



Worrromontogus Lake Association Newsletter

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**Have you
renewed your
WLA
membership for
2008!
Form inside or
on our website.**

Dear Fellow Members,

Well, it's still chilly out but it is officially spring, mud season and the time for the best and worst of lake front living in Maine... ice-out, fishing, ruts and potholes. We recently held a meeting of the WLA Steering Committee, (the Board, Officers and Standing Committee Chairs of the WLA) where we agreed to a number of items we'll be working on during the current year. See page 2 for a list of items we addressed.

We also decided that this is the year that we should work toward becoming a 501c3 corporation. This is a formal status which is filed with the Federal Government. If we secure this status

the WLA will be exempt from the need to pay property taxes, and will be able to apply for Federal grants that are not now available directly to the WLA (this is a major reason why our 319 grant is actually awarded to the City of Augusta).

Our next meeting will be on May 16th and I hope you'll come to the meeting, bring a dish for the supper, BYOB for the social hour and enjoy an evening with your friends and fellow members. There will be more information available regarding the grant and our WLA summer activities; I hope to see you there.

Patten Williams, President

May 16 meeting at Fox Glen Clubhouse

Please join us for the next general meeting of the Lake Association scheduled for Friday, May 16, at the Fox Glen Snowmobile Clubhouse.

The meeting will follow a pot luck supper and we hope to have a good turnout.



A social time will begin at 5:30 pm with a pot luck supper at 6:00. The meeting

will begin at 6:30. For the potluck please bring either a main dish, salad or dessert and your own place settings and beverage. The Association will provide coffee and tea.

The Fox Glen snowmobile club is located on Buck & Doe Trail: from Route 3 go 0.8 miles on Weeks Mills Road to Buck & Doe Trail, which is on the left. The club is the first building on the left on Buck & Doe Trail.

Don't forget to visit us on the web!

If you haven't been to our web site, please visit; there are web cams, information on the history of the lake, a calendar of events, member pictures and lots more with new material added regularly. www.togusponds.org

What WLA is working on...

Using our web site as a center for information about the 319 grant. Anyone wanting information about the grant, including an overview of the process or copies of the forms to be used, will find that information posted on the web. The grant is working its way along and we expect to be implementing starting in May.

Hold a fundraiser to help defray the increased expenses the WLA is incurring. We have become active in more areas and as a result, last year we actually spent more money than we brought in. The largest expense was to pay the Kennebec County Soil and Water District for its work writing our 319 grant. We discussed the possibility of a WLA yard sale and hope to implement this idea and possibly think of more that we can do to raise funds this summer.

Explore the issue of insurance for the organization. We are seeking bids for liability insurance and insurance for the Officers and Board members. We also decided to wait until we get an opinion from an insurance carrier before we construct and locate a small dock at the landing.

Get more members subscribed to receive the Newsletter and other mailings directly through our mailing list. In order to do this, our members must go to www.togusponds.org, click on the "Contact Us" link on the right hand side of the page and enter your email address as shown on the page. This is very important to the organization because mailing hard copy is expensive and we save valuable resources by using the email.

Agreed to a schedule of full WLA meeting dates for the year. Mark your calendar! 2008 dates below.

Friday, May 16

Summer picnic and meeting Saturday, August 9

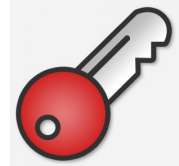
Friday, October 17

Holiday party Friday, December 5th

Time to re-key the lock at the landing this year.

It is time to re-key the lock at the landing. We intend to have a new lock on the gate on May 15th. Members may acquire a key for a fee of \$15.00. This fee is for the period until the next time we re-key the lock (we usually re-key every three years). The proceeds from the sale of keys are used to pay taxes and maintain and upgrade the landing. Last year we spent nearly \$500.00 on new gravel and repairs to the gate that were needed to fix problems that occurred due to vandalism.

WLA treasurer, Betty Harvey will handle key purchases. Your 2008 Membership dues must be paid before you can purchase your new key. She can be reached at 622-5030.



A Reminder....

Remember that when you receive a newsletter from membershiplist@togusponds.org (our internal mailing list address), you cannot reply, as that account is for outgoing mail only. Instead, send email to:

Pat Williams, WLA President president@togusponds.org

Vice President Dennis Curtis: vp@togusponds.org

Membership Chair Sarah Fagg: membership@togusponds.org

2008 Membership Drive

It is time to renew your membership for 2008. We are trying to keep the membership renewals on a schedule so people can remember when to renew. Renewals will be at the first of each year. Jan-Feb.

**Please help support the Worromontogus Lake Association by becoming a member today!
Why become a member? The WLA provides many resources.**

- A website that includes history, news, photos, calendar of events and lots of great information.
- An Association that is constantly working on ways to improve the quality and health of the lakes.
- WLA meetings where you can enjoy great food, meet your neighbors and hear speakers.
- Information about upcoming workshops and available assistance grants.
- Newsletters with informative articles and upcoming events.

**2008 Membership Drive Renew today! Send this form and your check to:
Worromontogus Lake Association, PO Box 2582, Augusta, Maine 04338**

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Lake Road _____ E-mail address _____

Yes, I want to renew _____ I am a new member in 2008 _____



2008 Dues

Family Membership \$ 15 _____

Individual Membership \$ 10 _____

Osprey Member \$ 25 _____

Loon Member \$ 50 _____

Eagle Member \$100 _____

Voluntary Contribution to the Dam Maintenance Fund \$ _____

Total Amount of Check \$ _____

**Newsletters and notices are sent via email unless we don't have your email address.
Please give us your email if you have one. It saves us time, money and resources!**

It is spring and here are a few things to think about when working in your yard.

Work on shoreline buffers. Use native plants for easier care. The wider the buffer, the better it is for the lake. Do your best.

For healthy lakes fertilizer should be reduced or eliminated. Seek out natural soil amendments and organic, low phosphate fertilizers to give young plants the boost they need to grow.

Remember, fertilizer is very harmful to lakes! It can trigger algae blooms. Don't use fertilizers right next to the shoreline. Don't leave them on the soil surface, put them in the planting hole. Don't fertilize before a rainstorm and don't over fertilize.



**Please help us keep our records up to date.
Contact us with any address or email changes. Thanks!**

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