

Great Sand Lakes Association Annual Meeting June 27 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Approved at the 2021 Annual Meeting on June 26, 2021

The Annual Meeting of the Great Sand Lakes Association was held virtually via Zoom on Saturday, June 27, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Jim Robichaud, GSLA President. He thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

Jim introduced and thanked the members of the Board who were present at the meeting: Patsy Lightbown, Vice President, Dave Callaghan, Treasurer; Judy Adams, Clerk; Chris Briggs, Margaret Fallon, George Myers, Bruce Paige and Marian Piro.

Voting rules

Jim explained that, according to the GSLA by-laws, each household has two votes at the Annual meeting and only those who have paid their dues for the current year are allowed to vote.

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the June 2019 Annual Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Jim presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that our total inflows are \$17,998 which is \$3500 higher than last year. This is mainly due to the special contributions for tree replacement, which came to \$3910. Tree planting work will probably be done on Association Beach in the fall after water levels have subsided. Erosion mitigation work on Vacation Lane Beach in the fall as well.

Our cash balance as of June 11, '20 is \$24,732. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

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Membership Report

Jim noted that our current membership is 196 (at last year's annual meeting it was 214). The target for this year is 225. There are 273 households eligible to be members.

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

Owners	GSL address
Scott Sawin	69 Clearwater Drive
Craig & Kimberly Randall	3 Bluebird Lane
Carl & Sue Lindholm	9 Bobolink Lane

William Rae 849 Queen Anne Road

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

Bill Foley
Margaret Ford
Michael Leugers - Past President of the GSLA

Old Business:

Jim discussed beach maintenance and projects for 2020 noting that the tree planting on Association Beach is still being planned; erosion mitigation is under way at Vacation Lane Beach; fence repairs will be made at various beaches. Jim asked whether there are other areas of concern.

Bob Kwalwasser asked whether boats that are currently stored on the southwest side of Association Beach could be relocated to the other side in order to allow beachgoers to take advantage of one of the remaining areas of shade. Dave noted that it is hard to find space on the other side because so many boats are already stored there that it is often difficult for boat owners to retrieve and launch their boats. During the summer there are not only boats registered with the Association but also boats belonging to short term renters. Jonathan Cline suggested that boat racks for kayaks might help. Jim pointed out that the racks might entail liability concerns if, for example, children played on them. Jonathan Cline noted that it makes sense for the boat stickers to have the year noted on them. Dave replied that generating boat stickers is a time consuming process and to have to do it yearly would be burdensome. Dave said that he counts the boats every month and notes those that are not registered. Jim will look again into the possibility of using storage racks. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Bob Smith mentioned that the "No dogs" sign had been lost as a result of tree removal on Pleasant Park Circle Beach. He and Jim will find a way to replace the sign, which Jim had stored after the tree removal. Nancy Smith mentioned that neighbors had said that there might be a need for sand to cover tree roots on Pleasant Park Circle. Jim said that the beach maintenance committee would assess that for next year.

New Business:

Beach maintenance: We are following the guidelines established by the Town of

Harwich and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding use of the beaches.

Jim reviewed the formation of committees and work groups to share the Association workloads. He noted the following committees have been formed: beach maintenance,

Mark & Maryellen Trombetta	44 Idle Way
Heidi Dolan	20 Freshwater Drive

water quality, events, membership, and data management. He noted that we are always looking for volunteers.

Ann Frechette voiced her concern about water quality, especially the amount of Styrofoam coming from the docks on the ponds. She is willing to work on that committee. Joe LaRose said that he had also found Styrofoam debris on his property. Margaret suggested that it is a matter of making people aware of the problem. Jim noted the Board had been contemplating sending a letter to all GSLA members, making them aware of some of these issues such as Town and Commonwealth rules regarding floating and attached docks. For example, all floating devices are supposed to be registered. A letter will be sent to all homeowners, drawing attention to these rules and the need to be vigilant about the kind of flotation materials being used. He invited Anne to attend the next Board meeting to discuss this issue and to participate in the water quality committee's work.

Patsy noted that a message was received from Jacqui (Bowman) in the chat box asking for a description of what is to be expected from the Committee members Dave said that the information will be posted on the web site.

Jim reviewed the implications of the rules set by the Town of Harwich and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding the use of the beaches. Signs have been posted to make people aware of these rules. Both Jim and George have consulted with the Harwich Police and the Health Department and it is clear that there we cannot count on "official" monitoring of the beaches. He did say, however, that the police will intervene if a situation escalates when people are confronted about failing to follow the rules. He noted, with regret, that the summer picnic for this year has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus.

Election of Board of Directors:

The proposed slate for 3-year terms expiring 2023 was presented. Judy Adams, Chris Briggs, Bruce Paige were elected by acclamation.

Election of Treasurer and Clerk:

Bruce Paige was elected to serve as Treasurer; Patsy Lightbown was elected to serve as Clerk by acclamation.

Questions from the Membership: Patsy thanked Jim for his service as President of the GSLA, noting his common sense and devotion to the GSLA in the midst of his very busy professional career. Jim expressed his thanks to the Board and the members, reaffirming his commitment to the Great Sand Lakes neighborhood.

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Adjournment:

Jim adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Judy C. Adams Clerk