

# LAE ASSOCIATION WINTER NEWSLETTER

LAE Web Site: [laeinc.org](http://laeinc.org)

**TO: LAE Members**

**FROM: Jon Bilski, President**

**DATE: January 20, 2016**

## 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 departments need to reach you. Renter information needs to be provided by the LAE property owner to the 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 contact me at [jdbilski@gmail.com](mailto:jdbilski@gmail.com) or Vice President Don Damm at [dbdamm27@gmail.com](mailto:dbdamm27@gmail.com)
- 3. Dock Space at the Marina for Motor Boats:** The Marina chairpersons are Celeste Terwilliger and Wayne Sandford. Contact Celeste 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 Celeste as soon as possible to ensure that dock space will be reserved for you. Send her an email at ([thelaemarina@gmail.com](mailto:thelaemarina@gmail.com)) and she will send you a link to the online form. Your email needs to be received by Celeste no later than April 1, 2016. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 with signs. No overnight boat parking is allowed. The combo for the lock on the boat ramp chain is **0495**.
- 4. Annual Meeting Member Inputs:** To help the Annual Meeting to be as productive as possible, provide any inputs to the BOD so they may be included in the Notice To All Members, mailed in June. This will allow time for all members to think about the input and be prepared to discuss it at the Annual Meeting.

- 5. Election of Officers and Directors:** 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. Interested members are encouraged to contact Carolyn Russell by email or phone with questions about serving on the Board by email ([crvol@gsinet.net](mailto:crvol@gsinet.net)) or phone at 603-398-6230. 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) **by U.S. Mail postmarked no later than March 31, 2016 to:**  
**LAE Nominations, 263 Ashuelot Drive, Washington, NH 03280**
- 6. Meet the Candidates:** The BOD will sponsor a meet the candidate’s day on June 25, 2016 (Saturday morning) at the Beach House at 10:30 – 12:00.
- 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. LAE Guest Rules:** We have members who rent or allow others to use their house. To help these renters / guests to enjoy and have a safe experience in our community, see the attachment to this letter. Please make these rules available to your renters or guests.
- 9. Beach House Rental:** If a **Member** wants to rent the Beach House between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, please contact Marylou Frost by phone (603-495-3249 or 239-267-3984) or by e-mail at [marylou\\_frost@netzero.net](mailto:marylou_frost@netzero.net).
- 10. Annual Meeting Attendance:** It is important that you attend the Annual Meeting to discuss and "vote" on issues that can come up at the meeting. Some of these subjects involve spending more money and impact the way the Association does business.
- 11. Chair Aerobics at the Beach House:** This will continue for the 2016 summer season. It will most likely start in early June, twice a week, at 9 AM. More details will be posted on the LAE BB in late May.
- 12. Other Matters:** As a reminder review previous Newsletters on the LAE website.

  - a.** Save the lake: High speed only 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 increased 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 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 and during mud season.
- e. Goose poop on the Beach – Let’s continue to be proactive in cleaning it up. We need volunteers to continue with regular spraying of grape juice to keep the geese out of the beach area. Email Don Dam at [dbdamm27@gmail.com](mailto:dbdamm27@gmail.com) to sign up and help. He will get back with you on the details and work out a schedule, usually a week coverage...about three sprayings per week. Again, let’s keep the children healthy.
- f. No pets or fireworks at any time on the Beach, Beach Area, Marina, or any LAE Association property. Make a real effort to use “canned” soda or beer on the beach and beach area.
- g. Drive slowly and carefully; do not go over 20 mph...slower the better.
- h. Ashuelot Women’s Group – Very active. Contact Nancy Damm at [ndamm17@gmail.com](mailto:ndamm17@gmail.com) or 495-3785.
- i. **APDVD Annual Meeting:** July 8, 2016 (Fri) 7:30 PM at the Camp Morgan Lodge
- j. **The LAE Annual Meeting is on Saturday, July 9, 2016 -- 8 AM at the Camp Morgan Lodge on Millen Lake. This is a new start time...one hour earlier at 8 AM.**
- k. **Fun & Games is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat in July...July 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### LEGAL UPDATE

**This is an update of the August 5, 2015 lawsuit filed by Bob Williams, Tom Burt and Normand Robert against the LAE Association and the LAE Board of Directors.**

As a follow-up on court action, on August 24, 2015, Bob Williams, Tom Burt, and Normand Robert filed a Temporary Restraining Order with the Court to replace the entire Board of Directors and Officers with the following individuals:

Directors: Joe Gentile, Brian Dingman, and Ronald Carroll

President: Thomas Taylor

Vice President: Robert Wright

Secretary: Bruce Brereton

Treasurer: David Dickman

Assistant Treasurer: Kathryn Bartlett

There was a Court Hearing on this matter on August 31, 2015, and the Judge DENIED the Temporary Restraining Order on September 11, 2015 in its entirety. The arguments used in this filing with the Court were the same as filed in the original lawsuit of August 5, 2015.

Later, a question was raised as to whether a conflict of interest disqualifies Williams, Burt and Roberts counsel (law firm) from representing them in the law suit against the LAE Association and its Board of Directors. Williams, Burt, and Robert’s counsel has represented Pat Liotta and Jim Russell and Carolyn Russell in estate planning matters. The Judge ruled on January 6, 2016 that a conflict of interest does exist and has disqualified their attorney and firm from this case. It is unclear when a hearing will be scheduled on the August 5, 2015 lawsuit.

## **LAE GUEST RULES**

This information is provided by the Lake Ashuelot Estates Association (LAE) Board of Directors. We invite you to have a safe and enjoyable time and to be a good neighbor during your stay in our community.

### **GENERAL**

- 1.** You have a Green Guest Pass card which allows you to enjoy the amenities of LAE. It should be displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle at all times.
- 2.** If there is a scheduled LAE function during your stay, you are invited as a guest.
- 3.** The locked tennis combo is 4040. Lock it up when you are finished.
- 4.** Dogs must be under the owner's control at all times and may not wander from the property unattended. When walking your dog, it must be on a leash.
- 5.** Quiet hours are between 10 pm and 7 am. In general keep the music volume down and be respectful of your neighbors with language that will be heard by children.
- 6.** Fires of any kind, including free-standing fire pits, need a permit from the fire or police departments.
- 7.** Do not put household trash in the LAE trash cans in the beach area, marina or tennis court. The Washington Recycle Center on Rt. 31 towards Hillsboro is open on Sun, Wed. and Sat. Use your Guest Pass for access.
- 8.** For emergencies call 911. To contact the Police Department (27/7) call 603-495-3233.

### **ROADS**

- 9.** The maximum speed limit on LAE's roads is 20 MPH, slower the better. There are children, walkers, joggers, bike riders ATVs, dirt bikes and in the winter snowmobilers on the roads.
- 10.** The Washington Police Department, NH Fish and Game, and the Marine Patrol are regularly on LAE's roads and on the lake. Even though the LAE roads are private, law enforcement officials will enforce New Hampshire DWI laws.
- 11.** The operation of an ATV, dirt bike or golf cart must be member owned and display a State of NH registration and the LAE member permit sticker.

### **BEACH HOUSE AND GROUNDS**

- 12.** No glass bottled beverages on the LAE Beach or Beach Area.
- 13.** No pets of any kind in the LAE Beach Area or sand and surrounding grass areas within the parking lot fence rails.

## **SWIMMING**

- 14.** There are no lifeguards at LAE's swim beach. Swim at your own risk.
- 15.** No diving off the LAE raft...it is about 5 to 7 feet deep.
- 16.** No horseplay on the raft...watch out for smaller children.
- 17.** No swimming in the four (4) boat / kayak parking areas in the Beach Area.
- 18.** No swimming at the Marina boat launch.
- 19.** If you swim from the lake front properties, stay close to shore. There are a lot of boats on the lake and it is hard to see a swimmer in the lake.

## **BOATING**

- 20.** If you launch a boat at the Marina Boat Ramp, inspect your trailer, boat and boat motor for any weeds. If you find any, remove them before launching and discard the weeds far away from the lake. Ashuelot Pond has no exotic weeds and we want to keep it that way.
- 21.** When using a canoe or kayak stay close to shore.
- 22.** Parking a boat at the Marina is for daytime use...no over nights.
- 23.** When using a boat (including a legal water craft), high speed only in the middle area of the lake. The lake is relatively shallow and by staying in the deeper waters you will reduce the amount of nutrients added to the water column.
- 24.** To operate a boat over 25 hp or a powered water craft, you must be at least 16 years of age and have a State of NH Safe Boater Education Certificate.
- 25.** During boat operations, when you are traveling at more than headway speed (this is very slow), you must be at least 150 feet from: swimmers, other vessels, rafts or floats, marked swimming areas, docks and the shoreline, etc. If towing skiers or tubers, the observer must be a minimum of 13 years old. No high speed in coves.
- 26.** Do not use boats, canoes and kayaks in the LAE marked swim area.

**Approved BY LAE Board of Directors  
October 2, 2015**