

LAE ASSOCIATION WINTER NEWSLETTER
LAE Web Site: laeing.org

TO: LAE Members

FROM: Jon Bilski

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UPDATE ON IMPORTANT LAE AND RELATED MATTERS

1. Information: Use the web site for data about LAE and/or contact the officers and directors for information about LAE matters. Please contact our Secretary/Treasurer, Pat Liotta, to update your contact information, including land line and cell phone numbers. This is very important if we or the police/fire department need to reach you. Renter information needs to be provided by LAE owner to LAE office.

2. Volunteers: The Association runs on your volunteer help, be it Work Day, Fun & Games Day, Summer Social Events, Ashuelot Women's Group, Lake Water Testing, Marina, Beach House and Beach Area, Front Gate Area, Security Projects, Neighborhood Watch Program, Goose Poop Control on our beach, to name a few. If you have been thinking I should help or help more, please email me at jdbilski@gmail.com

3. Dock Space at the Marina for Motor Boats: Contact Ron Carroll, Marina Chairperson, if you wish to request LAE Association owned dock space for members who do not have lake/river property. This is an annual requirement, so if you had dock space last year, you must contact Ron as soon as possible to ensure that dock space will be reserved for you. Send him an email (karon.c@netzero.com) and he will send you the link to the online form. Your email needs to be received by Ron no later than April 1, 2015. Members who had dock space last year will receive first priority. New requests will be handled on a first come, first served basis. All requests for dock space will be checked with the Secretary / Treasurer to verify the applicant is in good standing regarding the payment of dues. If dues were not paid the application will be denied. All boats with dock space must be at their respective dock by July 1st. This requirement is to eliminate a dock assigned and with no boat tied up, which is unfair to members on the waiting list. All docks must be securely anchored to land. In the past, when we've had unusually high water, several docks have floated out of position, potentially causing damage to adjacent boats. Day boat parking (without a dock) is available at the beginning of the marina area, near the boat ramp, and is identified by signs. No overnight boat parking is allowed. The combo for the lock on the boat ramp chain is **0495**.

4. ANNUAL MEETING CHANGE: Recent meetings have become lengthy and difficult to follow due to floor motions requiring discussion for which members are unprepared. At the request of such members and to improve the order of topics addressed at the meeting, your BOD's voted to change procedures at the meeting. Except for time-sensitive emergencies, any and all topics to be discussed must be presented to the Secretary, Pat Liotta, in writing, no later than May 1, 2015. Your submittal shall include a MOTION, if required, and a brief discussion supporting the subject. Items will be included in the information packet to all members in the June Annual Meeting mailing. This will inform all members of all the topics to be presented, provide time to think about it, discuss it with other members and be prepared to make an informed vote. The BOD will review these submittals during the May and June BOD meetings for inclusion in the Annual Meeting Agenda. This procedure is in line with how other associations conduct their meetings and provide adequate time for all members to be prepared for the Annual Meetings.

5. Update From The Nominating Committee: Each year the membership elects all Officers and half the Directors for the LAE Board at the Annual Meeting. Any member who is interested in serving on the Board should plan to attend at least 3 of the 4 board meetings and serve on at least two Board Committees. Interested members who wish to know more about serving on the Board are encouraged to contact Carolyn Russell by email or phone (603-495-3193). Every applicant, including current Officers and Directors who may wish to run for another term, must submit the “**Application for Nomination to the LAE Board of Directors**” (available on the LAE webpage) **no later than March 31, 2015 to:** Carolyn Russell, Nominating Committee Chair, crvol@gsinet.net or P.O. Box 192, Washington, Washington, NH 03280.

6. The BOD will sponsor a “**MEET THE CANDIDATES**” day on June 27, 2015 (Sat) at the Beach Area at 10:00 – 11:45 am.

7. Being a Good Neighbor: Members should enjoy the use of their property and common LAE property, including the right to employ the services of contractors as needed without infringing on the rights of other members to have the same enjoyment. To accomplish this purpose, quiet hours are from 10 PM through 7 AM. For example: some loud noises are fireworks, loud motorized vehicles, music and parties.

8. Other Matters: As a reminder, review previous Newsletters on the LAE web site.

- a. Save the lake: Only high speed in the middle of the lake and in moderation. As a word of caution, the camp/retreat at the southeast part of the lake has many boys and girls using canoes, kayaks and sailboats throughout the day. This increase traffic on the lake will require your utmost attention.

- b. Check and remove weeds from your boat, motor and trailer before launching and dispose of any weeds far away from the lake. This will prevent exotic weeds from getting into the lake and taking it over. There are no lakes / ponds in Washington that have exotic weeds; however, there are 78 lakes, ponds and rivers in NH that do have exotic weeds. The closest lakes/ponds to us that have exotic weeds are, Lake Massasecum, Bradford; Hopkinton Lake, Hopkinton; Powder Mill Pond, Hancock; Dublin Lake, Dublin; Lake Sunapee, Georges Mills; Kimball Pond, Hopkinton and most recently, Otter Pond, Greenfield.
- c. Raft at the Beach...be careful, let's ensure we can continue to use it. No horseplay or diving. Be careful using the ladder; do not rock back and forth on the ladder. This will break the metal welds supporting the ladder to the raft.
- d. LAE roads are closed to heavy vehicular traffic on Sat, Sun, Holidays & during mud season.
- e. Goose Poop Control on the Beach – Let's continue to be proactive in cleaning it up. We need volunteers to continue with regular spraying of grape juice. Email Don Damm at dbdamm27@gmail.com to sign up to help. He will get back with you on the details and work out a schedule, usually a week of coverage... about three sprayings.
- f. No pets or fireworks at any time on the LAE Beach and Beach Area.
- g. Drive slowly and carefully; do not go over 20mph, slower the better.
- h. Ashuelot Women's Group – Very active, contact Nancy Damm at ndamm17@gmail.com or 495-3785.
- i. **APDVD Annual Meeting – July 10, 2015, 7 PM at Camp Morgan**
- j. **The Annual Meeting is on Saturday, July 11, 2015, 8 AM at Camp Morgan Lodge on Millen Lake. THIS IS A NEW START TIME... ONE HOUR EARLIER, at 8:00 am.**
- k. **Fun & Games is the 4th Sat in July – July 25, 2015**