Agenda, October 15, 2020

• Opening Remarks
  • Deb Alberts, Board Chair

• Board Nominations
  • Peter Kinner, Governance Committee

• Financial Overview
  • Kirstin Lawton, Board Treasurer

• A Year in Review
  • Allison Knab, Executive Director

• GBNERR Update
  • Cory Riley, Reserve Manager

• Closing Remarks
  • Deb Alberts, Board Chair
Board Roster

2020
Slate of Board of Trustees

- Jack O’Reilly (2023)  3 Year Term
- Martin Borg (2023)  3 Year Term
- Lisa Robblee (2023)  3 Year Term
- Peter Kinner (2022)  2 Year Term
- Ed Roy (2021)  1 Year Term
Slate of Officers

• Deb Alberts, Chair

• Jack O’Reilly, Vice Chair

• Lisa Robblee, Secretary

• Ken Ernstoff, Treasurer
Great Bay Stewards 2020 Income (through 9/30/20)

- ANNUAL APPEAL: $21,708
- ART SHOW: $3,104
- DONATIONS - UNRESTRICTED: $1,887
- FUNDRAISING: $3,525
- GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE FEE: $9,777
- GREAT BAY 5 K: $15,956
- Membership Dues: $10,034

Total Income: $78,093
Great Bay Stewards
A Year in Review
First, An Enormous Thank You!
Highlights of 2019-2020

• Invested in new exhibits on horseshoe crabs and ospreys at the Discovery Center, as well as the historic Parker Cabin exhibit in the Special Collections room

• Funded the purchase of supplies and equipment needed to launch a soundscape monitoring program at the Reserve

• Celebrated the arrival of endangered Blanding’s turtles at newly developed habitat built in part by support from the Stewards

• Supported the installation of new signs at the Great Bay Community Wildlife Garden, as well as the planting of native flower beds

• Facilitated projects with other partners in the region to complete the removal of Sawyer Dam from the Bellamy River
And More

• Acted as a fiscal agent for grant money to GBNERR; these funds have advanced work on living shorelines, assessing marsh resilience to sea level change nationally, analyzing impacts of sea level rise on salt marshes across New England, collecting environmental data using DNA, developing a marsh by marsh plan for marshes in New Hampshire, and developing wildlife sensitive trails

• Got to see you! Thanks to those who attended our “Oyster and Trivia” Annual Meeting in the fall, or attended the Flatbread Community Supper
The Great Bay 5K and 55K

• A Virtual Race for 2020, October 1-24
• The Addition of the 55K Challenge!
• An opportunity for participants to travel the circumference of the Bay and explore new vistas, trails, and historical spots along the way
• Congratulations to Great Bay 5K Race Director Bob Kennedy and Reserve Research Coordinator Chris Peters for completing the entire 55K on October 1!
The Evelyn Browne Award

• This award is given to a person who demonstrates sustained commitment to coastal conservation and Great Bay through volunteerism.
The Evelyn Browne Award

• Congratulations to our 2020 Evelyn Browne Award winner:
  Bob Kennedy!
GBNERR
A Year in Review
GBNERR Accomplishments

Administrative
- New 5 year management plan
- Secured a 1 million dollar grant to restore Greenland property

Education, Engagement and Coastal Training Program
- Videos for teachers and students
- Naturalist information, scavenger hunts, and self led tours
- Virtual workshops on Living Shorelines, Climate Adaptation
- New exhibit in the Discovery Center on horseshoe crabs, pollinator wall
- Grounds improvements and gardens
- New ways of engaging the public and volunteers
GBNERR Accomplishments

Science and Stewardship

• Community Wildlife Garden
• Blandings Turtle Nesting Site Restoration
• Pollinator and monarch butterfly gardens and demonstration sites
• Invasive species removal and demonstration sites
• Geo-spatial tools and outreach products to help prioritize land protection and coastal restoration
• Saltmarsh, macro algal, seagrass, methane, water quality, and environmental DNA monitoring
• Regional and national synthesis of salt marsh trends
• National geospatial analysis comparing marsh resilience
• Eelgrass white paper, national thin layer deposition project and national crab project.
Thank you all for joining us!

We hope to see you in person in 2021