

LAE ASSOCIATION WINTER NEWSLETTER
LAE Web Site: laeing.org

TO: LAE Members

FROM: Jon Bilski, President

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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.

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 and others), Goose Poop Control on our beach and beach area, to name a few. If you have been thinking I should help or help more, please email me at jdbilski@gsinet.net

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. Your email or written request needs to be received by Ron no later than April 1, 2014. This request must contain: name of owner, length, type, make, model, color and horsepower of the boat, when the owner plans to install the dock and put the boat into the water, email address, mailing address, LAE phone number, and home and cell phone numbers. Members who had dock space last year will receive first priority. 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. All boats with dock space must be at their respective dock by July 1st. This new requirement is to eliminate a dock being assigned and no boat tied up, which is unfair to members on the waiting list. Another new requirement is that all docks must be securely anchored to land. Last year, when we had unusually high water, several docks floated out of position, potentially causing damage to adjacent boats. Contact Ron by email at karon.c@netzero.com or by mail at 166 Harrison Rd, Washington, NH 03280. Day boat parking (without a dock) is available at the beginning of the marina area on the left side of the boat ramp and is identified by signs. The combo for the lock on the boat ramp chain is "0495".

4. Deep Draw Down: Currently these deep draw downs can only occur once every five (5) years by orders to the Ashuelot Pond Dam Village District (APDVD) from the State of New Hampshire Departmental Environmental Services (DES). The next deep draw down is planned to start in the latter part of September 2014.

5. Weeds in Ashuelot Pond: The bladderwort (floating plant) was horrendous this past summer. This has been a continual problem for the past 40 plus years, but this past summer was one of the worst. Actions have been taken with our State elected officials to help obtain the ability to accomplish more frequent deep draw downs to control the weeds and to help ourselves we are taking initial efforts to obtain a weed harvesting capability. This weed harvesting capability will be further developed and presented at the May and June Board of Directors Meetings and then for full approval at our Annual Meeting on July 12, 2014.

6. 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, 2014 to:** Carolyn Russell, Nominating Committee Chair, crvol@gsinet.net or P.O. Box 192, Washington, Washington, NH 03280.

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 most 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.
- 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.
- 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 at 495-3785.
- i. **Fun & Games is the 4th Sat in July – July 26, 2014**
- j. **The Annual Meeting is on Saturday, July 12, 2014, 9 AM at Camp Morgan Lodge on Millen Lake.**