

**MINUTES, LAKE ANASAGUNTICOOK ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
August 8, 2008**

A meeting of the Lake Anasagunticook Association Board of Directors was held on Friday, August 8, 2008, at 7:00 P.M., at the home of Tom and Judy Hamilton, the President, Biff Atwater being in the chair and the Secretary, Terri Swanick, being present.

Others board members in attendance: Bill Gray, Terry Hinkley, Carolyn Gray, Polly Bussiere, Leslie Boness, John Convey, Shawn Henderson, Judy Hamilton and Buzz Croston.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

**New items –**

Information regarding the Canton Water District “Neighborhood Watch” Program was distributed.

**Treasurer’s Report –**

Changes from last report:

- Increased expectation of donations
- Changed items under income to “Fundraising for dam”. With the hopes of raising between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in the next fiscal year.
- Frontrunner changed to “Road improvement” line item and increased to \$500

Expenses – insurance payment due.

Projects - changed from t-shirts to other “fundraising activities”

It was moved and seconded that the association seek membership to the Maine Association of Non-Profits, which could be beneficial for the association in applying for 501(c)(3) with legal assistance. The motion was approved.

Also, Judy has started and is maintaining database for all the entities raising monies for the dam project. To date, \$55000 raised and \$16000 spent... total available now is \$38088.

Lastly Judy reported that LAA membership is now at 81 households.

**Committee Reports were presented**

• **Wildlife/Loon Report**

**Buzz Croston**

Loon ~ 2 loons on lake on count day, 7/28

• **LakeSmart**

**Judy Hamilton**

It was reported that Barb Welch from LakeSmart is changing how ratings are to be determined. The goal is to get 15% of lake front properties evaluated, which we have done for Lake Anasagunticook. It also appears that we are 1<sup>st</sup> in state but numbers have not been published on website yet. Also, Judy has soil test packages that she is willing to pass out to any interested property owners.

- **Aquatic Invasive Survey Planning Biff Atwater/John Convey/Buzz Croston**

Invasive plants in are now in Belgrade. Japanese Knotweed appeared on Camp Road. Heather Germadnik, OCS&W, will try to get us more grant information on control methods.

- **Fund Raising**

**Bill Gray/Polly Bussiere/Judy Hamilton**

Process/Progress ~ so far raised \$2410 for the Red Sox tickets. Super Dam raffle has to date raised \$1400.

- **Lake Days Report**

**Judy Hamilton**

Lake Days will not be cancelled/postponed due to threat of rain.

- **501(c)(3) Progress**

**Leslie Boness**

Leslie, Joe Cloonan and Biff worked with Mike Poulin to make changes that they saw fit and those were sent out to the membership in the meeting notice/proxy. They are confident that changes will satisfy IRS without changing the intent of the Association. If vote approves changes on Sunday, and once the FY08 numbers are in, then Leslie will bring to State for approval. Things we will have to do: form 990; annual report to state; charitable solicitation to state; guide for board members.

- **CORE Report**

**Judy Hamilton**

Canton owns the dam effective 8/6/08. Plans are in the works for the new dam to ensure that MEMA requirements are met (once those requirements are received). CORE group is also working on getting the temporary dam in as soon as possible. Mac Ray and students are working case study to engineer new dam, these plans will be turned over to an engineer for review. They are also looking to get all the information from previous work done on the plans for fixing the dam from Wright Pierce (Ray Fortier's company who did assessment). Once the current dam is removed, the current water level management plan no longer exists.

The possibility of grants was discussed and it was stated that it is the plan to have both towns apply for community block grants. Water district can also apply for grants, same with LAA.

- **Reimbursement Policy Committee Report**

**Bill Gray**

This committee was tasked with drafting guidelines for what the association is doing (policy statement). Draft was presented to board members present and they were asked to review for next meeting.

- **Nomination Committee Progress Report**

**Judy Hamilton**

No changes, looking to current board and membership on Sunday's meeting for suggestions.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Discuss Motion for change of fiscal year
- Discuss Motion for electronic meetings
- How to handle or vote on new nominations ~~ see below
- Boat ramp report ~ Judy requested information from Sen. Bruce Bryant, but has not heard back.
- COLA representative ~
- Conflict of Interest Policy ~ handed out at last meeting, Leslie thought it could be approved if no one had a problem with it. Conflict of Interest Policy will be added to the by-laws. Judy moved and motion passed.
- Process for introduction of and voting of other changes to
- Articles of Incorporation
- By-laws

- Leslie suggested that two different motions be presented (by-laws and articles of incorporation). Articles of Incorporation should be presented first. Terry Hinkley and Shawn Henderson will bring motions at Sunday's meeting.
- Further discussion was had about what other motions would be brought up on Sunday.
- Buzz is to fill one year term and Leslie will be nominated for two.

## **New Business**

Lake Water Quality, presented by Tom Hamilton, hasn't changed much. Clarity down (could be because of rain). Oxygen levels are following their normal trend for this time of year.

Bill Gray, topics that might come up Sunday, fundraising and what the association plan is.

Biff passed out 'Document Destruction' policy which would be beneficial to follow for the association.

This year's budget should be reviewed by board tonight and presented at meeting tomorrow for approval.

Leslie made a motion that we approve budget as presented by finance committee (Terry, John and Judy). The motion passed.

Bill moved to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23.

Submitted by,

Terri Swanick, Secretary