

WEST POINT

A LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE COMMUNITY

2011 West Point Newsletter

Dear West Point of Long Island Association member,

As we come to the end of a winter we will not soon forget, we hope this note finds you well and looking forward to warmer weather and blue skies over Lake Winnepesaukee and beyond.

As always, your Board of Directors wishes to take this opportunity to advise you of several updates and events as we head into a new year. If you have any items of concern or suggestions you wish to share with the Board, you are encouraged to please send them to our Secretary, Stephen Gentile (sgentile@insydesw.com).

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BEACH CLEANUP

Our annual beach cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10:00 AM. Our goal, as always, is to achieve 100% member participation. The 2 hours spent is worthwhile for the beach and a chance to share your winter stories with friends. The rain date is Sunday May 29, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Our 2011 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM, on the beach. Our By-laws provide for the nomination of members "in good standing" who desire to serve a three year term as a director of the association. If you wish to nominate a member who desires to serve, their name must be received by the secretary in writing by June 1st, 2011. Please send any nominations to our secretary, Stephen Gentile, 15 Ernie's Dr. Littleton, MA 01460.

ANNUAL DUES

While it seems like the price of just about everything is going up, we are happy to report another year without an increase to our annual dues! The Board of Directors has adopted a budget of \$33,912 for the fiscal year August, 2010- July, 2011. This budget represents a 2.9% increase over last year's budget. The maintenance of our roads (\$10,700) and our trash collection (\$8,000) continue to be our biggest expenditures, accounting for approximately 55% of the entire budget.

As always, we hope our final expenses will come in lower than our budgeted amounts; however, we remain fiscally sound and confident that our expenses will be within our budgeted guidelines. With that said, the Board agreed there was no reason to increase annual dues for the coming fiscal year.

Currently, we have only one WP member "not in good standing" with a long over-due balance of approximately \$3,000. We continue our efforts to try and collect this outstanding amount.

DOCKS & MOORINGS

As many of you are aware, we did have some in season problems and repairs on our moorings last summer, including the upgrades to more of the much more durable stainless steel mooring chains and associated hardware. In addition to a \$250 assessment for the upgrades charged to the current mooring users (which has all been paid), the Board voted to increase the annual mooring fees by \$50 to a total of \$200 to be more in line with actual annual maintenance costs.

Presently, the dock fees remain unchanged at \$300/year. However, we'd like to point out that the docks are beginning to show some wear and tear and eventually we are going to be forced to have a marine construction company do some work. We have had a tough winter with the ice winter watch program this year as

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one of the ice eaters failed and we have experienced some other repair/maintenance/replacement costs. The Dock Account funds covered these costs but the overall amount in the fund has shrunk. We have a couple of dock fingers that will require attention as well.

Attention mooring users: Please send a copy of your 2011 boat registration to Mooring Master Tony Gasbarro, 1145 Elm Street, Leominster, MA 01453 so that he can comply with the State of New Hampshire's mooring registration laws.

Attention dock users: Please know that Tony Gasbarro is now responsible for all issues related to the docks. I guess that makes him the "D&MM" – Dock & Mooring Master.

WP ACCOUNTING SYSTEM GOES ONLINE...

Did you know that West Point's newest elected member Bruce Norwell is collaborating with West Point's longest running Board member, Charles Dauwalter, in support of the Association's Treasury and Accounting needs? And that they've recently moved our accounting program to QuickBooks online, a web based tool that will improve the efficiency and accessibility of our financial data, dues bills and budgeting process. We're very fortunate to have both of these knowledgeable and dedicated people supporting WP Association. Let Bruce know if you are interested in seeing the West Point Association financials online.

ROAD IMPROVMENTS CONTINUE...

Starting this past fall, we've begun a new multi-year road update and maintenance program designed to improve the drainage and crowning of the Association's roads. You may have noticed this work done on the top of Woodrin Road in October. Board member Lou Whittemore, who is responsible for the roads, will continue to work with our contractor to improve the condition of our roads on a continuous basis.

BEACH SHED & BOAT RACKS ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITY...

Our storage shed and boat racks are offered on a first come first serve basis. You are reminded that both the shed and the boat racks should have all of your personal equipment removed by Columbus Day weekend; additionally, we ask that your items on the boat rack carry your name for identification purposes.

In summary, your Board of Directors wishes thank you for your continued support. We plan to see you on the beach for the cleanup May 28th at 10:00 AM, if not before then.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
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