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Spring 2001

Letter From the President

By: Jackie Beacham

On Sunday, April 22nd, I sat on our screen porch overlooking the lake while talking to Liam Powers about this newsletter. My husband and I were at the cottage with a contractor, interrupting our raking and lawn work at the house in New Haven. The lake still had some ice on it, but it was melting fast. The temperature was in the 70's Sunday and has continued into this week. We have gone from three feet of snow to red buds on the maples, pussy willows and daffodils blooming. Summer can't be far away!

Luckily, we haven't had much rain so hopefully the puddles will dry out and the mosquitoes won't have places to breed, but with the warm weather and the snowmelt we could be seeing an early hatching of mosquitoes. Attached is information on the West Nile Virus. Please post it at your camp for easy referencing during the summer. Also, the telephone number for the TCG (Tri-Town Control Group), mosquito control is 802-247-6779.

Our major emphasis is still on milfoil. I'm told that the program will be up and running in one month. We have purchased a new boat and motor and have received some funding from the towns of Leicester and Salisbury, but are still worried about future funding. Because of this we will be seeking a membership dues increase and will present our recommendations at the Annual Meeting.

The web site is in full swing. Please check it out and let us know what you think – positive or negative. Liam has a separate site set up for rental property. You can contact him personally if you are interested in listing your property for rent at lpowers@lakedunmorevt.com or 802-247-8431. I receive many calls asking about rentals on Lake Dunmore and Fern Lake and would love to send people to one site that would help them out.

The nominating committee invites anyone who would be willing to serve a three year term on the Board to submit their name and phone number to Liam Powers, Executive Secretary. We would like to update our list of potential board members. Please don't forget to put up your new 911 numbers for emergency use and review the Boating Safety Rules for the lake. If you are renting your cottage, please advise your renters of the lake policies.

Our Annual Meeting this year will be on July 9.

Our get together at the end of the summer will be on August 26th at Camp Keewaydin.

Hope to see you on the lake this summer.

Lake Dunmore Triathlons

There has been a lot of mis-information circulating in recent months regarding the Associations position on triathlons conducted from Branbury State Park. For those who attended last years annual meeting, you will recall the overwhelming support from the members who voted to limit the triathlons to two during the summer months. The position the Board of Trustees has taken is NOT to eliminate triathlons, but quite the contrary. We feel that triathlons are an integral part of lake Dunmore summer commerce and events, and are a great resource for bringing people and revenue to our communities. However, concern has been voiced for the burden that the frequent numbers of triathlons are having on some businesses and residents along the route. For those who are outside the "line of traffic," we encourage you to put yourself in the shoes of those who do endure the pressure every other weekend throughout the summer months. The mandate set forth by the members at the 2000 annual meeting by no means shuts down triathlons on Dunmore, but rather presents an equitable compromise that encourages two events during the summer months, events in May and early June or after mid-September are not being discouraged. Furthermore, the State Parks Department has offered to host triathlons at any of its other parks throughout the state to ease the pressure on the north end of Dunmore. In an effort to re-affirm Association support of this policy, we are asking each member to respond to the question on this year's application form. Thank you for your support and consideration of fellow Association members.

Water Quality

By: Katherine Dick

As I write on April 21, the lakes are still frozen with one sinking shanty remaining. I have lost my bet for the "ice out" date! The Board has decided to fund the water testing program again using the same plan we have used the past several years. We will take 100 samples from Dunmore and 30 samples from Fern. The tests are \$15 each plus time and effort. We discussed the fact that a high reading may not be an accurate indication of a leaking septic system, but we do report the readings to the town's health officers to check. Follow-up testing of last year's hot spot in the south end of Dunmore was normal. We encourage property owners to test their own systems by flushing two dye tablets down the toilet and watching the shoreline for any signs of dye. The tablets will be available at the annual meeting or from the milfoil crew, Virginia Wolf or me. The testing will be done around the Fourth of July and the results will be posted on our web site.

Milfoil

By: Liam Powers

This summer the milfoil program is in full force with a crew of five working on the two lakes. As in the past, we are in need of volunteers to help with our Shoreline Watch Network. This is an integral part of milfoil eradication which makes our lakes a more pleasant place to be. Last year we received approximately 600 hours of volunteer time for the Shoreline Watch Program. We continue to show the state what great support we have from our lake residents. The Association has purchased a new and larger boat to circum to the needs of the Milfoil Crew. With a crew of 5 full time members and the hauling of heavy dive equipment it was essential to upgrade to a larger, 16 foot boat. The crew will begin work on the lake May 21. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact them at 802-352-1013 or email at ldfla@lakedunmorevt.com.

Water Safety

The Buoys have been placed around the island once again this season along with the 5 mph buoys at the entrance of both North Cove and the South Cove. This winter at least one fishing shanty did not make it off the ice in time and is somewhere in the lake. Please use caution while boating this spring for any obstacles that may be present. Have a fun, safe summer on the lake!

Insect Control

By: Dr. Ralph Carbo

Our past winter may leave us open to a heavy infestation of mosquitoes this summer, even though the TCG (Tritown Control Group) has already been air larvaciding for the past week, when possible. It is also important for everyone to drain any wet puddles around your area to kill larvae. An emergency plan to control the possibility of Encephalitis is on the books. Please note the "West Nile Bulletin" enclosed. If anyone notes any sick or dead birds, contact the Health Department or TCG immediately. **DO NOT HANDLE THE BIRDS!!!**

This summer the TCG emergency phone service (802-247-6779) will have information for the public concerning that day's situation about the spraying conditions in different areas. This should reduce the necessity for callbacks. You can still make arrangements for special events.

In the near future, Dick Naylor and I will make the rounds of both lakes checking all drives to see if they are wide enough for not only the spray trucks, but also the emergency vehicles. We will leave recommendations if necessary.

Paul Doty can still use volunteer driver for spraying. You can reach him at 802-247-6779.

REMEMBER— YOUR SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU!

Map & Directory Committee

By: Tracey Holden

The 2001 Directory is now being updated for advertising renewals/additions and property transfers through May 1, 2001. The new directories will be available at the Annual Meeting, July . As always, we welcome notice of any corrections – please send to PO Box 14, Salisbury, VT 05769.

Maps are still available for sale to members for \$10.00 each. They can be mailed to you if you wish, please include \$ 2.00 for shipping costs.

We'd like to thank all the businesses that purchased or renewed ads in the new directory, and encourage everyone to support them. Our thanks also goes to Carolyn Trudeau for all her hard work and continuing support of the map and directory project. Her dedication is appreciated by all.

Finance Committee

By: Tracy Holden

The LDFLA Board is recommending a \$10 membership dues increase to \$45 for individuals/per property and \$110 for commercial property. This increase is proposed for fiscal year 2002-2003. The increase is necessary in order to sustain the programs that we now offer and in anticipation of depleting grant money for the milfoil program (10 new lakes have applied for a share of the limited funds this year). With this increase, LDFLA dues will still be lower than other associations which have no milfoil control program.

Our annual budget for fiscal year 2001-2002 is \$64,000. The milfoil program accounts for nearly \$60,000, however, we will receive financial support from both the towns of Salisbury and Leicester (totaling \$10,690) in addition to grant money from the State of Vermont. Even with this modest increase, we will need 60% funding of the milfoil program from the state and 375 members paying their dues to meet our estimated budget (present membership is 350). Your \$45 membership will support an association that provides you with: an aggressive milfoil control program, water quality monitoring, safe boating practices, a web site, support of the local insect control district, a semi-annual newsletter, and a high quality lakes map and updated directory.

Your support of the dues increase will enable the Association to continue to act as a responsible steward for a healthy and vital lake community. The Board of Trustees urges you to attend the annual meeting and show your support for this modest dues increase.

We would like to thank all of our contributing members for the 2000 season!

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