



THE LAKER

Newsletter of the Stinson Lake Association

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SUMMER 2016

Dates to Remember

Please note that there have been a few changes to past practices!!

JUNE 26 (Sunday) 10:30-12:00

Community Building Work

Day – At the Community Building – Please bring cleaner, brooms, rakes, etc.

JULY 2 (Saturday) – 5:30

Memorial Dinner – Karen and Kim Lewis
Set-up, cleanup and desserts needed!

JULY 3 (Sunday) 9:00 PM

Flares– Flares are available from Mark Herbert from Saturday, June 25 through and at the Memorial Supper. A cannon will blast from the Eastern shoreline at 9:00 for a starting time to light the flares this year!!

Please take care to mount and dispose of flares properly.

AUGUST 6 (Saturday) –5:30

Chicken BBQ – Bill and Nonnie Hall
786-9411
Desserts are greatly appreciated!

AUGUST 16, 2015 (Friday)-

ANNUAL Jonathan P. Gove

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Golf Tournament –Green Meadow Golf Club, Hudson, NH
Visit: www.jonathangove.org

AUGUST 20 (Saturday) – Time to be determined

2nd Annual Stinson Lake 5K Run/Walk – Watch the signboard and Facebook page for more information.

AUGUST 27 (Saturday) – 9AM –

Annual Meeting – At the community building – State of the Association, elections if necessary, new business, financial report

SEPTEMBER 4 (Sunday) –

Pancake Breakfast 8-10AM –
Les and June Gove 880-7974

Family Hikes – There will be several hikes that will be posted on the signboard and on our Facebook page.

BINGO – This will be determined by popular demand! See Tim Lewis when interested.

Watch the signboard and Facebook (Stinson Lake Association) page for all events!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome back Stinson Lakers! I hope everyone had a safe and healthy off-season. It is always refreshing to see all of the familiar faces as they open their camps, put in their docks and launch their boats for yet another summer. I look forward to seeing everyone as the events of the summer unfold. On that note, I would like to highlight a few of them and what to expect. The Memorial Supper will once again kick off the summer and this year we will have a guest speaker from the New Hampshire Lakes Association to talk about the Lake Host program among other topics. The other staples of the summer

are the Chicken BBQ and the Pancake Breakfast, which we hope, can once again shatter attendance records. The latest addition is the Stinson Lake 5K Run/Walk scheduled for August. Our hopes are that we can triple the participation now that we have cut through all the red tape enabling us to get the word out early and often. I plan to host BINGO this year as well; however, not as often as in the past.

Next, I would like to stress the importance of membership in the Stinson Lake Association. As I mentioned in the fall newsletter, our numbers have dipped in the past couple years. I'm not certain as to why; however, it may have something to do with increasing number of home and/or properties for sale on or around the lake. As new folks join our community, please make an effort to welcome them and invite them to be members. As you all know, membership enables us to enjoy numerous events at our Community House, it drives our Lake Host Program, and it gives us a voice in the town of Rumney.

The Lake Host Program will be in full swing again this year. You will see Ron Vance patrolling the boat ramp a bit more this year as we are in desperate need of more hosts. Some of our past hosts are heading off to college and we are in need of new folks

to take their place. By the way...it is a job opportunity. Additionally, we gladly accept volunteers. For those unfamiliar with this program, one of its primary goals is to stop the spread of invasive species not native to our water bodies. Milfoil is our main concern. Other lakes in the region have already fallen victim to it and it is not pretty. Please ensure you clean your boats before launching them into Stinson Lake or we run the risk of the same fate as the other lakes. Awareness is key to prevention.

The last topic I would like to cover is being a good neighbor. Stinson Lake has been a place of serenity, beauty, and most of all, a place unspoiled by outside influences. For the most part, it is our own private oasis. In many cases, the properties around the lake have been in the same family for two or more generations. Sadly, we have watched as some of the keystones of our community pass on or move away for a multitude of reasons. What's lost are the stories of the boys and girls camps, the first outboard motor on the lake, the longest water-skiing attempt, the secret raspberry patches, and the annual pilgrimage up to the Stinson Mountain Fire Tower. These and many other stories make this place so special. Also lost is old-fashioned common courtesy. Back in the day on Stinson Lake, if you shot fireworks off on any other night but the 4th you received a phone

call from my uncle Luke. He would politely remind you (even if it didn't sound like it) that there are people trying to sleep and the dogs don't much appreciate it either. The great thing about it is after a day or so, everything is forgotten and there were no grudges held. However, times change and so must we. Today, we must be more tolerant because as I like to say..."common sense is not so common" and grudges seem to hold. During the very pleasant Memorial Day weekend, a number of us gathered over at the Lewis Camp to kick off the summer. We discussed the changes, both good and not so good, that are happening around the lake. One question came up that really summed it up...WWLD? Short for "What Would Luke Do?" Once everyone regained their composure, it got me thinking. Instead of suffering in silence over what your neighbor might or might not be doing that doesn't make you happy, ask yourself... WWLD? Have a polite, and I stress "polite" conversation with them. They just may enlighten you. Do your best to gain their perspective and they just might reciprocate. For those new to our community...I welcome you. All I ask is that you take some time to learn some of the history of what is Stinson Lake. You may see things from a different perspective as well. Have a great summer everyone!

President Tim Lewis

MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

As many of you know, the Lewis family lost both Mike and Rei last year – Mike during the summer and Rei in early October. They have been a mainstay of Stinson Lake for many years. They will be surely be missed.

It is with great sadness that we lost Gerry Hall in November 2015, just 22 days shy of her 100th birthday! The services to celebrate her life were held on her actual birthday!

2015 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

The attendance of 28 people at the 2015 Annual Meeting was excellent.

Elections were held at the 2015 Annual Meeting. The results were:

President: Tim Lewis
Vice-President: Jim Burns
Secretary: Angel Ekstrom
Treasurer: Dick Bromund
Asst. Treasurer: Jessica Palmer

The following were elected to serve on the Board of Directors: Bob Collins, Peg Graves, Martha Haddad, Kim Lewis, LeeAnn Lewis, Dick Marson, John Nelson, Jean Roberts, Mike Randall, and Ron Vance.

All Officers and Directors are elected to serve 2-year terms, so our next elections will be in 2017.

At the Annual Meeting it was pointed out that many people communicate by email. Because of this easy method of communication, it was suggested that we include email addresses, as well as local phone numbers, in the 2016 edition of the Directory. The 2016 Membership Form has a check box option to allow your email address to appear in the 2016 Directory. If you do not check the box, we will neither include your email address in the Directory nor disclose it any other way. There will be the usual check box if you wish your phone number to be included in the 2016 Directory.

The 2016 Membership Form is a pdf file into which you can enter information, save it, and then print it. Should you not want to fill in the form using your computer, simply print it and fill it in by hand. In either case, you will need to print the form and mail it in with your membership dues and contributions check. Please let Dick Bromund know if you have difficulty printing the Membership Form.

Dick Bromund asks that you please mail your Membership Forms and dues checks to him at one of the addresses on the Membership Form. Giving the form and check to a neighbor or friend does not assure timely delivery to Dick! If you prefer to pay by cash, please give the cash directly to him (or the Assistant Treasurer, Jessica Palmer) at one of our events.

If you want to be removed from the Stinson Lake Association distribution list, please let Dick Bromund know by email to bromund@wooster.edu, by phone to (330) 461-0628 or (603) 786-2271, or by the reliable, old-fashioned USPS way to him at 62 Fletcher Dr., Rumney, NH 03266-3179.

The 250th anniversary of the founding of Rumney will be celebrated in 2016. Please think of ways that the Stinson Lake Association can participate in the activities that are sure to accompany this celebration. Email your suggestions to Angel Ekstrom angelekstrom@gmail.com or Dick Bromund bromund@wooster.edu. They will pass your suggestions along to the Chairperson of the Program Committee after that individual has been appointed.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Family Membership consists of parents and their children under 18. Other children who are older than 18 must take out their own membership rather than continue as part of a family membership!!

The Stinson Lake Association has an active membership! We are only able to continue keeping our lake clean and healthy with your help. We also offer the Memorial Dinner, Chicken Barbecue and Pancake Breakfast

as a time to enjoy each other's company. **Please send your dues in right away!!**

**\$35/family -\$25/individual.
Please scroll down to the last page to find the 2016 Membership Form. – thank you!**

LAKE QUALITY REPORT

If you are interested in looking at the lake quality report from last year, the link to that information follows. Bob and Janet Furey are responsible for collecting the samples and sending them in. The Association greatly appreciates the time they take to check our water quality!

http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/vlap/annual_reports/2015/documents/stinson-rumney.pdf

If I were the Lorax, this is how I would help our Earth...



I would clean the lakes.

by Iris LaMoreaux, Kindergarten. Earth Day 2015

A message from Dick Bromund, Treasurer

Dear Members and Friends of the Stinson Lake Association,

A number of you are aware that the Association's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status was revoked some time ago. As Treasurer, I must assume full responsibility for this state of affairs.

When I volunteered to serve as Treasurer, I was unfortunately not informed of all the responsibilities that accompany the job. To make a long story short, I did not file any version of Form 990 (Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-N) with the IRS; this was the cause of the revocation of the Association's tax-exempt status. I am working to complete several years' worth of Form 990-EZ and then Form 1023 in order to have the Association's 501(c)(3) status reinstated retroactively. While I am confident that the retroactive reinstatement will ultimately be granted, it will take some time for me to complete the forms and for the IRS to reinstate the Association's tax-exempt status.

After the tax-exempt status is reinstated, I will begin work to change the Association's fiscal year. That change is one I requested and subsequently received permission from the membership in 2014. Until I can accomplish the fiscal year change, the Association's FY will remain July 1 through June 30.

In the interim, please continue to support the Association by your memberships and contributions.

The Association has a number of important functions, among them the protection of Stinson Lake from aquatic invasive species (among them milfoil and the zebra mussel) through the Lake Host Program and education, the volunteer Weed Watcher effort, the monitoring of the Lake's water quality, safety on the Lake, and social interactions.

While I have enjoyed the trust you have placed in me by allowing me to serve as Treasurer, I want to tell you that my time as treasurer will be coming to a close. First, however, I will complete the two tasks mentioned above.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dick Bromund." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dick Bromund
Treasurer, Stinson Lake Association

If your contact information above the row of asterisks, (*****) has not changed, your name suffices.

STINSON LAKE ASSOCIATION

2016 Membership Form

You should be able to use your computer to enter information into colored fields that are underlined. Save your work when you are finished, Then print. If you use a pen, please print or write *clearly*.

Enter your name(s) below, and *if necessary* update your contact information. *Indicate your preferences* for the options below the row of asterisks (*****)

Summer*: Stinson Lake Association, PO Box 422, Rumney, NH 03266-0422

Winter*: Stinson Lake Association, c/o Richard H. Bromund, 3200 Aspen Dr, Wooster, OH 44691-9044

Name(s):

Street address of home at Stinson Lake:

Email address(es)†:

Mailing Address (if any) at Stinson Lake:

Street or PO Box

Rumney, NH 03266

Leave blank if you *do not* have mail local mail delivery.

Mailing Address at Permanent Home:

Street or PO Box

City, State, ZIP

Local Phone Number:

(603) 786-

Phone Number at Permanent Home:

Membership Type

☐ Family (\$35), defined as couples or members with children under 18

or

☐ Individual (\$25)

Additional Voluntary Contribution(s)

☐ of \$ (unrestricted) and/or

☐ of \$ (for Lake Host Program)

☐ List name and local phone in Member Directory

☐ List email address in Member Directory

☐ Put name and local address on Directory Map

☐ Lake Host Volunteer

☐ Weed Watcher Volunteer

☐ Volunteer when available

☐ Dessert Volunteer

☐ Interest in being a Director

☐ Interest in Golf Tournament

☐ Please send a Financial Report

Make your check payable to Stinson Lake Association and mail it along with this form to the appropriate address.*

We are working to have our 501(c)(3) status reinstated. See the statement in the Spring 2016 issue of *The Laker*.

* Use the Summer address between June 15 and October 15; otherwise, use the Winter address.

† Please include all email addresses to which we should send electronic versions of *The Laker* and other SLA announcements. We will not disclose your email address(es), and we will do our best not to inundate you with email messages.