

WWN Annual Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2019
Leslie Roberts Park
Belmont, NH

Lisa Eggleston, President, kicked off the meeting @ 9:10 with a thank you to our WWN sponsors and business supporters: Winnisquam Marine, Lake Winnisquam Drive Association, Sunray Shores Improvement Association, Grey Rocks Association, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Silver Lake Association, Meredith Whole Living Center, and Winnisquam Beach Campground Unit Owners Association. She also thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting for their support.

List of accomplishments over the past year:

- Comprehensive milfoil management program completed for the 1st time in 2018 to include all of Lake Winnisquam, with both diver harvesting and herbicide control. The milfoil at Jay's Marina was not treated in 2018 due to the opening of a restaurant in the area a week prior to the scheduled treatment. Jay's and other densely infested areas will be treated this summer with a new herbicide that has less use restrictions because it is less harmful to people and wildlife. The milfoil program is supported by a 25% of cost grant from NHDES, donations from the 5 municipalities on the lake, as well as from member donations.
- Weed watcher program - with more than 30 volunteers to conduct monthly weed watching for invasive species, we are now scanning the entire shoreline and shallow waters of the Lake on a monthly basis. Another weed watcher training session was held on June 1 for new and returning volunteers. Lisa extended her thanks to Bill Esrich for coordinating the weed watching program for the WWN.
- This Summer, WWN took over the Lake Host program at the State Fish & Game Ramp on Water Street in Laconia. The program is being coordinated by Dean Anson, BOD member and Secretary. WWN received grants from NH Lakes as well as the City of Laconia to help fund the Lake Hosts. The Laconia ramp is staffed on Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day with paid Lake Hosts. The WWN would like to expand coverage at the ramp by training volunteers to help staff the Lake Host program.
- Volunteers conduct our comprehensive water quality monitoring program on a monthly basis throughout the summer months. Five stations in the lake are tested including three deep water stations using NHDES's VLAP protocols and two near-shore stations using the UNH Lay Lakes program protocols. In 2018 we started monthly monitoring of 8 tributaries flowing into Lake Winnisquam and 1 flowing out as part of NHDES's VRAP program. Grant funds from the Pardoe Foundation allowed the WWN to purchase the monitoring equipment so it is not reliant on borrowing from others. The data generated by these programs help us keep tabs on water quality and identify threats.

- Public awareness and education: With a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation the WWN developed a color trifold brochure that discusses what we can all do at home and on the lake to help protect the watershed. Brochures are being distributed to local businesses for display, and were available at the meeting for members. Members are encouraged to share them with their neighbors.

Coming up:

- Members of the BOD are working on a watershed management plan with a partner organization, the Lakes Region Planning Commission, and we are planning to submit a joint application this Fall for state funding for watershed assistance. A plan will be developed with steps to protect the watershed, that will take into account the data collected from water quality monitoring.
- The WWN is working with Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) to obtain grant funding for stream restorations in the Winnisquam watershed area.
- A new WWN website will be launched in the next week or two.

Business meeting:

- There were no WWN bylaw changes this year.
- Treasurer Ed Stephenson reviewed the current year budget, and proposed a budget for 2020, which was approved by the membership. Copies of the financial report and approved budget are attached.
- Lynne read the slate of officers and Board members for the coming year and called for additional volunteers to join the Board.
 - All officers remain, except for a new Secretary, Terry Rasp. Prior secretary Dean Anson will remain as a Board member
 - All current Board members remain with the exception of James Braver, and five new members joined the Board: Sue Masse, Bob Day, Richard Tracy, Debbie Burrell and Jeffrey Caira.
 - The slate was unanimously approved by the membership.
 - A list of the 2019-2020 Officers and Directors is attached.
- Seven new members joined at the annual meeting: 38 Dues & Donations collected: \$ 1425.00 T-Shirt Sales: \$ 360.00

Door prizes were awarded to the follow attendees:

Charles Beaudreu (WWN tee shirt), Dick Tracey (float tank experience at Meredith Whole Living Center) and Ryan Stewart (standup board lesson)

Open discussion

- lake / river cleanup - several people were interested in participating
- beach area at the northwest side of the lake before the no wake zone in Meredith. Lisa Eggleston has spoken with representatives of the Deer Park Beach Association and they are interested in fixing the runoff issues caused by street runoff onto the steep slopes. She has recommended some low cost solutions and WWN may try to partner with the association to seek grant funds.

- the state is no longer doing water testing for bacteria at Ahern State Park because they felt it wasn't used much by the public. Lisa spoke with someone at NHDES and hopefully the state will begin monitoring again next year.
- sand bar water monitoring? maybe this can be addressed some where in the lake management plan
- a member volunteered to help with water monitoring
- a member volunteered to contact the 3 high schools on/near the lake to coordinate possible voluntary projects
- there was a brief discussion on the Anchorage Resort land development project – WWN is not aware of any further permitting activity but will try to keep members up to date.
- on 10/17 & 18 BCCD is holding a workshop on stream restoration. A link will be posted on our website.