

Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association

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Spring 2008 Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm writing this the week after two more major snowfalls in NH. We have piles of snow everywhere, I've been stuck in the driveway due to the snow, and we have about a dozen deer that seem to have made the woods around our house their home.

I became President of LKWA in August, which, as I fear, not so highly contested as the current primary elections.

Since I have not met many of you, I would like to tell you a little about who I am, and why I am involved with LKWA. I live in Cambridge, MA with my husband, Fred, and our two boys, Max and Theo. We purchased a home on Red Hill Road about four years ago, and spend as much time as possible at the lake year-round. We love the opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities from swimming to hiking to skiing, as well as to experience the changes of the seasons and to relax as a family.

I work in the area of water and wastewater treatment, covering issues such as desalinating seawater, recycling wastewater to produce potable quality water, and treating industrial wastewater to prevent pollution of rivers around the world. At Lake Kanasatka, however, I find water that doesn't need treating, and, having seen what intensive use of a watershed can do, I am motivated to work to help maintain the water quality of the lake.

The Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association (LKWA) was organized thirty years ago to do the following:

1. Monitor and sample the water quality and keep a database of its changes. We collect water transparency measurements

as well as measurements of temperature, oxygen, conductivity (a surrogate for salts), turbidity (particulate matter), pH etc. from the surface down to the lake bottom.

2. Protect local wildlife - by working with various Wildlife Protection Organizations as well as the NH Fish and Game Department. Members of your Watershed Association work in coordination with the Loon Preservation Committee to aid in the placing of loon rafts, help with the annual loon count, watch and protect animals and loons from dangerous predators, both domestic and wild.

3. Watch the surrounding land use and construction activities. Guarding against the major development of areas around the lake has historically been the goal of your Watershed Association. This year, we have been in discussions with Kilnwood regarding some proposed changes to their dock (see Page 2).

4. Support other environmental protection organizations. LKWA contributes money and works with several groups in the state: The NH Lakes Association, the Squam Lakes Association, the Loon Preservation Committee, and the Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

5. Educate our members in proper land and water use. In the past the annual meetings have had guests from various organizations.

6. Promote a community at the lake through social interaction. This year, we hope you will join us to participate in the Annual 4th of July Boat Parade, and also attend our Annual Meeting.

OFFICERS

Antonia von Gottberg,
President

Laurie Whitley,
Vice President

Jane Fairchild,
Secretary

Doug Whitley,
Treasurer

Water Quality:
Kevin & Sandra Kelly
Peter & Jane Fairchild
Rudy & Flo LaPorte

Hospitality:
Fox Smith
Mary Ann McRae

Boat Parade:
Open

Website:
John Scudder

Newsletter:
Doug Whitley

Annual Meeting:
Moultonborough
Town Library
Saturday, July 12
9:00 am Socializing
9:30 am Meeting

(President's message continued)

Would you like to participate more this year? To become a member, send in the membership form on Page 3 of this newsletter. Come to the annual meeting. Send photos of the lake for our web site. If you'd like to know what else you can do, please contact any one of the committee members.

Looking forward to another relaxing summer at the lake, and hoping to meet many of you.

Antonia von Gottberg
President

PROPOSED CHANGES - KILNWOOD(KWA)

Court Stipulation Between Kilnwood and LKWA

In 1973, a court stipulation was reached between G. Ronald Thomson, the developer of Kilnwood, and Ted Hilton, et al. (the Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association). This court stipulation limited the number of dwellings that could be built, and stipulated the dock system. Kilnwood is now a mature community, many of whose members are also LKWA members. Last summer, KWA approached LKWA to discuss some changes they would like to make, and so in the fall Antonia von Gottberg and John Scudder (former LKWA president) met with KWA at the Kilnwood Beach to understand the issues.

The three proposed changes cover the following issues:

1. The court stipulation states the dock shall have only three 30-foot finger piers, and limits the use of the docking to 16 motor boats. KWA finds that the dock as specified only fits 12 motor boats, and, since they have 29 lots, they have to rotate spaces. They would like to change the footprint by adding 2 fingers to the west so they can accommodate 16 boats. They have submitted a plan to the state, and, assuming it is approved, would like to bring in a contractor so they will be able to benefit from the change this summer.
2. The stipulation does not permit launching of motorboats from the property. KWA wants to be able to launch boats for boat slip holders (only) - not day traffic - from the most northern end, grassy beachfront.
3. KWA also wants to be able to bid on outside land should it become available for buffering purposes against further development or for well water - definitely not for new construction or expansion of membership.

More information is posted on our website. *Please review and provide any comments by May 1st.*

Based on the feedback of the membership of LKWA, the officers will determine how to best move forward

COMPREHENSIVE SHORELAND PROTECTION ACT (CSPA) -- AN UPDATE

With regard to the NEW "Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act" it will become law on August 1, 2008. The Act has been substantially improved and should more effectively protect the water quality of NH surface waters. To obtain up-dated information on the new Act, please contact Arlene Allen at the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (Arlene.Allen@des.nh.gov, 603-271-0862).

ALSO, the NH Lakes Association is planning a major LakeFest celebration with an "historic" theme to be held WED June 25, 2008 at the Inn at Church Landing - this event complete with food and drink, entertainment, silent auction and verbal auction - tickets available thru Bill Smith.

Bill Smith
Vice Chair of the State Commission

BOATING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

Just a reminder that NH now requires a boating education certificate for everyone who operates a vessel powered by a 25 horsepower or higher motor. Safe Boater Education Certificate may be obtained by persons 16 years of age or older and must be carried on board.

Persons will be eligible to apply for a Safe Boater Education Certificate only by successfully passing one of the following:

1. A proctored examination administered as part of a classroom boating safety course approved by the NH Marine Patrol
2. A proctored equivalency examination approved by the NH Marine Patrol
3. A National Association of State Boating Law Administrators-approved course and examination from another state (will accept one from Massachusetts provided it was not issued by an online exam provider)

For more information and to find a schedule of classes, go to the Marine Patrol website.

website address: www.nh.gov/safety/ss.

Laurie Whitley
Vice President

TREASURER'S REPORT

In last year's newsletter I stated that we would not be able to continue our water quality testing program or make donations to the four fine organizations we support unless something changed.

Well, I would like to give you an update. First, the number of our donations increased 65% and second, we approved an increase in our yearly dues from \$15 to \$25. I believe it is the first increase in dues in the organization's history and will allow us to continue our water quality testing program as well as to donate to the Loon Preservation Committee, the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, the New Hampshire Lakes Association and the Squam Lake Association.

Please include you email address when mailing in your dues. To help decrease costs, we are considering emailing the newsletter to members in the future. Thanks for your continued support.

Doug Whitley,
Treasurer

Cash Flow Statement 7/1/2006 to 6/30/2007

Beginning Balance		\$2,697.75
Income:		
	Dues	\$1,285.00
	Hats	\$20.00
	Interest	\$.94
	Total Income:	\$1,305.94
Expenses:		
	Donations	\$800.00
	Meetings	\$150.00
	Newsletter	\$165.00
	P.O. Box & Postage	\$142.52
	Water Quality Testing	\$661.00
	Web Hosting Fees	\$87.03
	Total Expenses	\$2,005.55
Net Increase(Decrease) for the Year		(\$699.61)
Ending Balance:		\$1,998.14

Due to our earlier publishing date, ice out now typically occurs after the newsletter mailing, so we will be including the ice out date from the previous spring.

Ice Out for Spring 2007
April 16

Please Help Us Keep Our Records Up To Date:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Physical Lake Property Address & Phone:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: (for Newsletter mailed in April)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Bring to July Meeting or
Mail to: Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association
P.O. Box 774
Center Harbor, NH 03226

Check out our Website:
www.kanasatka.org

Annual Dues:

\$25.00

Annual Meeting:
Saturday, July 12th, 9:00am
Moultonborough Public Library
Meeting Room

Picnic on VonHurst Beach
To Be Determined at the
July Meeting and via a survey
on our website:

www.kanasatka.org



THE ANNUAL LAKE KANASATKA 4th of JULY BOAT PARADE



Let's bring out as many Kanasatka families as possible to collectively celebrate the 4th, enjoy the day, have some fun and show our appreciation for our "little piece heaven".

The more boats the better (more fun), decorations are optional and not really that important. Emphasis is on participation and having a great day.

DATE: Friday, July 4th, 2008 at 2:00 pm (rain or shine)

PLACE: Line up at Animal Island or Cheer from the Shore
ALL ENTIES WELCOME – Canoes to Motorboats,
Party boats to Sailboats.

We need a Boat Parade Chair!!

Anyone interested please contact Laurie Whitley

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