

**Lake Rescue Association**  
**79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, August 4, 2012**  
**Jackson Gore Inn, Cornerstone Room**

ROLL CALL: Board members – Angi Benson-Ciufo, Marty Fino, Frank Wingate, Charlie Robinson, Chris Salerno, Barb Silver-Holt. Members presents – See attached sign in sheet. *Natalie Fisher*

Frank Wingate called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and all board members were introduced.

1. Remarks from President: Mary Rita is unable to attend the meeting. Frank Wingate read remarks from Mary Rita Batesole. (See Attached).
2. Annual Financial Report: Natalie gave an overview of the annual report. (See attached).
3. Presentation by Amy Picotte, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation: Chris Salerno introduced Amy. Amy gave a presentation about the “Lake Wise Program”, a shoreline management program. Amy talked about the score card program which the state uses to assess the health of lakes, ponds and rivers. This is a new program to the state. They use our water samples that the lay monitors (the Norman’s) collect for us as well as information about our shoreline, lake habitat and aquatic invasive species.

Amy discussed shoreline protection and how important it is for a healthy lake. Amy reviewed data from a 2008 report about Lake Rescue which stated that Lake Rescue was a healthy lake experiencing increased sedimentation. Some of this is a result of water runoff and shoreline conditions.

Amy reviewed Lake Rescue’s scorecard. Our lake has good, long-term water quality trends. The shoreland received a “yellow” meaning that more than 50% of the lake has “lawns to lakes”. Lake Resuce received a “blue” (good) for evasive species. There is help available for homeowners who want suggestions on ways to stabilize their shoreline areas. There is also information available online at:

Frank Wingate added that Lake Rescue changes its volume 12 times per year which is helpful for water quality.

4. Dredging application review and discussion: Charlie Robinson presented a slide show regarding TS Irene and the plans for dredging. Our biggest loss from Irene was Kevin Davis, longtime

board member, neighbor and friend to all. Charlie reviewed the concentrated areas of sedimentation that will be removed if the dredging project is approved.

LRA has performed four studies, the first being a visit from the DEC shortly after the storm. Mary Rita took them out on a pontoon boat and the boat ran aground during their tour.

Charlie reviewed a map that shows the difference in water depth between 2010 and then after Irene in 2011. There are many areas with water depth of 1' or less. The goal would be for a minimum of 4' in depth for safe passage.

The next study was in the summer of 2011 and winter of 2012. This was a core sampling project that the University of Vermont performed.

"Fins underwater" was performed by Chris Sheldon, our milfoil diver. He reported areas of concern with regard to water depth. Chris is familiar with our lake.

"Boots on the bottom" was performed by Geologist Bill Sheldon of Griggs- Lang. He surveyed the areas in the channel between Lake Rescue and Round Pond. This gave us good data to map the depth of the lake in this area.

Charlie showed the final map with lake depths and the areas for proposed dredging. Richard Killian asked for clarification for areas studied in the lake. Charlie reviewed the areas studied and also discussed a sandbar that at one point existed near "discovery island" that has since dissipated. The area around the Esau property was also studied but it was determined that navigation was not an issue so it was not pursued.

Charlie reviewed the dredging application process. Our application has been deemed complete by the state. The Board has also been working on preparing for the dredging process. We have been approved to use the Fishing Access largely because of help from Adam Greshen. The board had been unsuccessful in gaining approval for the use of the Fishing Access until Adam stepped in to help us.

The Board will most likely select AE Commercial Diving Co for the dredging contractor. The board spent a lot of time researching contractors and they have been determined to be the best fit for our project.

The projected calculation is 1200 cubic yard of material will be removed from the lake. Charlie reviewed the project total cost which is estimated to be \$70,000-\$100,000. An exact cost is not known due to the estimate of 1200 cubic yards are only an estimate. There may be slightly more or less materials removed and other factors such as transportation and removal of the fill material has an impact on the overall cost of the project.

All maps and information can be found at [www.lakerescue.org](http://www.lakerescue.org)

5. Remarks from Frank Heald, Ludlow Town Manager: Frank informed the membership that he has brought his concerns about Money Brook to a number of State Agencies. He reported that the town is in good financial health. The non-resident tax rate has increased a little this year. The grand list was reduced with the reassessment that has just occurred. The Town has approximately 2.5M in Irene expense so far but he expects it to be over 3M by the time it is done. The state will fund 95% of these expenses.

Al Grant expressed concern and the need for guard rails along the entrance to Ellison Lake Road. Frank reviewed the existing conditions of the road and the catch basin that was installed after Irene. The catch basins were not acceptable to the Corp of Engineers and will have to be revised. When this work is done, there will be guard rails installed.

Members commended the town for their quick response from the town after the storm when they were able to get the roads in and out of the lake passable.

Richard Killian expressed concern regarding the sizing of the culverts under East Lake Road. Frank informed the membership that any culverts being replaced are being "up-sized".

A member asked for more clarification on the repairs to Red Bridge. Frank reviewed the work to be done to the bridge. It will not be a large structural modification, just some slight renovations.

6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Fund Raising: Barb informed the membership that approximately 50% of the Lake Restoration Fund will be utilized for dredging. The fundraising goal of \$50,000 has been set. Any additional monies raised will be used to replenish the Rescue our Lakes fund. So far, \$28,500 has been pledged and/or received.
  - b. Water Quality: Chris Salerno reported that a lot of information is available on our website as well as the state water quality website. We are applying for an ecosystem restoration grant. The State has \$2.5M available for grants. If successful, we would plan to utilize the grant to address issues in the lake's tributaries. We are still awaiting the results of the core samples from the UVM study. It will give us the makeup of the sediment and will graph when the layers of sediment arrived in the lake.
  - c. Membership Report: Charlie reported that last year there were 155 paid members. As of today there are 169 members which is an all-time record of LRA. There are still approximately 20 members who did not renew their membership from last year so the hope is that our count will go higher.

d. Milfoil Report: Frank reported that milfoil was first sighted in the lake in 1998. The last time any was found is 2004. There has not been any other lake in the State that has managed to remove the evasive weed from a lake. We have a grant for \$2,140.00 and the association has budgeted an additional \$2,000.00 for divers. The divers came two weeks ago and the divers had to stop due to poor visibility. Hopefully they will try again before the end of the month on a day that there is not a lot of boat traffic.

7. New Business:

- a. Election of new members: Charlie Robinson reported that 44 proxies were returned and Frank Wingate, Ann Rose and Alan Grant were all nominated for three year terms. Tracy Lowrey was nominated for a one year term but has since declined the nomination. The board will appoint someone to fill this one year term.
- b. Awards to retiring board members: Mary Rita Batesole, Glenn Brown and Christine Salerno were given plaques to thank them for their many years of service. The board thanks them for their hard work and they will all be missed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann", is written in black ink.



Remarks from the President....

Good morning. Unfortunately I am unable to attend today's meeting but just wanted to give a brief overview of the last year and boy, what a year it has been. When I undertook the job of LRA president I had no idea what was in store for our beautiful little lake! T.S. Irene came and demonstrated exactly what Mother Nature can do...in case some of us had forgotten or not had the opportunity to see her in action. Of which I was one! The lake is in the shape it is in today due to the swift action of your Association...with the ongoing projects we had been doing with the state, Better Back Roads, Milfoil control, water quality monitoring to name a few, we were able to have the state respond to our needs quickly. They let the homeowners on East Lake Rd. excavate as much road material as possible from the Lake. They let the town put the stream that changed course through Gutners property to be put back in its' original location and they advised us to apply for a dredging permit to help with the navigability from Round Pond into the main lake. This was a natural disaster but Lake Rescue I think fared better than Echo and Amherst due to the fact that we have an organization to look out for the interests of both the lake and its' residents. The association with the help of its lost and found section on the website re-united many people with pieces and parts of their docks and boats, canoes and kayaks. We were contacted to check peoples' properties to ease their minds a bit as many people could not get here for quite awhile. We helped residents find contractors to help clean up the mess at their shorelines. We made every attempt to keep people up to date as to what was happening not only on Lake Rescue but also in Ludlow itself. Many people through the years I think have asked from time to time what the association actually does, besides the picnic of course. Well, now I think that question has been answered. Because of your organization we were able to act pretty quickly to help Mother Nature restore Lake Rescue to a semblance of itself, pre-Irene. We will continue to work to maintain the quality of the lake that we all enjoy and we ask you the membership for your support in this endeavor. I am sure you will have a lot of questions today and we have a great group of presenters to answer them. Please give the board a big Thank-You for all the hard work this past year and know that the Lake Rescue Association has your back!

**Lake Rescue Association, Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statement of Revenues and Disbursements**  
**August 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012**

**Revenues:**

Dues Contributions from Members	\$ 5,410.00
Contributions to Rescue our Lakes Fund	1,375.00
State of Vermont, Milfoil Grant	2,211.00
Interest on Investments	916.74
Misc. Income	700.00
 Total Revenues	 \$ 10,612.74

**Disbursements:**

2011 Annual Meeting Refreshments/ Okemo Mtn	\$ 480.40
2011 Annual Meeting Speaker/ K. Underwood	125.00
USPS Postal Box	59.00
Boat Launch Milfoil Monitor	336.00
Aquacheck Water Testing	210.00
Black River Action Team Contribution	100.00
West River Sports Contribution (K Davis)	100.00
LRA July 4th Picnic/ Food & Beverage	546.07
LRA July 4th Picnic/ Portapotty	159.00
LRA July 4th Picnic/ Liability Insurance	703.00
Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds/ Membership	45.00
Printing and Mailing Expense	482.26
Bank Charges	69.05
Paypal Charge	1.40
Better Back Roads grant Expense	48.38
Griggs/Lang Geologists/ Survey and Report	1,400.00
UVM/ Dr Lini, Coring Sampling and Report (partial)	2,112.00
 Total Disbursements	 \$ 6,976.56

**Revenues less Disbursements**

\$ 3,636.18

Beginning Balance, August 6, 2011	\$	104,253.87
Ending Balance, June 30, 2012	\$	107,890.56
Difference		3,636.69
Calculated Addition of Funds ( Revenues less disbursements)		3,636.18
Balancing transaction (LRA favor)		0.51
<b>Verified ending balance as of June 30,2012</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>107,890.56</b>

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**Summary of Cash and Investments June 30,2012 (Berkshire Bank)**

Acct. No.	Account		Balance
20136838	General Checking	\$	18,011.07
958278197	Rescue our Lakes Checking		18,640.21
2119018100	Statement Savings		500.31
5805124	6-Month CD		23,150.35
5802510	3-Year CD		26,286.82
5806034	1 1//2 - 2 Year CD		10,957.98
100022101940	37-Month CD		10,343.82
		\$	107,890.56