Gilford Town Hall. President Jim MacBride called the meeting to order.

The speaker for the evening, Pat Tarpey, was delayed, so the meeting moved to the business portion of the agenda.

Part I

Minutes: The minutes from both the July 23, 2011 and March 3, 2012 meetings had been sent to all members previously. Dick Holdaway moved to approve the minutes from both meetings and Ripley Forbes seconded the motion. The motion carried without discussion.

Elections: Because the office of president was up for election, Connie Grant moved that John Goodhue, GIA Vice President preside over the election process. Lisa Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed without discussion. John then led the election of new officers.

The GIA board of directors recommended a slate of three incumbents for re-election.

They were: Jim MacBride, President; Ripley Forbes, At-large member; Richard Holdaway, At-large member.

There were no other nominations from the floor. Lisa Harris moved to accept the incumbents. Ripley Forbes seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Previously, David Beardsley had resigned as Treasurer for personal reasons. The GIA board recommended Diana Goodhue to fill the remaining term. There were no other nominations from the floor. Connie Grant moved to vote for Diana Goodhue for Treasurer of the Association. Ripley Forbes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim MacBride resumed presiding over the meeting.

Dick Holdaway recommended that the GIA board review the signing authorities for the Association's various bank accounts in light of the changing of the treasurer.

Contributions: Jim MacBride explained that each year the GIA has donated money to various organizations. One of those organizations, WinFABS's, no longer needs our contribution of \$250. The organization existed to promote a speed limit on the lake. As that objective has been met, the organization is no longer active. The Board recommended that the WinnFABS contribution be split and added to Smith Cove Association and LWVA (Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association). The remainder of the contributions would remain at the 2011 level.

2012 Proposed Contributions:

LWVA \$275 (In addition, \$500 was allocated at the March meeting specifically for sponsoring two water testing sites near Governor's Island.)

SCA (Smith Cove Association) \$475 (millfoil eradication)

Loon Preservation \$200

Lakes Region Conservation Trust \$150

NH Lakes Association \$125

NH Audubon Society \$100

During discussion, Susan MacBride questioned if the Winnepesaukee Sailing Club might benefit from a donation. Jim MacBride said the club was a private organization and the money to date had been donated to public groups.

Connie Grant moved to accept the Board's recommendations. Lisa Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report submitted by David Beardsley in absentia.

As of June 30, 2012 GIA has \$7,949.47 in Bank of America, \$5,816.72 in CDs or other, for a total of \$13,766.19.

Expenses for the year:

\$ 1325 contributions

\$ 572 office expenses

\$ 1061 meeting expenses

\$ 382 taxes to IRS

There are 240 households listed as GIA members and mailed invoices. About eighty percent are paying dues.

Lisa Harris moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Connie Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Report: Sally Davis, our legislative monitor, was not present for the meeting. Jim MacBride submitted her report of current legislation relative to lake issues. Jim MacBride commented on SB224 and the importance of eliminating lead sinkers for the benefit and health of our loon population.

Overview of NH Lakes Conference: Sue Colbert reported on the NH Lakes Conference held on June 22, 2012 and attended by Jim MacBride, Ripley Forbes and Sue Colbert. The daylong conference included presentations and workshops on many issues surrounding NH lakes and water quality. It was attended by people from lakes and waterways all over the state. Thomas Burack, Commissioner, NH DES gave the opening remarks of the conference and reported on the topic, "The State of Our Lakes". Selected slides from his presentation were given out at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Picnic: The board originally proposed August 19, 2012 for the Island Association picnic at Diana and John Goodhue's house on Mark Island. At our meeting, that weekend was no longer viable for the Goodhue's. There was little support from the audience for the following week of August 25, 2012 so the picnic was cancelled. The 2013 picnic date will be discussed at the March meeting.

GIA Website: Sue Colbert presented the idea of establishing a GIA Website through a reputable web provider, MyLakeTown.com. The web site would enable members living on different islands to share useful information, news, pictures, calendar of activities and events and help bring our island communities closer together. Anyone interested in seeing what the company participants have developed can go to ***MyLakeTown.com*** to view other lake community sites.

The monthly cost of the website once it is operational would be between \$35 and \$50 per month depending on the number of members who sign up for it. The website would be developed and administered by board members with the help of the company web developers. There is no extra charge for the development of the site.

Ellie Steele from the Kinneho Island commented that the information would have to be updated frequently and kept current for people to continue to use the site.

Richard Holdaway motioned that the Board proceed with the development of the website but limit the cost to no more than \$600 per year. Lisa Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tax Exempt Status: The Gilford Islands Association pays taxes to IRS every year. It is possible that we could qualify as a tax exempt organization. Connie Grant spoke to a contact who is a lawyer. He advised her that our organization needs to fall under one of the stated reasons to qualify and file for a tax exempt status. Connie Grant moved that GIA proceed to investigate and then file for taxpayer exempt status if we qualify. Ripley Forbes seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Fire Prevention Programs: Jim MacBride is going to talk to the Gilford Fire Department about fire safety and prevention programs for island residents.

Docking and Parking at Glendale: Jim MacBride reported that the week of July 4th was very bad for both boat docking and resident and guest parking in the car lots. There have been other intermittent times when parking and docking have been difficult at Glendale.

The recycle bin was also full and overflowing for the July 4th week.

Jim will ask Steve Grant to bring these issues up to the Glendale Committee .

Connie Grant moved that the business meeting be adjourned. Ripley Forbes seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned in order to hear the featured speaker Pat Tarpey.

There were twenty-four members who attended the meeting. The islands of Welch, Birch, Mark, Lockes, Fish, Kinneho and Mink were represented.

Part II

Pat Tarpey is the executive director of the LWWA (Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association). She said that Winnepesaukee falls generally into the oligotrophic category of a young lake. That is when there is little plant growth and phosphorus levels are below 8 mcg/L and chlorophyll levels are below 3.3 mcg/L. Some areas of the lake like those around Moultonborough show characteristics of a mesotrophic lake with more plant growth, and higher phosphorus and chlorophyll levels.

In the last ten years there has been an increasing trend in more phosphorus and chlorophyll in the water and a decreasing water quality.

In looking at the data, not surprisingly, the highest land development areas are also the highest pollutant load areas of the lake. These are the areas around Saunders Bay, Meredith Bay, Paugus Bay, and Lake Waukegan, Meredith.

The Winnepesaukee Gateway website (WinnepesaukeeGateway.org) has an interactive website that allows users to look at testing results around the lake. In some cases there are empty circles where there is no data for certain testing sites. There has been an issue of consistency over the years for some test sites.

Another test for water quality is dropping a reflective disk and seeing at what depth the disk loses transparency. Winnepesaukee averages 9 to 10 feet. Anything over 4 is considered good.

Phosphorus levels have been trending upward in the lake and that is a bad trend. Storm water runoff is one of the biggest contributors to increased phosphorus levels.

A report on Gunstock Brook was released last week. The gateway website will have the report on it. The State wanted the report before they addressed any remediation of Saunders Bay.

As an aside, Pat also said that the water at the Glendale Docks police building is good water for island residents to use. It is tested and comes from Gilford's wells.

Meeting adjourned shortly before 8 p.m.

ADDENDUM: 1) Please Note: **The mailing address** for the 2013 dues payment and the lunch meeting sign up will be:

GIA
521 Washington Road, Rye, NH 03870

2) **The Winter Meeting** will be held on Saturday March 16, 2013 at the Lyon's Den Restaurant. The sign-up and details will be mailed with the dues invoice. We are seeking a guest speaker from the Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

3) **Update to the 2012 financial report:** a) All 2012 expenses have been updated and paid. b) Due to an oversight an old CD was omitted from the current balance for 6/30/12. This has been accounted for and \$3,586.72 was deposited into the checking account on 10/18/12. c) Diana Goodhue and Jim MacBride are co-signatories on both the checking and

CD accounts. d) There is an unresolved issue with IRS for the 2011 taxes. We may be receiving a refund, but as of 12/30/12, this is not determined. In a related matter, there is a small balance in the old Bank of America check book that will be transferred to the new account when this is resolved. e) The \$5,816.72 CD matures on 2/8/13. Whereas this amount approximates the "ear-marked" legal fund, we are considering adding an appropriate amount from the check book on Feb. 8 and updating the CD balance.

4) **State Certification**. The GIA is required under State Law to be registered under a "corporate charter", RSA 292:25. This had expired in 2011 and had to be renewed. The renewal became effective 9/27/12 and was necessary to finalize our standing with the bank and for the new checking account. It required a fee of \$75.

5) **GIA EMAIL LIST**: If you wish to sign up for the list, please contact me at - *jimmacbride@msn.com*

6) **Email Only List** (except for dues and lunch): There are currently 38.

7) **Your 9 elected GIA Officers**:

Jim MacBride, President John Goodue, Vice President
Sue Colbert, Secretary Diana Goodhue, Treasurer
Bob Dean, Ripley Forbes, Connie Grant, Lisa Harris, Richard Holdaway, Board
Members-at-Large

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

