

Shadow Lake Association
Board Meeting
April 16, 2025
6:30 to 8 pm
Agenda

Call to order: Jen called the meeting to order at 6:31

In Attendance:

Jen Andrews
Denise Sawan Caruso
David Prince
Howard Robinson
Bill Koch
Steve Walcott
Linda Gilman
Cori Dudley - excused

Approval of meeting minutes for March 9, 2025 – David moved to approve; Howard seconded; approved unanimously

Treasurers report: Bill – discussed the three financial reports; questions were about owner dues – Jen asked Bill to compare dues donations from 2023 to 2024; Jen, Steve and Denise are updating the lake owners list

- Discussion on a possible donation toward dam repair from SLA:
 - Town of Glover has made a little over \$10,000 with fundraising events
 - Consider donating near the end of the fundraising project to see what momentum will occur over the next few months; waiting until near the end of the summer to determine how much has been raised
 - Need to make Barton aware of the impact of the dam
 - Has there been consideration increasing taxes; bond issue
 - Town people see the dam from an historical perspective
 - Utilize a donation to hire a grant writer or for a specific activity
 - Get on Town of Glover board agenda to provide, get information, procure a timeline of the engineering events
 - Remind the town of the D&K study but that study didn't recognize the 40% blockage; Weston and Sampson are the current engineers

Committee reports:

- **Lake Monitoring: Jen**
 - Jen and Sara will start lake monitoring in June, 2025
 - Jen would like to find **additional volunteers to help with lake monitoring** – **David volunteered**
- **Milfoil:**
 - Kurt will continue to manage the divers for the survey
 - Jen has proposed that divers be trained for VIP (Vermont Invasive Patrollers) so that an underwater plant map be prepared

- **Boat Wash/Trailer: Cori**
 - Cori is currently looking to hire new personnel
 - Currently posted on Front Porch Forum
- **Road Report: Jen**
 - One more culvert near the public beach that needs to be replaced – not sure of timeline
- **SLASPP: Jen**
 - **LWAP** – Chrissy, Jen and Steve met with Laura Woods (permit), Jaron Borg (river engineer) and Will Marlier (OCCD) in regards to deltaic mounds in front of Dudley’s and McKinney’s properties in April; optimistic about the state of Vermont is on board for removal of these mounds
 - **LAKEWise** – Will Marlier has prepared a paragraph for the SLA newsletter encouraging property owners to participate; Linda and Jen will be working on getting more lake owners involved in the Lakewise program
 - **Dam: Steve** updated the board on the timeline of dam repair; assessment of downstream impact will occur in the next week; 2025 permits; begin work on 2026; Dam reserve fund \$37,500; May 14 is a flood plain meeting; **Jen will contact Cindy Epinette to request an agenda item for dam update at each Select board meeting**
 - **Lake owners should go to the Town of Glover website to review ‘what’s happening’ with regards to the dam**
 - **Permitting:** laura.woods@vermont.gov – if building new, replacing or repairing on your property, you need to contact Laura Woods to see if you need a permit
- **Social: Denise**
 - Reminder that the SLA Annual Meeting will be a brunch starting 9:30. SLA will pay for the brunch
 - We will extend an invitation to Lake Parker and Daniels Pond to attend our Annual Board meeting
- **Communication: Denise**
 - The 2025 newsletter will be going out by May 10, 2025.
- **Potential new board members:**
 - Ted Bolens - Steve
 - Allan Parnigoni - Steve
 - Holly and Damian – Jen
 - Karen Stewart – Jen
 - Kat Hall/Steve Alder (**volunteer attending the Select board meetings**)

New business:

Email motions/voting outcomes

Please mark your calendars:

2025 Meeting dates -

ZOOM meetings:

- April 16, 2025 – 6:30 to 8 pm
- May 21, 2025 – 6:30 to 8 pm

In-person/Zoom meetings

- **June 22, 2025 - 10 to noon**

- August 10, 2025 – 9 to 11
- September 14, 2025 – 9 to 11

Annual Meeting

- July 12, 2025 followed by a Board meeting

Please review your board member description and make changes, if needed:

- **Jen Andrews**

I am a retired Kindergarten school teacher committed to life-long learning. I have lived in Vermont most of my life. My husband Mark and I have had a cottage on Shadow Lake for 17 years. I have been SLA president for 8 years and get to work with some pretty wonderful board members. We are all working towards excellent water quality for Shadow Lake now and in the future.

- **Linda Gilman**

My name is Linda Gillman and I live on Stone Shore Road. I worked at Weidmann Electrical for 39 years in the accounting department. I was part of the original start up team for the boat wash. As one of the Directors on the SLA board, my function this year is to work on the Lake Wise program around the lake.

- **Howard Robinson**

I am a native Vermonter, having grown up in St Johnsbury. In 2001, while visiting Vermont, I happened upon a tiny fishing cabin on the water's edge of Shadow Lake. The simple beauty of the lake, the mountains, the reflections of the clouds & sky on the lake, and the community of people who have also been drawn to this place make me feel grateful. As a board member, I do what I can to preserve the lake for those who follow.

- **Stephen Walcott**

As a lifelong Vermonter, I provide a unique outlook on life. In a fast world when opportunity knocks and I'm not home, opportunity waits. My legend precedes myself like lightning precedes thunder. My reputation is expanding faster than the universe. My charm is so contagious that vaccines have been made for it. My beard is listed on my donor card. If I were to give you directions, you'd never get lost and you'd arrive at least five minutes early. I can speak French in Russian. I found the fountain of youth but did not drink from it because I was not thirsty. I challenged my reflection to a staring contest, on the fourth day I won. I am the life of parties I've never attended. Mosquitos don't bite me out of respect. I cheated death and death was OK with it. I am only the second person ever to receive a perfect score on a Rorschach Test. By the way, as a board member, I am responsible for protecting Shadow Lake's shoreline by gathering information about the dam and its subsequent value to our lake.

- **Bill Koch**

My dental practice keeps me pretty busy in Barre, and I cherish the clean, clear water of our beloved Shadow Lake. My role as Treasurer is to act as steward of Association funds with an ambition to continue the Association's stewardship of the Lake. My two children spent summer weekends at the Lake, and I hope to pass Camelot along to them and their children one day. We camp owners are so blessed.

- **Denise Sawan Caruso**

Although I am a native Ohioan, the beauty that my husband Tony and I found in the NEK was overwhelming. We settled in on our little camp every summer since 1998. It is now the 'little heaven' that many dream of but never obtain. I am the current secretary on the board of SLA and hope to preserve the safety and quality of Shadow Lake.

- **Corinne Dudley**

I have been coming to Shadow Lake since I was a baby to visit Lib & Dick Dudley, who were special friends of my mother's. Brad & I bought his grandparents, Clem & Nettie Pike's camp, in 2003, from his aunt, Avis Harper. I have been a board Member for 5 years and serve as the Boat Wash Coordinator. I love the lake!

- **David Prince**

I am a retired master electrician and worked for the Essex school system for 46 years. I spend 4 summer months living at the lake at 589 Stone Shore Road. A camp I have enjoyed since 1965. I am the current Vice President of the SLA board.

Adjournment: Jen adjourned the meeting at 7:41