LAKE EDEN ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting
Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: July 13, 2024 @ 9:30am

Meeting Location: MT Norris Scout Camp**,** Eden Mills, VT 05653

Meeting Attendees:
Board of Directors & Executive Committee: Artie Curcillo, Henry Scipione, Anna Pirie and Colleen Brennan, Gary Durett, Vinnie Brennan and Robin Leone

Membership: Jeanne Pallotta, Jackie Larsen, Charlie & Ginny Distefano, Emmons Pirie, Dennis & Joan Liddy, Perry Thomas, Elizabeth Edgerton, Scott & Cathy Williams, Davis & Kristin Wildman, Jan Scipione, Dave Domina, Stephen Page, Linda Barrows, Lisa Vaillancourt, Terri Williams, Michelle Lussier, Anne Ford, Jim & Oonagh Dillon, Jaime & Christine Mawn, Tom & Aimee Haag, Dale Touchette, Jeffrey Wood, Mike &Nancy Chase, Peg Wadds, Steve& Nancy Gale, Richard Griswold, Justin O'brien, Rose Mace, Alecia Zeoli, Stephen Luce, Steve & Shiela Walsh, Hollie & Rusty Parker-Winzenread, Julie Landry, Peg Rowe, Bob Schmidt, Kevin & Polly Murdough, Juha & Anne-Maarit-Javanain, Davis Bryan, Teela Leach, Mitchell Jay, David & Nora Grenier, Stephanie & Fred Ward, Amber Wilson, and Lisa Burke.

Non-members/Guests: Peter Danforth

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 am on July 13, 2024 by Artie Curcillo

I. Minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting
Members were provided with the 2023 minutes prior to and at the meeting for review. Colleen Brennan reported that a few spelling and grammatical errors were identified, prior to the meeting, by Perry Thomas. A motion was made by Vinnie Brennan to accept the minutes with those spelling & grammatical corrections. The motion was seconded by Jim Dillon. The membership voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

II. By-laws Vote: A copy of the proposed By-law revisions were provided to the membership more than 10 Sdays in advance of the meeting. Copies were also available at the meeting. There was some discussion and clarifications made prior to the vote. Kristen Davis raised the question of why the proposed fiscal year (July1-June 30) was different from the Tax year (Aug 1-July 31). Colleen Brennan reported that she thought that may have been an error and the BOD would investigate correct dates after the meeting and report back. A motion was made by Christine Distefano Mawn to accept the revised By-laws as presented and was seconded by Vinnie Brennan. The membership voted unanimously in favor of accepting the revised By-laws. The BOD will meet to discuss fiscal year dates and present an amendment later if necessary.

III. Board Update
A. Treasurers Report: Anna Pirie reviewed the 2024 Treasurers report. Copies of the report were provided and are available for members upon request. Anna noted that Aquatic Invasive species funds are kept separate from other association funds in a separate savings account and two different CD's. The majority of the savings account for Invasive species will be moved into a CD next month. Anna also reported that the board decided to

allocate the annual LEA charitable donation to the Healthy Lamoille Valley organization. There was some discussion and clarification of the treasurer's report. Members expressed desire to see more detail going forward such and an income statement. Colleen Brennan reported that the new board would discuss this for next year. There was a motion, by Amber Wilson, to accept the Treasurers report which was seconded by Jim Dillon. The membership voted unanimously to accept the treasurers report.

B. Grant Update:
Colleen Brennan reported that we were awarded a 25K grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) for EWM mitigation. This is 5K more than we were awarded last year. The ANC grant from DEC was also awarded in the amount of $20,000 to be used for the Greeter Program. This is roughly 10K more than we have been awarded in the past. Also reported was that the Town of Eden again allotted 15K towards mitigation efforts and 4K towards the Greeter Program. Colleen reported that the expected cost of mitigation this season is 30K. The Greeter Program is expected to cost 21K. Any expenses not covered by the grants would be paid for by the money allotted by the Town.

C. Fundraising Campaign: Colleen Brennan reported that second pledge payments are currently being collected. In response to previous inquires, Colleen reported that 60% of Lake Property owners contributed to the 2022 fundraising campaign. Colleen also noted that there are people that did not contribute to that campaign but who are continuing to send in smaller yearly donations. Of LEA members, 86% contributed to the fundraising campaign. Roughly 65% of individual lake Property owners are association members.

E. Eurasian Watermilfoil Status/Boat Wash: Vinnie Brennan provided an update on 2024 mitigation plan and obstacles. He reported we have very strong and active Hand Harvest Dive & and VIP teams. DASH is scheduled for 3 times this summer and Benthic blankets remain in the area by the boat launch. Vinnie reported that the area between the benthic blankets and shore is not able to be treated with DASH, Benthic blankets, or hand harvesting as it's too shallow and mucky to access. This is an area of great concern and a source of continual reinfestation. It is the main reason we are looking at herbicides. Vinnie also reported our Rapid Response permit ends this year and we will need to apply for a standard permit for DASH & Benthic blankets which will be more restrictive with regard to allowable time frames to use these treatment methods. There was some discussion and questions were addressed by Vinnie. There was no opposition expressed to the plan.

IV. Herbicide Permit Vote:
Colleen Brennan called for questions/discussion regarding the herbicide permit. There were a few questions that were addressed. A motion was then made by Lisa Vaillancourt to move to a ballot vote on pursuing an herbicide permit to treat the Eurasian Watermilfoil. The motion was seconded by Henry Scipione. Member Juhu Javanainen then requested a call for further discussion. Mr. Javanainen addressed the membership with concerns regarding pursuing an herbicide. There was no further requests to speak or for discussion. The ballot vote proceeded and was unanimously in favor of the LEA pursuing a permit for herbicide treatment.

III. Committee Updates

A. Website: Colleen Brennan reported that the person who had built the website and was to be updating it is no longer available to do so. Lisa Vaillancourt offered to help find an alternative arrangement.

B. Lay Monitoring Program: Steve Walsh provided update on lay monitoring program. Visibility has been consistent over last few years at roughly 4 meters but was lower when last measured July 9 which was likely due to all the rain. Average visibility was 3.3 meters and average temperature was 77.5. Phosphorus and chlorophyll numbers have edged up and the Lake is considered "stressed" relative to to nutrient levels. Water quality, shoreland condition and mercury levels are rated as "Fair" on the VT Lake Score card. Mercury has never been tested in Lake Eden and the "Fair" rating is due to trace levels found in fish from other New England Lakes. There are no known concerns or health restrictions relative to Mercury in Lake Eden. The lake is rated as "poor" relative to Invasive species given the EWM infestation.

C. Greeter Program: Artie Curcillo reported that Monica Wood is the new Greeter manager and that the program is running smoothly. There have been a couple staffing issues and Monica is in the process of hiring a replacement Greeter.

D. Boat dredging: Artie Curcillo reported that Chris Bishop has been successful in getting the Dept of Fish & Wildlife to dredge the boat launch. This is expected to occur towards the end of September.

E. VIP Program: Jan Scipione reported the VIPs program has grown from a few people to a solid 20 dedicated VIPs. She urged all property owners to survey their own properties and overlap on their neighbors to the right and left to maximize identification of invasives namely EWM.

F. Loon Liaison: Michelle Lussier. reported that Loon couple is on the man-made nest and the eggs are expected to hatch any day. Michelle is planning to patrol the lake to see if there are other loons and urged people to notify her if they see other nests.

G. Property map/Directory: Colleen Brennan reported that Christine Fortin has offered to help her compile a directory with a corresponding Lake Lot map.

IV. ELECTIONS:

Colleen Brennan presented 5 candidates who have volunteered to fill the 5 available board seats: Artie Curcillo, Henry Scipione. Anna Pierie, Colleen Brennan and Alecia Zeoli. There were no additional nominations from the floor. There was some discussion and explanation regarding the new staggered terms of board members as per the revised by laws. A motion was made by Lisa Vaillancourt to accept the above 5 candidates as the new BOD. The motion was seconded by Michelle Lussier. The membership voted unanimously in favor of Artie Curcillo, Henry Scipione, Anna Pirie, Colleen Brennan, and Alecia Zeoli as the new BOD's. The BOD will meet to assign offices. They will also assign a 1-year term to 3 members and a 2-year terms to two members to allow for staggered elections going forward.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Presentations:

1. "Celebrating Shoreline Health"- Perry Thomas, a LEA member, a biologist and ecologist reported that she applied for and received a grant of $12,600 from LCBP to use towards restoration of Lakefront properties and education on shoreline health. Perry reported she is still waiting for a signed contract but is lining up projects with lake residents and planning various educational events beginning with family workshop for 8/31/24. A flyer was distributed on the event and will be emailed. In June Perry presented at Eden Elementary on Lake health to the students which included a puppet show and a poster contest. The LEA recognized the winners of each participating grade with a prize ($25 gift card to Bijou movie theater). Perry will be working jointly with Peter Danforth on some of these projects. They hope to include Lakeshore Drive projects if residents are willing.

2. Lake Eden Watershed Plan-Peter Danforth, Director of Lamoille County Conservation District, gave an overview of the Lake Eden Watershed Plan that was done in 2019 in an effort to correct areas that are washing sediment and nutrients into the lake and resulting in reduced water Quality and lake health. 3 of the initial priority plans have been completed. The final design for the Backshore Drive project has been approved and Peter is currently exploring funding options. Lakeshore Dr. project has yet to be addressed. Peter reported that funds are available to assist homeowners in making changes to their properties that will benefit the lake health. The LEA will be sending out a form to complete for those interested in taking advantage of this opportunity. For further details on the Watershed Plan and projects refer to Lakeeden.org Select Lake Health tab and then the sampling & monitoring page. The information can also be accessed on the DEC website by googling "Clean water Portal" and selecting the corresponding map.

The meeting was adjourned by Artie Curcillo at 11:32 am.