

GIA WINTER NEWSLETTER – MARCH 7, 2021

1) Regular Meetings This Year: Needless to say, we were not able to have a meeting this month due to Covid-19. Although the Board has discussed whether or not to schedule a July meeting, it is too soon in the year to do so because we don't know with certainty what the pandemic risk will be. With a high percentage of seniors active in the GIA, we should all seek the vaccines. We had also decided to have another cruise on the Mt. Washington in 2021, but that is on hold also. As a fall back, we could do another mail-in ballot and possibly have a "zoom" meeting as well.

2) Financial Summary Report: One-hundred thirty-two (132) paid dues in 2020 and there was a surplus of \$839.63 above total expenses. On 12/31/20 the check book balance was \$10,318.11 and the CD was \$6,685.78. Contributions to the 6 - 501(c)(3) organizations we support and work with were approved by the mail-in ballot at the same level as 2019, \$1,835.

3) Water Test Project: The season will start in June. Our \$500 annual sponsorship of 3 sites has always been allocated during the winter meeting. This year the Board will have to make the allocation. Under the Bylaws the Board can spend up to \$500. If anyone would like to volunteer to pull samples for testing, let us know. The 2020 testing results have not been posted yet. Past year's levels can be seen on an interactive map at "winnepesaukee.gateway.org." The LWA is part of this effort.

4) Mail-In Ballots-2020: 125 were returned with unanimous support for the 5 issues. The elected Board members are: Jim MacBride, President, Charlie Fairman, Vice-President, Heidi Kephart, Treasurer, Sue Colbert, Secretary, and five At-Large members: Nancy Birge, Ansje Burdick, Pete Derby, Robin Folsom and Roger Marquis. The two-year terms for VP, Secretary, and 2 At-Large will expire this summer. We thank you for your continuing support. The newly created "FORUM" was developed and implemented by Ansje and Sue. Go to giffordislands.org to sign in and/or participate.

5) Cyanobacteria Alerts: There were no major blooms spotted on the Lake last summer, but one was suspected in early July on Welch, light 68 area. The water was tested, but it was after it had cleared up and the bloom could not be confirmed. If you see any signs of a bloom, notify Amanda McQuaid, DES. Email: HAB@des.nh.gov and/or call 603.848.8094. Also, notify Pat Tarpey at ptarpey@winnepesaukee.org.

6) Ice In: The lake froze over in the early hours of Feb. 1. A week later only 2" was measured between Belknap Point and Welch and was not safe. By the 13th some had gone out on snow shoes and snow mobiles. Ice-out could be by mid-April or sooner.

7) Trailer Storage at Ice Rink: The application request must be received by April 1st in the office of the Executive Secretary to the Select Board, Angela Boville.

8) Wake Boat Legislation: A public hearing was held Feb. 3rd by the NH House Resource, Recreation and Development Committee regarding HB 229, a bill to define wake boats. It is still in committee with no action at this time.

