

Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association (LKWA)
August Picnic Meeting Notes
August 8, 2015
Minutes submitted by Joan Izen, Secretary

The annual picnic meeting was held at the home of Hospitality Committee Chairs, Kevin and Sandra Kelly, 68 Glidden Road. A brief business meeting was held; approximately 40 people were in attendance.

President Mike Joyce introduced the Advisory Board members and welcomed all to the meeting. He noted increased boat traffic on the lake this summer with high speeds. Jane Nash agreed and commented that there is evidence of the negative impact on the lake of high speeds. It was noted that the state speed limit for motorboats is 45 mph but controlling the speed limit is an issue.

Jane Fairchild stated that there have been multiple comments on the LKWA website and Facebook page regarding boat speed and the resulting wakes. She suggested that the speed limit be posted on our social media outlets and that a notice be posted on the boat launch off of Route 25.

There was some discussion about those who rent on the lake being unaware of the speed limits. Joel Schwelling suggested creating a notice that those who rent could place in their homes to educate their renters. Jane Nash noted that the “Be Stewards of the Lake” informational piece that was produced a few years ago does address motor boaters; it does not however provide guidance regarding speed limits. It was agreed that LKWA has the resources to produce another informational piece specific to boat speed limits.

Betsy Santarpio asked if there is any guidance regarding how far boaters need to stay away from the loons. It was agreed that all boaters (motor, kayaks, etc.) should use common sense and stay a reasonable distance away from the loons.

With no further business to discuss the meeting ended and all enjoyed the picnic. Many thanks to Kevin and Sandra and all those who contributed the wide variety of drinks, salads and desserts.