

Lake Anasagunticook Association

2006 Annual Meeting

August 13, 2006

MINUTES

Officers in Attendance: Joe Cloonan, President

John Convey, Vice President

Beth Convey, Secretary

Judy Hamilton, Treasurer

Directors in Attendance: Biff Atwater, Jack Atwater, Daryl Boness, Buzz Croston, Carolyn Gray, Terry Hinkley, Tim Kirwan, Terry Smith.

Absent from meeting: Terri Swanick

Members in Attendance: Mary Atwater, Rob Atwater, Leslie Boness, Polly & Ray Bussiere, Donna Cloonan, Ron Garry, Tom Hamilton, Norm & Virginia Kelly, Ann Poland, Meg Powers, Rick Ray, Margi Taylor, Jean Williams.

2005 Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report/Budget

Judy Hamilton handed out the Treasurer's Report showing income, expenses and balances.

The report was read and approved. The final report will be printed in the October issue of the Newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-laws

Jack Atwater read the proposed revisions to the By-laws of the Lake Anasagunticook Association.

Leslie Boness brought to our attention Article One, Section 3 the word "principle" should be "principal". Leslie suggested that Article Two, Section 1 be amended to make reference to 501(c)(3). Biff and Jack Atwater will modify this section. Daryl Boness would like Article Three, Section 1 to be amended to show "single vote per membership". Margaret Taylor, Carolyn Gray Virginia Kelly and Leslie Boness had comments about the number of members per family and concerns about voting by Proxy. It was made clear that if there are two members in a family, both pay their dues, and one member is unable to attend the meeting - the Proxy must be sent in writing to one of the four officers in advance of the meeting. To vote each member must pay their annual dues. Motion for these amendments and acceptance of the By-laws passed.

Annual Membership Dues

Judy Hamilton made a motion to change the annual membership dues to:

Individual Membership.... \$10.00 Family Membership....\$10.00 per voting member.

Motion was approved.

Beach/Stairs

Polly and Ray Bussiere informed us that at the beach on Route 140 the final granite steps have been placed. Polly appreciated the volunteer services of Dan Doloff and his son, Kyle who provided the cherry picker. The manpower to secure the steps in place was provided by Dick Powers, Ray Bussiere and Mike Cloonan. Polly gives special thanks to Mike and Linda Ranhoff for providing the granite. The Canton Beach portapotty has been removed due to vandalism - it will not be replaced.

Water Quality

Tom Hamilton thanked the LAA for the new Dissolved Oxygen Meter. Tom provided us with a chart on the Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen Profile taken on July 17, 2006 and the Secci Disc Readings chart for 2004, 2005 and 2006. The readings for 2006 is quite a bit lower than 2005 and 2004. This decrease in clarity is probably due to the large amount of rain and development around the shore. The chart for the temperature and dissolved oxygen shows the dissolved oxygen had dropped near the bottom - this is not good for the lake because the fish that live at the bottom of the lake will not stay there and tend to move to the top. If the water stays at no oxygen for a long time bacterial action will start releasing phosphates into the water. Also, the water has been four to five degrees warmer this year. Tom will make new graphs for the next Newsletter. Rick Ray asked what could be done to prevent this from happening. Tom indicated that all activity on the watershed disturbs a lake, the removal of trees, erosion, debris washing into the water, construction creates more phosphates, etc.

Newsletter/Website

Biff Atwater suggested we send to him comments or articles for the Newsletter. Biff distributed 329 Newsletters in the last mailing.

LakeSmart

Judy Hamilton distributed LakeSmart brochures and indicated that we are now tied for third place in the State of Maine. We have seven LakeSmart awards, ten recognitions and about six properties to be evaluated. We need to be Número Uno. Joe Cloonan mentioned that DEP shows on their website that the biggest threat to lakes in Maine comes from camp roads - 70 or 80 percent of the pollution problem now is from erosion. Primarily from camp roads that are not properly maintained. Lawns contribute about 14 times more to the problems of erosion than a wooded area. We should have buffers to reduce the amount of exposed soil that can get into the lake. John Convey said that Jack Plumley stated the best source of protection are our eyes - if we see something that is not right - we should let our CEO know.

Lake Days

Jack Atwater reported Lake Days was very successful we had 48 attendees and collected \$325.75 in raffle ticket sales - the greatest amount ever. The first annual Lake Anasagunticook Exboataganza took place. Prizes were only awarded for the most decorative boats. Prizes were awarded to Jim and Phyllis Parisi, Jack and Biff Atwater and to Margaret and Meg Taylor for best costumes.

The wind made it difficult to go ahead with the races. Terry Hinkley mentioned that it was too cold to play games. Terry also suggested we play the games prior to the raffle. Mary Atwater believes we should thank the contributors to Lake Days personally and patronize their businesses, as well as include them in our Newsletter. Carolyn Gray mentioned the generosity of these contributors and Leslie Boness suggested we display them on our website. John Convey mentioned that Steve Fuller of Pine Shores had cleaned-up Hartford beach before Lake Days started, as well as Mike Swanick. Rick Ray mentioned that Boy Scout Troop 186 spent a day in June cleaning-up the beach and marking the different types of fauna. It was a one day event - was well attended and they should be recognized. Jack Atwater would like us to bring a friend, who has never attended, to next years Lake Days to acquaint them to LAA. Jack thanked us for our contribution to Lake Days.

Frontrunner

Terry Hinkley has had difficulty in reaching Randy Gammon. Terry spoke with him once and he stated he would charge \$60 to \$70 an hour to do Camp Road and that it would probably take a couple of hours. However, she has not been able to speak with him since. Judy thanked Terry for her efforts and said that the Town of Hartford has given LAA the go ahead for doing Camp Road. They would financially support the hourly rate paid to a person, who has insurance, they have certain regulations, if LAA donate to the Town the \$100 which was appropriated for this job. Judy made a motion that we carry that \$100 appropriation into the Fall. Motion was approved.

Comprehensive Planning

John Convey said he and Judy Hamilton have been working in Hartford on the 10 year Comprehensive Plan. The message that we want to deliver is that the quality of the lake is very important to the Town. Not just for the people who live on the lake but the attributes of the lake reduces the taxes. We have a Lake Task Force Committee with people from Lake Anasagunticook and Bear Pond who met with the Comprehensive Planning Committee within the last few weeks. It was a good meeting. Everybody spoke what was on their mind. Both lake committees learned something as a result of the meeting. The Task Force will be ongoing - once the plan is written it will be followed through. Both lakes are very important to the Town and the Town will always be aware of the lakes economic value to the Town. Judy Hamilton encourages people whether residents of Canton or Hartford that you attend meetings, Selectman's, Town Annual Meetings, Comprehensive Planning Board - or any meetings so that you can make your voices heard. Any concerns about the lakes should be voiced.

Loons

Daryl Boness stated that a picture of a loon egg was taken, but a couple of weeks ago the bird stopped nesting and there was no sign of an egg or a chick. Three loons have been seen around the lake, two loons had been fighting and one was injured. Daryl said that he and Buzz Croston have been watching the loons and have not seen any chicks. Polly Bussiere saw the injured loon and called the State Fish & Wildlife Service and two biologists were unable to capture the loon. They felt that if the loon could eat and take care of itself, it should not be captured. Judy Hamilton believes we have two loon platforms and that the LAA should fund another one working with the Boy Scouts. Polly Bussiere believes that the loons would rather nest in a natural habitat. One of the platforms has been there for 5 years and this was the first year they used it. Joe Cloonan mentioned that it takes 3 years for loons to nest on a platform. Joe believes a platform could be made out of PVC pipes because they are light and float well. Mary Atwater believes the loons get upset when airplanes fly over the lake. Joe Cloonan suggested that someone from the LAA contact a local pilot association to discuss this further.

Directors Projects/Areas of Interest for 2006-2007

Joe Cloonan requested members sign up for Areas of Interest for 2006-2007.

Officers and Board of Directors

Officers:

President Biff Atwater

Vice President John Convey

Secretary Beth Convey

Treasurer Judy Hamilton

Directors:

3 yr. Term Additional One-Year Term:

Jack Atwater Brenda Adams

Joe Cloonan

Terri Swanick

The slate of officers and directors was accepted.

Daryl Boness, on behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors, presented Joe Cloonan with a gift thanking him for the service he has given to the LAA and setting a great example how we should behave to maintain the quality of our lake. Joe worked tirelessly and has done a marvelous job for the LAA. Jack Atwater also thanked all the other officers and directors for their work throughout the year.

The raffle for the set of chairs was won by Carolyn Gray.

The meeting was held at the Canton Municipal Building

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 AM and concluded at 12:03 PM

Submitted by: Beth Convey, Secretary