



- CSLAP has changed the shipping process to using Fedex vs. UPS. Since Walgreens in West Sand Lake is a Fedex dropoff point, this is more convenient for us.
  - The CSLAP team found a slightly deeper spot in the lake: 30-31 feet vs. 28-29 feet. The buoy has been moved to this point; it is not far from its previous location.
- c. Voting Committee (Kevin Rowe): No report as no committee members were present at the meeting.
- d. Consultant Committee (Lorraine Ferguson/Sharon Dawes):
- The committee is continuing to search for a consultant. The vendor who did the dredging for us a few years ago did not feel they were a good fit for what we need; their recommendation was that we consider hiring an Environmental Engineer. The Committee is pursuing this with local engineering firms.
  - Ron C. asked why we need another assessment of the lake. Sharon D. pointed out that we do have lots of previous expert assessments of the lake, but no assessments that specifically discuss the dam. Mark N. agreed and commented that all previous expert assessments are very positive regarding the health of the lake, with no problems reported; this includes a verbal report at the December 2021 BLA meeting by Elizabeth Marks, whose job includes Wetland Restoration and who is very familiar with our lake. Vicki F. commented that Elizabeth Marks also said at that meeting that a: the amphibians in the lake have evolved to cope with fall water height changes in the one foot range, since this routinely occurs in their natural environment; b: septic systems, however, can be adversely affected by water height increases in the one foot range; particularly those within 100 feet of the lake. In response to another question, Mark N. said he received a lot of feedback last fall from people who felt an assessment that specifically discusses the dam would be very helpful and reassuring; and this is why he is established the Consultant Committee.

#### 4. 2022 BLA Elections:

- a. Voting will take place @ the July Annual Meeting. Positions up for election are:
- President
  - Vice-President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - 2 Board Members (Jack Betterly & Matt Robilatta's terms expiring)
- b. Mark Nasuti, Janice Kullman, Laura D'Agostino and Jack Betterly are running for re-election. However, this in no way precludes anyone else from running for any of these positions.

- c. The members of the 2022 Elections Committee are Jack Betterly, Colleen Masters, Mark Nasuti. Contact them if you are interested in becoming a candidate.

**5. President's Report:** (Mark Nasuti):

a. Regatta Update:

- We still have no chairperson for the Regatta. Laura D'Agostino and Rachel Cahill are developing a list of the different tasks that need to be done in order to have a Regatta in the form we traditionally have. Each task will require a volunteer to assume responsibility for it. The idea is that if we have volunteers for each task, we could get by without an official chairperson. Mark will send the list to everyone ASAP.
  - Janice Kullman requested we add to the next meeting agenda a proposal to raise the Regatta budget from \$400 to \$500. Mark will do this.
- b. Mark shamelessly plugged his and Vicki's Dessert Social on July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-6 pm. Everyone is invited.
  - c. Kathy Hale emailed Mark N. that she and Bill were "99% sure" they would be doing fireworks for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was very pleased to hear this!

**6. Vote on Proposal to Revise the Dam Board Policy.** Proposed by Justin Adamo.

- a. "Motion to revise our dam policy and pull the board no later than October 15 as suggested by DEC and RCSW"
- b. Motion to approve made by Mark Nasuti; seconded by John Losee
- c. Justin was not present @ the meeting, so the discussion on his proposal occurred in his absence.
  - The main concern expressed was: will this cause a change to the winter water level? Mark N. replied that this proposed change would not affect the winter water level, it would merely allow the lake to reach its winter water level sooner. Several people commented that lower water levels are not their concern, higher water levels are.
  - Mark N. said he approves of this proposal. Historically we used to take the board out even earlier in the fall. He sees no down side to this proposal and it may help the amphibians in the lake.
- d. Motion was approved by the membership. The vote was 18 Yes votes, 0 No votes, 2 Abstentions.

**7. Any issue that any member wishes to discuss.**

- a. Photo Contest: Proposed by John Losee. Everyone thought this was a great idea. John will send Mark N. proposed guidelines for the contest and Mark will forward to everyone.
- b. Bruce Sowalski Talent Show: Previously approved as a BLA activity by the membership. Date/time/location: Saturday August 27 @ 3 PM on Lorraine

Ferguson's lawn. Ron Cahill is the chairperson; contact him if you want to participate. It is a Talent "Show", not a "Contest", so talent is optional!

**8. Next Meeting:** July 31, 2022 @ 3 pm via Zoom

**9. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Minutes taken by Mark Nasuti