

Great Sand Lakes Association Annual Meeting
June 25, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.
(as approved at the June 24, 2017 Annual Meeting)

The Annual Meeting of the Great Sand Lakes Association was held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the Harwich Community Center.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Jim Robichaud, GSLA President.

Voting rules

Jim explained that, according to the GSLA by-laws, each household has two votes at the annual meeting.

Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Ted Borman presented the Treasurer's report and copies were made available to those in attendance. He noted that our total income was \$14,747.01, with a total of 203 paid members. The total expense was \$4,856.94 with the largest amount from beach maintenance (including water testing) and insurance. The total cash on hand is \$14,401.18. Ted's report was approved.

Jim introduced the members of the Board who were present at the meeting:

- Patsy Lightbown, Vice President; Ted Borman, Treasurer; Judy Adams, Clerk; Dave Callaghan, website developer for the Association; Kathy Lydon, Ellen O'Connell, and Marian Piro.

Jim noted that last year at this time our bank balance was \$17,200. Much of this year's capital improvement expense was for beach maintenance, addition of beach sand and improvement of the parking areas which should last through the upcoming season. Erosion control on Association Beach has been an issue but new fencing and redirecting the traffic should ease the problem. Jim noted that if anyone sees a problem or "things of interest" to report it to him or other Board member. He also noted where previously we had to pay for landscapers for general upkeep, this is now being handled by volunteers.

The importance of water quality and its effect on real estate prices was discussed. Jim noted that a team of volunteers does water quality testing every other week in July and August and the water quality is still good. Abandoned boats used to be a greater problem before Dave instituted the sticker program to register all boats which is working very well.

Jim noted that the Annual Picnic will take place on Saturday, August 6 (rain date, August 7, or August 13 if both dates are rained out) with set-up beginning at 9 a.m. He

also noted that the Holiday Lunch, held this past year at the Riverway Lobster House in South Yarmouth, was a great way to meet people. Now that the restaurant at Cranberry Valley has been taken over by the Hot Stove management, they will be contacted as a possible site for this year's holiday party (scheduled for Saturday, December 3).

The question was asked about the history of water quality testing. Tony Piro gave some background information dating back to the early 1960's in densely populated areas where the ground water moved and the phosphorus levels moved. Water studies were done.

Amy Usowski has emphasized keeping vegetation at the waters' edge that will help to minimize the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen that enters the ponds. Ted Borman emphasized that we all can do the following to reduce phosphorus in the water: 1) Do not fertilize your lawns; and 2) do not use dishwasher soap or shampoo that has phosphorus in it.

It was noted that the water level in 1997 was so high that cesspools were covered and it almost got to the point of closing all beaches but the rains finally stopped. Jim suggested that if anyone has any water quality issues to call Tony Piro.

Introduction of New GSLA members. Jim noted the names of new homeowners who have joined the GSLA since the last annual meeting.

First Membership Year	Owners	GSLAAddress
2016	Brian & Cheryl Fry	75 Clearwater Drive
2016	Diane Frolish	137 Clearwater Drive
2016	Peter Biging	14 Lazy Lane
2016	Franklin C. (Troy) Loranger III & Kim Moriarty	1224 Orleans Road
2016	Hannah Narkon, Jaida Narkon & Christine Scarsella	1216 Orleans Road
2016	Kelley Gallagher & Tanya Potcova	24 Pleasant Park Circle
2016	Susan E. Satkowski	1 Restabit Road
2016	Tod & Mary Anderson	193 John Joseph Road
2016	William Field	10 Bucks Pond Road

Deceased Members: Jim read the names of the GSLA members who died in the past year. A moment of silence honored them:

Ed Satkowski
Bob Bitner
Jack Facey

Old Business:

Beach Committee. Everyone should have received a parking permit to be displayed on the dashboard when parking at the GSLA beaches.

Boat Policy. To review the boat policy go to the GSLA website. Jim encouraged people to use the website and to let him or Dave know of any ways to improve the website.

New Business:Election of Board of Directors.

The proposed slate for 3-year terms expiring 2019 was presented: Patsy Lightbown, Ted Borman, Jim Robichaud and Kathy Lydon (replacing Sean Burke) were elected by acclamation.

Election of Treasurer and Clerk.

Ted Borman was elected to continue serving as Treasurer, Judy Adams was elected to continue serving as Clerk by acclamation.

Hans Stahlischmidt of 32 Lakeside Terrace mentioned a large tree located on the southwest side of his property that is leaning over the water and should be removed. Ted asked him to take a picture of it and send it to him.

A discussion followed on the leash law in Harwich and whether something can be done to prevent dogs from running free in people's yards and on the beaches. All dogs should be leashed and any violations should be reported to the animal control officer of the town of Harwich. It was further emphasized that everyone should clean up after their dogs and to use common courtesy. Dogs are not allowed on the GSLA beaches between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Say something to the owner if someone is violating this rule.

Adjournment:

Jim adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Judy C. Adams
Clerk