**The WLA annual meeting was held on July 18, 2020, at the Old Acton Airfield.**

* **Welcome and opening comments** - Isobel Michaud, President
* **Treasury report** delivered by Isobel in Ann Marie Nadeau (Treasurer) absence
	+ income from dues and donations   $2230.
	+ Expenses: 825
	+ ending balance: 3994
	+ Donations were made by a total of 72 out of 204 families on Wilson Lake. The plea was made to pay dues as they cover important work done to keep the lake healthy and maintain the value of everyone’s investment for generations to follow.
* **Invasive species report - Wayne Reese**
	+ Please visit [Lake Stewards of Maine](https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/). Org for free courses and info. An excellent resource.
	+ There is mill foil in 3 local lakes, which is very difficult and expensive to get rid of.
	+ There is European Naiad in other local lakes which is impossible to get rid of, and Chinese Nesting Snails In Great East, Horn Pond, Mousam and Square Ponds.
	+ **To date Wilson Lake has had no invasive species problems.**
	+ We must each be aware of what’s in the lake in our own areas. Use Lake Stewards of Maine website to educate ourselves. Wayne has a printed chart depicting how to identify invasive aquatic plants and is available for free if you reach out to him. Invasive species are transmitted from lake to lake on boats, trailers, etc. it’s important to wash all boats (including kayaks, rafts, etc, before introducing them to the lake.
* **We have engaged a marine biologist from the York County Aquativ Species Projects to conduct a level 3 survey of Wilson Lake later this year. This is an example of how are dues are spent.**
* **Water Quality Report** - Rich Chevalier
	+ The lake has improved greatly after last years beaver dam breach. We are heading in the right direction.
	+ Rich goes out on the lake multiple times per month in season to measure the water quality and he demonstrated some of the equipment he uses to capture the data.
	+ Last year, when the beaver dam was broken, secchi readings were at 3.08 meters (this is terrible!). Now they are trending in the 6-8 meter range, which fluctuates depending on rain, boats, etc. but is in the normal, healthy range
* **Boat Safety** - Bob Anderson was not in attendance To deliver a report. However it is everyone’s responsibility to know safety and boating rules. Boat safety courses for the state of Maine are available online but not required yet.
	+ “Make common sense as contagious as Covid” - Isobel.
	+ Be aware of the 200’ from shore rule which requires only headway speed and no wake. Be aware there may be swimmers in these shallow waters.
* Thank you John Nadeau! A gift of a framed photograph of water lillies was presented to John Nadeau for all his hard work and personal expense last year in mitigating the beaver dam break problem.
* We had social events planned this year but had to curtail them due to Covid. We are hoping we can revisit these plans soon.  More to follow!
* Martel subdivision on Youngs Ridge Road and Buzzell Road on Great East Lake was briefly discussed, in terms of how the clear cutting has impacted soil erosion and water quality on Great East.
	+ Their lake association is spending a lot of money to protect their lake on this matter. The public hearing is on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:30PM via Zoom.  Here is the link to the meeting from the Town of Acton website:  <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87325741268>
* **The floor was opened to discussion**.
	+ A question was asked if we were introducing smelts to the lake this year. We did last year just before the dam break, so didn’t really gain benefit and didn’t do it this year.
* Bear sightings - the bears are out and hungry. Please remember to take in your trash and feeders. Especially at night.
* Covid - we don’t have actual numbers in Acton but they are low. Wash your hands, wear a mask in public, and use common sense!