



# Shadow Lake Association Newsletter

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## Dues:

Shadow Lake's annual dues are  
**\$35.00 per home/camp**

Dues should be **paid by July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Make checks out to:  
**Shadow Lake Assoc.**

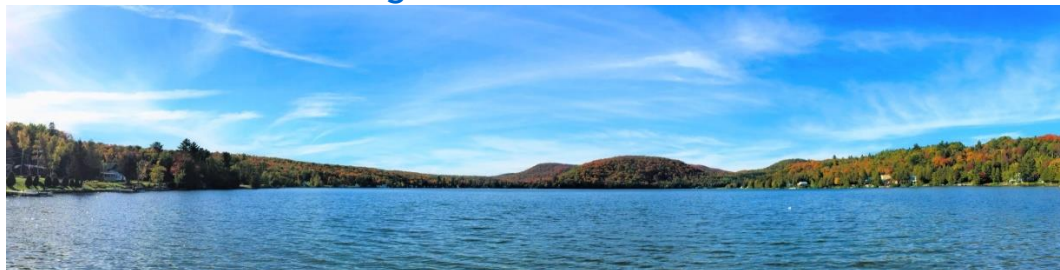
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**Thank you for your support!**

## Greetings Fellow Shadow Lakers!



We are hopeful this newsletter finds everyone well; social distancing, washing hands & staying home whenever possible. Stay strong and healthy for everyone's safety. These are challenging times but through everyone's team work and dedication we will come through this. Hopefully we will cherish and appreciate our family members, friends, neighbors, service providers, co-workers, health, favorite places and natural environments more.

After much consideration, **the Shadow Lake Board has decided to cancel all the 2020 Shadow Lake Association's community gatherings as a proactive measure.** (i.e. **no Annual Dinner/Meeting, no Boat Parade, no Ice Cream Social and no 4<sup>th</sup> of July Beach Games**)

**July 4 – Saturday at 9:00pm – We'd like to try a Candle Light Remembrance on our docks, for appreciation and unity.** (For more details check bottom of page 2)

It is better to be safe than to risk the well-being of our friends, our loved ones or ourselves. We will communicate through email, phone, the SLA website, our SLA bulletin boards and physical mailings when necessary.

**Just imagine the great celebrations we can enjoy together in 2021!**

**Keep checking Vermont's latest announcements.** The State has been reviewing their possible restrictions to recreational camping & seasonal rentals. At this time they are allowing use of VT Fishing Access ramps and the **Greeter Staff/Boat Wash stations can open but under VT guidelines.** We all can only deal with these challenges one day at a time & stay updated.

This newsletter has a large amount of information due to the Association having to cancel our Annual Meeting. The Board wants the membership to be aware of items being actively worked on which would have been covered at our annual meeting.

The **ice went out Tuesday, April 21**, between 3:00pm - 6:00pm amongst frequent snow flurries! The loons have also been sighted. Could spring and summer truly be around the bend? It would be a nice encouraging sign!

**Looking forward to seeing everyone around the lake, from a distance!** 😊

**NO MILFOIL FOUND IN SHADOW LAKE FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW!**



Kurt Muller



Final Dive of the Year



Rob Patton and Saturn Roblee

Check **AIS/Milfoil Report** in this newsletter for all the details on this amazing accomplishment.



## In Memoriam

Since the last newsletter, our Shadow Lake community has lost some dear neighbors.  
We extend our deepest condolences & sincere sympathies to their families.

--- "Gone from our sight, but never our memories"

**Evelyn Lussier – 5/29/19 Camp 105** Evelyn & her family have had their camp on Danforth Cove since 1964. She loved having family & friends gather at the lake. She watched as generations enjoyed lawn games, barbeques and hours spent in the water; creating lifetimes of fond memories.

**David Wesson - 6/3/19 Camp 22 "Shadow Shack"** David was so proud to tell stories about their camp. It has been in his family since 1938. David & his wife Anita took ownership in 1966. He enjoyed sailing in his trusty "Mallard" and they both were avid swimmers. David was so kind to play music at our annual Ice Cream Socials. He was an accomplished musician; he played the accordion & keyboard to tunes from jazz to classic standards. He was a very kind person who cared deeply for Shadow Lake & his lake friends.

**Richard Carpenter – 8/25/19 Camp 54 "Shadow Crest"** Richard & his daughter Stacey Wygant purchased the camp in 2018 from Royce Conley. Stacey shared that her grandfather on her mother's side, Warner B Scribner had once owned Gramp's Camp, #53. She & her family spent all her childhood summers there. Her father & mother, Joan Scribner Carpenter, honeymooned at Gramp's Camp after their wedding in Lyndonville. One of her father's dreams was to own a camp on Shadow Lake; he attained his dream in 2018. He enjoyed Shadow Crest; though for a short while. The camp made him happy; reflecting of summers past. Stacey, her husband George & her family will continue her father's dream by enjoying their time here & to make more endearing memories at Shadow just like her parents did.

**Martha Perron Alexander – 9/6/19 Camp 95 "We're Almost There"** Martha grew up on Perron Hill & had loved spending time at Shadow. Martha & her husband, Wayne built their camp in the mid 50's; on Stone Shore Rd. from land her father, Ernest Perron once owned. She was one of 19 children; then she & Wayne had 11 children of their own. They raised their children coming to Shadow Lake every summer; instilling in all of them her love & appreciation of time spent here. It now continues with grandchildren & great grandchildren, who continue to return to the lake; and probably will for many generations to come.

**Alfred Dilley – 9/8/19 Camp 86 "Dilley's Dally"** is another camp of multiple generations. Al & his wife Elaine purchased the property from his parents in 1964. Al & Elaine had honeymooned at this cabin. They enjoyed many great times at Shadow with their children, nearby relatives & friends. Al had a clever sense of humor & cared greatly about his lake community.

**Jack Utton – 11/9/19 Camp 83 "RIKJAK"** The Uttons named their camp after their 2 sons, Rick & Jack. Jack & his brother had many childhood summer adventures at Shadow Lake. After graduation, Jack went away on other adventures which took him to places like Alaska & Arizona. Rick enjoys the camp every year now but Jack said, when he visited a few years ago, "Shadow Lake will always hold a special spot in my heart."

**Glenn Stidsen – 2/16/2020 Camp 30A "Good Enough"** Glenn, Michelle & their daughter, Chloe decided to buy the camp previously called Cedar Shadows. Glenn saw an opportunity to build their camp from the ground up & took the old one down. Always being a hard worker, he took on this project the same way. It was never too daunting for Glenn. The work spread over 4 years resulting in a lovely camp. He was a fun character; always with a sparkle in his eye and a caring grin. Sadly Glenn received a cancer diagnosis. He approached it the same way he did anything; his characteristic strong will, strength and determination right to the end. He loved the time he got to spend snorkeling with Chloe & fishing at Shadow between treatments. He was immensely gratified to think he had built a lasting legacy for Chloe & his future generations. As stated in his obituary, his body succumbed to the effects of cancer but not his spirit!

**Allyn Edmunds – 3/16/2020 Camp 65 "Dun-Rovin"** Allyn & Paula have owned the camp since 1987; at least 6 generations have cherished times there since it was built in 1938. Allyn enjoyed spending time at Shadow Lake; making fun-filled family memories.

These fellow Shadow Lakers will be missed by all who had the pleasure to have known them.

In remembrance of our fellow Lakers, our annual donation to Glover's Fire/EMS Department will be given in their honor.

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## Annual Dinner & Meeting - Postponed until next year, due to the Corona Virus.

Hope to see you there in 2021!

## Shadow Lake Community Events - These annual events have also been canceled for 2020.

Try not to look at these cancelations as dismal but a commendable choice in this difficult situation.

We can appreciate just being able to socialize responsibly while being at the lake this year.

Long ago we used to have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Candle Vigil on the end of our docks to honor our freedoms. This may be a perfect time to resurrect it. **On Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, we'd like to try a Candle Light Remembrance on our docks** for appreciation and unity. Simply cut the top section of an empty milk jug off, fill the jug half way with sand, add a candle half way into the sand and place the jug on the end of your dock. A battery/solar lantern will work **but no oil/kerosene lanterns!** **At 9:00 pm light it up!** We should see a lovely view of flickering lights around the lake; showing togetherness in spirit while we still may be distancing.

*"Maybe when all of this is over, we'll meet each other anew. Stronger, wiser, more connected to ourselves, and better able to enjoy and appreciate the people and things that really matter."* – Lori Deschene

**2019's Boat Parade & Ice Cream Social event** had lots of creative & uniquely decorated boats turn out for the Parade! It was a super summer day with many Lakers & friends joining in the festivities; lawn games, lots of mingling, photo displays, handouts from the Annual Mtg; updated Directory inserts, & wonderful musical accompaniment by guitarist **Jim Currier**, camp #99 & trumpet player **Camden Simpson**, camp #80 (Kingsbury's grandson). We had cupcakes & cake celebrating **Andy & Dolly Fournier's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. **Congratulations!** The luscious ice cream had all sorts of toppings including VT maple syrup! **Thank you to Lillian Conley & her helpers for hosting this crowd-pleasing event!**

## **Shadow Lake Stewardship Updates**

**AIS/Milfoil Report:** The final dives of the 2019 season have **concluded without any milfoil plants being found for the entire season!** Under the leadership of Kurt Muller, diving started on June 22 and concluded on September 29. In total, nine dives were made by two professional divers, Rob Patton & Saturn Roblee, along with Kurt; totaling 37 hours of diving. This effort was supported by community member volunteers who acted as spotters and captains. **Many thanks** are extended to Kurt Muller, Brad Dudley, Rick Utton, Ted Boelens, Eric Griffin and Frank Cermak for all their work. The Shadow Lake Association has sponsored the diving program for several years in their continued effort to protect and enhance the Shadow Lake environment. It has included the continual pulling of plants and the placing of underwater bottom mats to stop milfoil proliferation. The table below illustrates the success of this program.

|                 | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of Dives | 14          | 12          | 12          | 9           |
| Dive Hours      | 29          | 29.5        | 32          | 37          |
| Volunteer Hours | 86          | 73.5        | 84          | 84          |
| Plants Found    | 25          | 7           | 0           | 0           |

Submitted by Frank Cermak

**Boat Wash:** The **2020 Boat Wash will be opening Memorial Day weekend with VT restrictions & regulations. The number of days/week, and hours open will depend on our grant funding and we may need an increased amount of volunteers to help keep it open.** BW hours will be posted on the bulletin board at the Fishing Access. We hope BW hours will be 6:00am – 6:00pm through Labor Day. After Labor Day, the schedule of open BW hours will also be posted on the bulletin board until the BW closes for the season.

**Fortunately, our 2020 BW Greeter Staff** is lined up & ready to go! **Clara, Julie, Patrick, & Terry** have agreed to return and **Brad** will substitute when needed. There will be extra coverage needed at the end of August when both Julie and Patrick return to school.

**BW customers will have to stay in their vehicles until the BW greeter provides them specific instructions.** Our greeters will have been specially trained regarding safety issues related to the Corona Virus per State mandates.

**Whenever the BW is closed,** please remind everyone, **campers/guests/renters**, before taking any watercraft in and out of the water **they are responsible to inspect for “hitchhikers”/invasive species.** They should also **follow the instructional signs on the Shadow Lake Access Ramp.** Let's all work together to eradicate unwanted species in our waters!

**Attention: People who have their watercrafts delivered from winter storage!** Please ask the delivery personnel to be **extra cautious** when entering and exiting our lake since our BW may not be open. **Request they inspect** the boat & trailer **before** going into the water which can ensure their transport trailer is clean and not a vector for bringing in Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) to Shadow Lake from other lakes.

**In Case of Emergency:** The B.W. has a seasonal **emergency phone!** It can only call 911 & select local numbers; no long distance or personal calls are allowed. The B.W. also has a whistle protocol as a backup plan; **if you hear 3 short whistle blows, a pause then repeated and repeated, etc.; please go to the Boat Wash Attendant's aid!**

**Even before the virus outbreak,** rumors from the State warned we should **anticipate receiving a reduction in our grant money** as a result of the increase in Boat Wash Stations around Vermont plus State level budget cuts. What does this mean in terms of keeping our lake pristine? It may well mean we will not be able to pay for as many staff hours at the BW. It also means we, who value keeping our lake clean, may need to step up & **volunteer some time at the boat wash, too!**

**2020 BW Coordinator: Cori Dudley 754-2168, [dudleyvtbc@gmail.com](mailto:dudleyvtbc@gmail.com)** Contact Cori if you'd like to be a BW volunteer!

**Don't hesitate to voice** any BW questions, problems, concerns or suggestions you have regarding the BW to Cori.

**Please do not involve the BW Greeter Staff. Thank you!**

As a non-profit organization, we/SLA are dependent upon funding our Boat Wash & Lake Protection efforts through our membership, individual donations, grant writing & fundraising projects. We rely on our partnership with the Town of Glover for an annual allotment in combination with the Grant-in-aid from the State to directly fund the B.W. payroll.

**Please help the Boat Wash by making a donation of \$50.00 or more**, per camp/house to help defray the rising costs for the abatement of Milfoil & other invasive species. In anticipation of Vermont's lack of revenue due to Coronavirus, we may not be issued our Boat Wash grant for 2020. We appreciate the generous Boat Wash donations from members in past years but it may be the year to increase your donation amount or if you've never given, this would be a **very helpful** time to start!

**2019 BW Season's Summary:** The Shadow Lake Boat Wash opened on the Thursday prior to Memorial Day Weekend and remained open full time through the second weekend in September. From mid/September through Columbus Day weekend, it was open for long weekends & reduced hours most days during the week. Our 2019 Greeter staff washed & inspected a total of **624 watercrafts** which was **up 139 from last year**. We received **~\$17,470** in grant funding from the state which the Town of Glover provided a 35% match to that provided for Greeter's salaries. We were quite fortunate to have **Clara Cutting, Brad Dudley & Terry Wright** return and welcomed **Patrick Mueller & Julie Thompson**. Three board members also helped out volunteering their time. Immense gratitude goes to **Roland Bickford** for releveling the Fishing Access/BW parking lot after the spring's heavy rains. There were many partially washed out areas & he made them smooth again for us. Clara's husband **Steven** donated his time to fix some electrical & plumbing issues. **Don Gilman** set up the boat wash, troubleshoot issues plus took it down for the winter. Brad Dudley helped Don multiple times, along with solving phone issues, providing signage & covering many extra BW hours. It takes quite a team effort to run the Boat Wash & **last year's team was very committed!** **Everyone did a great job!**  
Submitted by Cori Dudley - BW Coordinator

The BW coordinator also put in a ton of hours; **thank you and kudos Cori!**

### **Additional Ways to Support the BW:**

**Deposit Bottles/Cans Fundraiser** has been successful each year for the Boat Wash. Your donations of Deposit Bottles/Cans collected a total of **\$286.35 in 2019**; that's ~5,727 cans and bottles! Thank you to Brad and Cori for taking the deposits in for redemption. **Thanks to everyone who donated your cans and bottles!**

Keep dropping off your **2020 deposits in the Fundraiser barrel** at the Boat Wash!

**REMEMBER: DO NOT drop off compost, recycling or trash items at the BW!** We did not anticipate how much trash was mixed in and dumped along with bottle returns, it was awful! Please make sure to **drop off Returnable bottles/cans ONLY!**

(Glover's Recycling/Trash Station is on Route 16 which is open Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning.)

**BW Donation Box:** A Donation Box is located at the Boat Wash where people fishing & recreational boaters have the option to give donations. It shows their support in what we're doing to protect & preserve Shadow Lake proactively. Our BW Donation Box received **\$83.00 in 2019**.

**Another way of donating for the BW is by giving items.** The staff can always use bug spray, citronella candles, hand sanitizer, paper towels, boxes of tissue and large trash bags. If you have extras or catch items on great sales, **drop it off at Cori's camp #33, "Pike's Perch" on Shadow Lake Road.** She keeps the inventory there for the BW, thanks!

**BW Grant Money:** Our Association's Grant-in-aid from the State for our Boat Wash is still pending at this time. The **Town of Glover** approved their budget line of **\$8,000 for the Boat Wash**, at their 2020 Town Meeting. This money combined with our donations goes directly to paying the salaries of our boat wash attendants plus now Workman's Comp, Social Security, Medicare & Unemployment costs. **We sincerely thank the generous people of Glover for their continued support to help us care for Shadow Lake.** Great job to our Grant Writer, Jen Andrews, for submitting the grants! Fingers crossed we receive some funds!

**VOLUNTEERING:** REMEMBER grant eligibility requires volunteer hours and an active association membership.

There are many ways you can volunteer:

\*Volunteer to work at the Boat Wash during hours not covered by the regular staff. (For example: 6-7 pm to handle late night boat arrivals, a couple nights per week) You do need to be 18 yrs. or older for this job.

Contact Cori Dudley [dudleyvtbc@gmail.com](mailto:dudleyvtbc@gmail.com) for what openings are available.

\*You can patrol/inspect the shoreline for milfoil & other invasive species from your kayaks/canoes.

\*Snorkelers or certified divers can pull milfoil **when properly trained!!!**

\*The Boat Wash Coordinator's time spent counts for volunteer hours.

\*Time spent returning the fundraising deposit bottles/cans counts.

\*The Monitors on the dive boat watching over the divers/snorkelers below the water, their time counts.

\*Time spent tending the Rain Gardens counts.

**SLA Green Volunteer Cards** for recording your Volunteer Hours are available at the Boat Wash & the Annual Mtg. Keep the card handy (maybe on your fridge) to list dates, time spent, & observations; then take your cards to the Boat Wash to be recorded. **Last year we did not get many Volunteer cards!** These cards are our proof of time spent for the grants. This year **please make a strong effort** to record your hours of helpful things you do for our Lake's benefit. **The Volunteer Cards need to be taken to the Boat Wash by Labor Day or email volunteer hours to Jen ([jeniferbandrews@gmail.com](mailto:jeniferbandrews@gmail.com))!**

**Our grants depend on them!**

**Keep volunteering for 2020!**

**Aquatic Nuisance Species Violators** - VT law enforcement officers are authorized to issue tickets for transport law violations. Fines can range from \$392 as high as \$25,000 depending on the violation(s). (I.e. Milfoil plants on trailer bumpers, a boat propeller) For more info check our SLA website - **Act 67 Vermont aquatic nuisance species law FAQ's**

**Town's Public Beach: No Watercraft is allowed** for swimmers safety and to deter the potential introduction of Aquatic Invasive Species. All watercraft are to be directed to the Boat Wash area for cleaning; then properly launch through the State's access ramp. **No Dogs are allowed and no fishing is allowed at the Public Beach** either.

**Reminders for ALL BOATERS:** The "No Wake Zone" is 5 mph when less than 200 ft. off the shoreline! This minimizes the shore erosion impact, plus reduces neighboring anchored/moored vessels or docks from wave damage. Faster boating enjoyment should only occur in the center area of the lake. Also remember to stay away from **Diver Down flags!**

**WARNING - Paddle Boarders, Kayakers and Canoers alike:** VT Boating Law requires you to be equipped with a PFD (personal floatation device) aka a life vest or risk a pricey fine!

**Rain Gardens:** We support 2 Rain Gardens to help prevent erosion from water runoff at the Public Beach. In Oct. 2019, a great group of volunteers; Eric Mutter, Howard and Lauren Robinson, Jack Sumberg of the Town Select Board, and Mark & Jen Andrews worked hard on some recommended improvements made by Meghann of Northwoods from the initial project. They built a berm to direct runoff from the road to the lower garden, moved some gravel and did major sprucing up of plants in the gardens to prep them for winter. The Association appreciates Meghann's time and expertise as the SLA and Town of Glover continues to keep shoreline protection and water quality as a top priority. **Thank you to all the volunteers!**

On Memorial Day Weekend, Sat. May 23, (rain date-Sunday 24) at 9:00am, we will need a few volunteers to help with spring cleanup of the Rain Gardens. Bring your mask, shovel, rake, wheel barrow if possible! Save the Date & come to help!

New plants for the Rain Gardens are always welcomed so if you are thinning your garden, leave plants off in Jen's (camp#62) driveway. Please, no Bishops Weed or other invasive plants. Try for native species only, like Black Eyed Susan. See our website for other plant options.

**Lake Clarity Testing:** Sara Gluckman is our Lay Monitor for Shadow Lake. Sara posts the clarity reading weekly on a wooden sign by her camp #42; along the road, lakeshore side. Check it out and see what the lake water is experiencing. More information is available on our website under the "Lay Monitor" section.

**REMINDER: The Federation of VT Lakes and Ponds' Annual Mtg.** is in July. We don't know if they are postponing their meetings this year but if you'd be interested in attending please contact the Treasurer or President to make a reservation.

**SLASPP - Shadow Lake Assoc. Shoreline Protection & Preservation committee:** Newly created in 2019, this committee's purpose is to advocate for our shoreline. They are working jointly with the Town of Glover Selectboard on many items in regards to the lake's water levels and shoreline preservation. This has been a very active committee with tons of fact-gathering, attending many Town & State meetings, and arranged for the SL Board to have a very informative tour of the dam given by Jack Sumberg. For the full membership, we're posting the informative letter sent out in Feb, 2020 to our lake community email. The letter gives an overview of the committee's current tasks at hand. As we are all affected by these issues, the Board felt everyone should know this information. We must be prepared to work within the State's guidelines and be diligent about speaking up for what is best for our lake, shoreline & properties. Contact any SLA board member if you have further questions or suggestions.

Dear Shadow Lake Association members,

February 11, 2020

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday evening, Steve Walcott, Howard Robinson, David Burke and I attended the Glover Select Board's meeting. We were invited there by Jack Sumberg so we could participate in the discussion about lake drawdown levels for the winter months.

In attendance were Eric Davis: DEC, Ecologist, Kellie Merrell: DEC, Watershed Management Division, Lakes and Ponds Program, Oliver Pierson: DEC, Watershed Management Division, Lakes and Ponds Manager, Judd Kratzer, Fish and Wildlife, Biologist and Jeff Crocker, VT Natural Resources The State was there to advise the select board on the request from SLA to the Select Board to further draw down the lake in early November through January to prevent flooding, ice push, property damage and degradation of the shoreline. The drawdown level would be consistent with practices of approximately 8 years ago. Attached you will find the presentations that they spoke from. Also in attendance, was Leanne Harple from the Chronicle, whom I had contacted. I would like to view the press as an ally in our request to restore the drawdown levels as they were in the past.

The State has new rules that they are abiding by that correspond to the effects of drawdowns on aquatic habitat; specifically, plants and aquatic life including fish. These rules will not allow drawdown to occur any more.

At the same time, the Town is going through a Dam Assessment because the dam will be out of compliance in two years when the Dam Regulations change. If SLA is going to have an impact on any of these decisions, now is the time. I went to a Dam Workshop in December and spoke about the fact that the dam not only affects the downstream environment (the State is focused on this) but the upstream environment, too (Shadow Lake). When there are rain events nowadays (we don't just get rain anymore), the velocity of the larger concentrations of volumes of water that are coming into our lake from the watershed is so great that the dam and spillway is unable to adjust for that. The results can create flooding, degradation of shoreline and loss of property and docks. This also becomes a problem



when the water is high and winter sets in, ice can create havoc by threatening the underpinnings of camps and cribbing. And then there is the spring thaw which brings in more water and ice push.

Oliver Pierson recognizes the situation that we find ourselves in and has offered to help us find our way through the maze of State bureaucracy; hopefully finding some grants to help us. It will be our responsibility to see this through however, as we are the ones that are affected. We all must be prepared to step up to work closely with the State as new regulations are set up so we can have an impact on our lake.

I will be keeping you in the loop as we move through the hoops and expecting us all to do some heavy lifting.

Sincerely, Jenifer

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**Report any stream bank erosion, silt run-off or culvert issues** directly to the Glover Town Clerk's office; be sure to reference it as data for the Selectboard. Also please make a courtesy call to a SLA board member. Whenever possible take pictures of any erosion, run-off and over flowing culverts & document the date. These can help the Town get funding for repairs/solutions. **Spring is the time for planting vegetation along the shoreline to help curtail silt runoff which pollutes the lake. Go to our website 'Links' and connect to the list of helpful plants or contact a board member for a printout.**

**Shadow Lake Web Site:** [www.shadowlakeassociation.org](http://www.shadowlakeassociation.org) Have you ever browsed the Shadow Lake Association website? The site delivers a wealth of information about Shadow Lake including recent news, the Lake's History, the Association's activities and accomplishments, best practices for maintaining lakefront property, boating safety, photo galleries, Vermont State and local regulations, lake ecology and much more.

For those of you who have used the site, you can understand that navigation through all this material may sometimes be difficult. In an effort to make the site more 'user-friendly' and relevant to members, a committee of the Board is endeavoring to improve the organization of topics and eliminate duplication of information.

Your input would be appreciated with this effort. Please let us know what you like or dislike about the site or where you would like to see enhancements. Tell us if there are new areas that should be included. You can send your comments and suggestions to Frank Cermak at [fbcermak@gmail.com](mailto:fbcermak@gmail.com)

**Take a look! Check it out! You'll be surprised how much you can learn!**

Submitted by Frank Cermak - SLA Web Coordinator (SLA Webmaster - Jethro Hayman)

**Communications Committee:** Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) all our plans for workshops/presentations are on hold. The Board hoped to arrange a workshop/presentation on native plants & beneficial shoreline plantings from the Lake Wise Program with Amy Picotte, Lakeshore Manager for Vt. Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Other possible workshop ideas are on Composting or "How to use/create rain barrels." When the physical distancing is lifted, we'll start working on them again; probably 2021! **STAY TUNED!**

**Shadow Lake Directory:** Contact our secretary, Judy Dunbar ([slgtsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:slgtsecretary@gmail.com) or 802-525-4781, 802-879-1860) when any of your information changes. Your information needs to be current; phone #s, email addresses, but **especially physical mailing addresses** to keep communications flowing to you! Thank you!

Last year, Judy handed out **updated inserts** for our Shadow Lake Directory. Please contact her if you didn't get the 2019 packet or if you don't have a Directory.

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## **Shadow Lake Association's Annual Meeting Minutes**

We post our Annual Meeting minutes here in the newsletter for membership review. At the annual meeting, we'll vote on the minutes as posted. This keeps the meeting moving along more efficiently. Hardcopies will be available at the meeting.

### **2019 SHADOW LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Our dinner started at 6:00 pm, July 13, 2019, in the Glover Elementary School's gym. Our annual meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Shannon Choquette gave a very informative presentation on how Glover will handle VT's law of required Composting & Recycling in 2020.

Our president, Jenifer Andrews welcomed everyone and thanked the Glover United Church Fellowship Group for serving us a wonderful meal. There was a moment of silence for all our Shadow Lake alumni who have passed on; including Christopher Martin, Audrey Bickford, Evelyn Lussier and David Wesson, whom we've lost since last year's meeting. Shadow Lake Association's (SLA) Board Members were introduced and thanked all for their dedication. We acknowledged deep gratitude to Phil Chartrand, Ken Guilbault and Pete Gosselin for their years of service as they have decided to leave the Shadow Lake Board.

The reading of 2018 **Annual Meeting minutes**, as posted in our 2019 Newsletter, was waived; due to no objections from the membership. Having no amendments or corrections from the floor, Secretary Judy Dunbar asked for a motion. Ted Boelens moved that the membership approve the 2018 minutes, Mike Knauer seconded it & all present voted aye.

Judy reminded everyone the **updated Lake Directory insert** was available tonight for pick up; one per camp. Please let her know if you don't have a Shadow Lake Directory binder or if any of your information is incorrect and she'll solve those issues for you.

Bill Koch submitted the current status of the **Treasurer's Report**, with hardcopies available on the tables. He mentioned to date he had received 83 dues payments and 68 Boat Wash donations. There was a surplus of 2018 grant money last fall which will be applied toward

getting Boat Wash equipment/trailer when needed in the future. The funds from matured CDs are in the Shadow Lake Association's saving account currently until a better interest bearing option becomes available.

**Nominations & Elections of Officers** – Phil nominated Jen Andrews for SLA President for the 2019-2020 annual term. Jen nominated Kristine Tooker for Vice President, Bill Koch for Treasurer, Judy Dunbar for Secretary; and directors; David Burke, Kurt Muller, Howard Robinson, David Prince and Frank Cermak to serve on the SLA Lake Board for the annual 2019-2020 term. Jen asked for a motion of acceptance. Sara Gluckman moved to accept these SLA Board Members, Walt Culver seconded it and all present were in favor.

### **Old Business - Lake Preservation:**

**Boat Wash (BW) Overview** – Cori Dudley spoke about how well the 2019 BW season is going. She thanked the BW Greeter/Staff, Claire Cutler, Patrick Miller, Brad Dudley, Julie Thompson & Terry Wright. There was a slight problem with the BW's electrical panel which thanks to Steven Cutler, a retired electrician, repaired for us. Cori reminded everyone not to leave any trash at the BW; Glover's Trash/Recycling Center is right down the road on Route 16. She mentioned Fishhook Waterfleas are an invasive species to be aware of; if it gets out to control they can choke out many of the fish. Cori referenced a detailed article & picture on them which we had on display. Cori reminded everyone to keep donating their deposit bottles & cans. It does help fund the BW & thanked all of those who donated last season. She also thanked our very helpful BW Maintenance Crew; Don Gilman and Brad Dudley.

**Milfoil Eradication** - Kurt Muller is chairing this committee now. He was pleased to report no milfoil was found last year! (Applause from the membership) It is early in this season but no Milfoil plants have been found either. All mats & buoys are removed from the lake. We have them stored in case they're needed again. Kurt thanked Brad for skippering the boat and Rick Utton for spotting while Kurt & Ron Patten dive. Again this season Rob is our paid diver for 2019. Kurt volunteers his diving services.

**Federation of Vermont Lakes & Ponds (FOVLAP)** - Kurt attended and represented Shadow Lake at the Annual FOVLAP Meeting. Kurt reported FOVLAP paid a nice tribute to our Sara Gluckman for all her work on lake clarity recording & her many years of service. He also mentioned they gave a very interesting presentation on migration patterns of birds.

**Lake Monitoring & Testing** – Sara Gluckman reported a visibility reading of 8 meters this last week. She said Shadow is the fourth cleanest lake in VT, the fifth best Chlorophyll levels and the eleventh lowest in phosphorus readings. Sara encourages everyone to check her clarity chart as the summer goes by; observe how our lake changes through the season. It hangs in a tree at 1501 Shadow Lake Rd across from her camp (#42).

**SLA Web Site** – Jen announced Chrissie Cano is stepping down from coordinating Shadow's website and thanked her for the immense dedication she has given to this important lake project. She then said Frank Cermak has volunteered to step into this website coordinator role. Sarah Dunbar also offered to assist if necessary.

**Public Beach** – The beach was in first-rate shape for the children's activities over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend. Thank you to Gerry Trevits for the great job he does maintaining the beach all season! Recently we have had people at the beach with their dogs; others have been drinking with glass bottles in the water. Some concerned lake residents have tried approaching these people to explain they are breaking Town Ordinances but the offenders were very rude & basically told them to mind their own business. We truly appreciate our Lakers efforts but we'd hate to have anyone get in the middle of a dispute so we recommend you call the Town Constables for the dog offenses and call the Orleans Sheriff Dept. to report the drinking with glass containers at the Public Beach.

### **2019's Lake Activities:**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Beach Party** - Martha DeGraaf coordinated an eventful party of beach games. There were 22 kids in attendance and they did group sand castles, danced in the water, a Football Toss contest, a sponge/water filling a bucket contest & a Limbo contest. It was a mixture of something fun for everyone.

Martha also hosted a **VT Fish & Wildlife Fishing Clinic for Children** on July 6, at the Public Beach. Five children attended, where they got to make lures, practice casting, learned about rocks, erosion, and the ecosystem's food chain around our lake using some "hands on" displays the State supplied.

Jen reminded everyone our next gathering will be the **Boat Parade & Ice Cream Social, Saturday, July 20 (rain date-July 21)** **The parade departs from the area around Burke's (camp #52) & Conley's (camp #53) docks ~3:00pm.** **The Ice Cream & Cake Social** follows the end of the boat parade **on Conley's lawn (#53).** Thank you to the Conleys for hosting this event!

### **New Business –**

Jen reviewed some **current items** the membership should be aware of and which people can help with:

\*Recently harmful **washouts & over flowing culverts** have occurred from some extreme rains which caused major damage to many shorelines & properties around our lake. In the future, we want to encourage everyone to take pictures of any damage from these occurrences (date stamp the photo if possible). **A picture is worth a thousand words!** These photos can help the Town to get funding for the repairs/solutions needed.

\***Warning/Caution** –A lot of people have commented on **speeding** around the lake, especially on Shadow Lake Road. Please report any incidents you witness to the Town Clerk's office for the Selectboard's awareness.

\***Canadian Geese** have decided to nest at Shadow this year – **Do Not Feed Them** – They can be very aggressive especially if protecting their babies. Like all wildlife, they should be respected & observed from afar!

**\*VT Loon Monitor for Shadow Lake - Kris Tooker** has volunteered to be our lake's Loon Monitor; reporting Loon counts for VT data records. For questions about Shadow's Loon population or if you get pictures of large groups of loons, note the date & contact Kris; tks!

**\*Volunteer Hours** – Shadow Lake's green Volunteer cards: please remember to track all the volunteer hours you do throughout the season and turn them in at the BW **by Labor Day**. The green Volunteer cards are available at the Boat Wash or contact any Board Member and they will get you some. All the recorded hours which we do for our lake can help get more grant money to support a better lake environment.

**\*Shadow Lake article** – FOVLAP printed an article, "**Shadow Lake Association Beats Milfoil in Six Years**", in their 2018 Early Winter Newsletter. They asked Jen to submit a summary highlighting all the positive work being done at our lake with great results in return. The article was on display at the front table.

**\*Boaters remember:** "**No Wake Zone**" when less than 200 ft. off the shoreline. Also stay away from **Diver Down flags**.

**\*Respect your neighbors & the possible lake water impact;** do your **dog owner responsibilities** scoop the poop & properly dispose of it!

**\*Warning:** Be sure to **use your PFDs (personal floatation devices)** when Canoeing, Kayaking, **especially Paddle Boarding** or risk fines from VT law enforcement.

**\*Light Pollution:** Be considerate with **bright outdoor lighting**. Please turn them off by 11:00pm.

### **Comments, Compliments & Concerns:**

Multiple people mentioned the **AT&T service** has NOT been good this year. Everyone should call & **report the poor connections**; with more complaints we may get something fixed.

Mike Knauer voiced his **thanks** to the Shadow Lake Board for their service & he liked Bill Koch's informative Treasurer's report. Sarah Dunbar motioned to **adjourn**; Mike Knauer seconded the motion; all present were in favor. The meeting **adjourned at 7:50 pm**.

**Door Prizes** were given out throughout the evening. Sara Gluckman, Lin Wolff, Claudia McCormack & Sandra Kershner were the winners.

**Guest Speaker – Loons in VT/NEK – Eric Hanson** Eric gave a very interesting presentation. He spoke about the local lakes & ponds which the Loons tend to nest, the shoreline types they prefer to use, and what their major predators are. Next he played recordings of Loon calls and explained what their different "songs" seem to mean. He also had some Loon informational flyers and a signup list if anyone was interested in getting Vermont's Loon Newsletter.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Judy Dunbar, Secretary.

## **Shadow Lake Association's Odds 'N Ends plus New Ideas:**

**Shadow Lake Bulletin boards need TLC:** There are 2 small projects that need doing. Both SLA signs (one at the Stone Shore site and one at Danforth Cove) are in need of some TLC, namely paint and some repair. This job would count for volunteer hours! Please contact Jenifer Andrews (jeniferbandrews@gmail.com), if you'd like to help with this.

### **New idea - A "Fun" Committee for Shadow Lake Activities:**

Several people have mentioned an interest in organizing some fun social activities; like doing the 'Ice Out' Contest again, a Boat Float on a Saturday night or an Appetizer Walk from neighbor to neighbor. The possibilities are endless; they just need to be pulled together. The board is still looking for a small group of people from around the lake who'd be willing to coordinate this. Interested? We'd probably want 3 or 4 people so you all could share in the fun. If you'd like to be involved please email **Jenifer Andrews** at [mjtt@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mjtt@myfairpoint.net) She will put you in touch with each other so the group can start hatching some fabulous summer plans for 2021!

**Shadow's Lakeside Library:** Last summer the Little Free Library came to be. Over the years many people had asked for one and now Craig Johnson has built one. Craig and Susie have volunteered to be the Library's stewards. It is located on the lakeside of Shadow Lake Road near Leland Lane; Craig will take it down in the fall & replace it come spring. Throughout the summer season, they will rotate books weekly to give variety. At this time, people have donated many books; the Johnsons will let us know if they need more. **What a wonderful community addition! Please enjoy it and happy reading!**

**Shadow Lake's Loon Monitor:** Kris Tooker volunteers to gather data of loons on our lake for VT. Please call her with your observations, number counts, even pictures of the loons on our lake, plus any questions you may have.

**DO NOT FEED DUCKS/GEESE or any other waterfowl:** It is never good to entice a wild animal/fowl out of their natural habitat; human foods/bread crumbs etc. are not healthy for them. Also when ducks stay in shallow areas, along the shore looking for human food, it increases the odds of them leaving parasites in the water. These parasites can infect people with what's called Swimmer's Itch/Duck Itch; a nasty itchy rash, looking like reddish pimples or blisters. Cases have been reported at Shadow! **So no matter how cute only admire them from afar!**

**Bear Warning!** VT Fish and Wildlife Dept. recommends taking down bird feeders by April 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid attracting bears! Also, feed your pets indoors; bears like pet food or any food waste. Be sure to **NOT** leave any trash outside unless it is inside trash cans with **strongly secured** covers! **DO NOT FEED THEM! Be Very Cautious! Do Not Approach Them!**  
Report any nuisance bear(s) to their website, [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)



**Please curtail fireworks by 11:00 PM** out of consideration to those who may have to work the next day or young children who may be trying to sleep.

**Light Pollution:** Be considerate with **bright outdoor lighting**. Try to shield the lights or tilt them slightly downward; not straight out across the lake. Please turn them off by 11:00pm or dim them down to a lower intensity, thanks!

**Break-ins & incidents of vandalism at the Lake!** As good neighbors, we encourage reporting any suspicious activities to the police, plus your immediate neighbors and a SLA board member. It takes a community!

**Environmentally Lake Friendly Items:** **Do not use soaps in the lake;** no matter how tempting it is to ‘freshen’ up with a lake dip. Our website has a lake friendly green-product cleaning solutions guide; boat cleaning alternatives, safe lawn care products & more. Please check out your available choices. **Be proactive for our environment!**

**REMEMBER: Reduce phosphorus** run-off into the lake. It is State law that **no fertilizer can allowed within 25 ft. of shoreline**. As a lake community, only fertilize if needed and be sure to use P-free fertilizers! Milfoil/aquatic plants thrive in phosphorous rich sediment; we need to keep those levels low!

**Protect the Pollinators:** Please refrain from using herbicides (i.e. Round Up) & pesticides. They are deadly to our pollinators; causing more endangerment to the bees & the butterflies. Their runoff can also cause harm to our lake water.

**Safety Warning for Walking/Running:** Shadow Lake Road is a very busy road; we are all sharing it with vehicles, walkers, runners & bikers. Last season many people were walking on the wrong side of the road. Vermont Statute states pedestrians are required to walk/run facing traffic. Please walk/run on the left side of the road; opposing the traffic. **This is for everyone’s safety so both you and the vehicles can be seen!**

**Dog walkers** - Be kind & pick up your dog’s waste! Not only is it considerate to other people walking, it also cuts down on pollutants which can get into the lake.

**Vermont/Glover Recycling:** VT’s Recycling Law is in full effect as of July 1, 2020. All possible recyclables must be recycled. They cannot be put in your garbage, by law; no matter if your garbage is picked up or you drop it off. All food waste must be composted either individually at home or Wednesday & Saturday by drop-off at Glover’s Town Recycling Ctr. The Town website (which we have a link to from SLA’s website) **provides a comprehensive list of what needs to be recycled**. The Staff at the Recycle Center are happy to answer questions & educate about the Recycling Do’s & Don’ts. **Please inform your families, guests & renters!** They need to know these important changes for proper recycling, compost & garbage disposal plus where the drop off is located. Ultimately as the property owners it falls on you, be supportive of these changes. Remind them also **No Dumping garbage/recycle/compost at the Boat wash**. Thank you!

**Property Owners Who Rent:** VT has a guide “**Visiting the Water’s Edge-A Guide for Lakeshore Property Renters.**” The guide reviews important lake stewardship. It covers proper boat cleaning, drying off any items before & after water use, plus no dumping of fish, bait or plants into the water. It warns people to stay away from Loons especially their nesting areas and other important points. This would be a perfect printout to have at your rental properties. Our SLA Website has the link.

**Remember Your Annual Ambulance Subscription:** Signup at the Glover Town Clerk’s office. A membership to the Glover Ambulance Squad is an annual **\$25** for all Glover tax payers. This subscription will cover the patient for any Glover Ambulance related charges not reimbursed by your insurance.

**911 address number signs** (like street signs) for your dwelling are available to purchase at Glover’s Town Clerk.

**Have concerns with the lake level, road conditions or speeding around the lake?** Report the issue to the Town Clerk’s office. They will either have a status or they will get a Select Board person involved. Our website has a link to the Town of Glover website.

**Glover’s Town Clerk - Jessica Sweeney and Assistant Town Clerk - Cindy Epinette**

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Throughout the summer season, **check our bulletin boards** for current activities & updates concerning Shadow Lakers. They are located at the entrance to Stone Shore Road, the junction of Clark Rd & Danforth Rd. and the Shadow Lake Boat Wash/VT Fishing Access.

**Lastly Remember:** Physical distancing **doesn’t** mean emotional distancing!

**Keep waving, keep smiling, & keep talking** but from over 6ft away.

Doing this can help to keep the community together and healthy through this challenging time.

Hang in there everyone! Keep washing your hands and wearing your masks when “out & about”; stay safe!

**Thank you all for everything you do! It allows us to have such an enjoyable lake community!**

**We value your support! Have a fabulous time at Shadow Lake!**

**The Shadow Lake Association Board; Judy Dunbar, Secretary**

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# 2020 Shadow Lake Remittance Form

*Please return by **July 1** or before*

*Please mail to: **Shadow Lake Association, P.O. Box 135, Glover, VT 05839***

*Make checks payable to: **Shadow Lake Association***

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp # and lake address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact phone number: home \_\_\_\_\_ camp \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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ANNUAL DUES (\$35.00 per camp/home) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT WASH DONATION (\$50.00 per camp/home requested; you may give more if you wish) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Grand Total** of Check Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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