**STURBRIDGE LAKES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**July 18, 2019**

Call to Order: 6:30 by Co-President Marita Tasse

**In Attendance:**

Leigh Darrin CL

Rob Sparrow WP

Chuck Roy BA

Marita Tasse SP

Bruce Gran BA

Mary Dowling SBOS

Tom Quinlan CL

Chris Mazeika SP

**Absent:**

Laurie Palmer LP

**Guest:**  Jeff Bridges TOS

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum present 8/9

**Approval of April Minutes:**

There were no official minutes from previous meeting to approve. There was no quorum at the June meeting.

**Action: None**

**Old Business**

1. Chris Mazeika confirmed that the lake’s environmental studies for this year were scheduled for Friday, July 26th, and Sunday, July 28th. He reported that he had boats set up for Friday’s testing, and was working on lining up the boats for Sunday’s testing. He felt certain there would be no problems with boats for Sunday.
2. The boating safety course is set for August 10th and at present there are 65 participants signed up for the course. Dave says no one will be turned away if they show up. Mary said she would try and promote the course at the Town meeting. Bruce Gran said he would be at the boating course as the SLAC representative to help with testing, etc. Anyone else available was welcome to join in.

**Action: Bruce will be at boating course**

**New Business:**

1. There was a discussion on the difference between State boating rules, and individual lake courtesy rules. The question was asked if lake courtesy rules could be posted along side the State’s rules. Mary suggested we contact the State to find out. Also, the question of regulations for seaplanes landing and taking off at the various lakes was brought up. No one knew the answer to that question. That can be check with State also.

**Action: No definitive action recommended.**

1. 2. Marita opened a discussion on the possibility of a larger lakes’ area meeting, which would include the Brookfield lakes and perhaps Holland Pond. Chuck mentioned that the more lakes brought into the discussion on lake environmental health issues the better it is for all lakes, since many boaters frequent more than one lake in a season. It was decided it would be a good idea to pursue.

**Action: Marita to look into organizing a meeting of area lakes**

1. Leigh mentioned that it is important that when a lake is closed to swimming for high bacterial counts, that a notice go out in the form of a reverse 911 to the residents of the lake letting them know when it is safe to use the lake again. Jeff Bridges agreed, and said he would look into making this happen.

**Action: Jeff will look into reverse 911**

1. Jeff Bridges addressed the appointments of members of SLAC to their position on the Committee. He mentioned there was no definitive record of appointments, so he reappointed everyone to the Committee as of this meeting, July 18, 2019, as a new starting point.
2. Mary reminded everyone that his or her Conflict of Interest Certificate must be current. She believed it needed to be renewed every two years. She asked members to check on their status.

**Action: Each SLAC member to check their COI status and renew if needed**

1. Marita reminded everyone that they needed to get their lake maintenance and training expenses in to the town ASAP.
2. Chuck asked if all the lakes had paid their $100.00 contribution to SLAC. All members will check with their Associations and report back.

**Next Meeting:** 8/15/2019/at 6:30

**Motion to Adjourn:**  Motion Chuck Roy, second Bruce Gran; all in favor.

**Adjournment: 7:50**

Minutes taken by Chuck Roy/Secretary