

## SEKON ANNUAL MEETING JULY 4<sup>th</sup> 2009

The annual meeting was called to order by President Steve Cross at 4pm. Thanks was given to Al Crispo for the great job he did on the new Sekon sign at the top of the hill.

A motion to approve last years minutes of the meeting was made by Stu Lyon .

Copies of the treasurers report were passed out by Eileen Mansfield. Eileen explained about the decrease in our insurance liability premiums thanks to the efforts of Steve Cross. A motion to accept the treasurers minutes was made by Stu Lyon.

Old business

Work weekend- Al Miller

Al explained about the safety equipment in the can at the beach. There is a 20lb fire extinguisher, a spill kit for containing a gas or oil spill and 2 first aid kits, one which talks you through the process. A CPR course is being planned for this summer, so if you are here please plan on attending. A storage box is being constructed for our defibrillator by Bill Mansfield. It was explained at the meeting that a defibrillator will only work on a person with no heart beat. It is basically foolproof. After the heartbeat resumes, CPR should continue until EMT's arrive. So remember, to take the CPR course this summer at Sekon if possible. If not take the CPR course in your hometown. Remember, the life you save may be of a loved one, or friends at home, or Sekon.

Road upgrades- Al Crispo

Al talked about road work being done every year at Sekon. The main road has been beveled and the ditches cleared so water runs into the ditch instead of the road. Rocks in the road going towards the Millers will be attempted to be removed when repair of that section takes place. In the mean time a "speed bump" has been created over the rock. A culvert by Stu Lyon will be dug up and set lower in the road so the water drains out of the ditch, instead of collects and pools. Unfortunately at the moment the pool by the Lyon's camp has tadpoles. Work will be delayed until they turn into frogs and hop away. A drain pipe by the horseshoe pit will be looked at to try and correct the pitch so the water drains away.

Docks Al Crispo- Al Miller

Discussion was centered around repair, replacement, and changing the existing layout of the docks for safety, aesthetics, and improvement. Ed Traynor mentioned that a time frame should be set, and that a committee should be formed of dock users and lakefront owners to discuss this. Stu Lyon stated that no progress has been made on this subject since the 90's. Deb Traynor said that comments, and ideas should be posted on the web site. Eileen Mansfield asked about Encon approval. Bill Mansfield explained that you have to tell Encon what you want to do, show them a plan, and they approve it or not. Marsha Stanley asked about an existing permit, and are we only permitted to the existing size of the docks as they are? Kathy Cavanaugh asked about restrictions, and the footprint area around the old existing pump house. Harold Mahony asked if everyone will have a chance to vote on the dock plan. They will, and the dock committee "plans on a plan", by the annual Steak Roast of 2009!

New Business

Septic system- Ed Traynor

Ed explained about the data of the septic flow, and said that the final phase of septic improve is the leach field. Ed would like to get a group together to find out costs, so we can start saving money now for a maintenance free buried leach field. Steve Cross is in the process of creating an operators manual to help people who are interested in operating and maintaining the existing system.

Website- Marsha Stanley

Marsha was thanked for doing a great job managing the Sekon website. Marsha passed out an article about the milfoil problem and costs associated with milfoil "harvesting" in Saratoga lake. The USL Foundation is in need of funds to continue the milfoil control in our lake. Please make a contribution to the Foundation for continuing the control of milfoil in Upper Saranac. It's the only lake we have.....lets take care of it! People who rent their camps in Sekon were asked to notify renters to make sure their boats, trailers, bilges are clean of any potential contaminants, or invasive species before launching in Upper Saranac. Any ideas for control, or eradication of milfoil should be sent to the USL Foundation. Hand harvesting is just a stop gap measure, we need to eradicate milfoil.

Marsha is also creating a Sekon time line, tracing the history of Sekon from the beginning. If anyone has any historical artifacts or old postcards of Sekon please let Marsha know. She would like to scan them for use in the time line. Marsha talked about the ARCH tour, and the USL lecture series tour this Aug 22-23 of Sekon. Contact Marsha for more information. During March of 2010 every Sekon homeowner will be receiving a notification of their reassessment records with a prediction of your yearly taxes. If you believe in the Tooth Fairy, you can accept this as fact, if not be aware that there is a process you can go through to challenge this. **BE AWARE OF THE PROCESS AND TIME FRAME YOU HAVE TO CHALLENGE!** We now have a fair and equitable assessor, use him.

Fire pit benches....

A discussion about the firepot benches arose from the ashes. Did Ed Traynor volunteer to make new benches with a timeline to complete the benches by the Steak Roast? Many thanks go out to Deb and Ed for all they have done for, and around Sekon. We have new house numbers and irises at the fork in the road courtesy of Deb and Ed. The Wawbeek restaurant may be gone but rumor has it there is a waterfront Tiki bar at the Traynors.

Members concerns- everyone

Just a few

Dogs barking-running free scaring people

Tennis court- Could Sekon rent the court and return it to its former glory?? To play tennis?

Steak Roast

Co- Chairs - Marsha Stanley-Fred Schwarz

Ticket sales - Kate Doherty

Games Tye dye- Linda Szot

Horseshoes- Ellie Mahony?

Many more volunteers are needed...we know things just sort of happen at the Roast, the tent rises, cooks appear, beer,wine,and soda appears, all sorts of things that everyone take for granted. If you are one of these unknown workers just let it be known that all the work that goes on behind the scenes of the Steak Roast is appreciated by everyone! The success of the annual Steak roast depends on everyone, not just a certain few, so please help the co-chairs out by letting us know what you are willing to do to make every thing a success. If anyone knows of a person or group that could help us out with a perfect sunny weekend let us know. TV weathermen or forecasters need not apply!

Volunteer Thanks--everyone

Many thanks go out to ALL members of Sekon, you pay your dues, you spend time here, you become summer/lifelong friends. What else could you ask for?

Nominating Chairman- Jim Marshall

President- Steve Cross  
Vice-President- Al Crispo  
Treasurer- Eileen Mansfield  
Secretary- Fred Schwarz  
Trustee- Chris Mosca

Nominations closed by Stu Lyon, slate accepted, 1 vote cast by the secretary to accept

Meeting adjourned- Steve Cross