

MINUTES, LAKE ANASAGUTICOOK ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 5, 2008

A meeting of the Lake Anasagunticook Association Board of Directors was held on Saturday, July 5, 2008, at 8:00 A.M., at the home of Leslie and Daryll Boness, the President, Biff Atwater being in the chair and the Secretary, Terry Hinkley, being present.

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 A.M. It was stated that we have a quorum. The minutes from the May 24, 2008 meeting were passed out. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept as written.

Other members in attendance: Buzz Croston, Bill Gray, Judy Hamilton, Polly Bussiere, Shawn Henderson, John Convey, Leslie Boness, Rick Ray, Joe Cloonan, Jack Atwater and Carolyn Gray.

Guest: Jeff Murray

The Agenda was approved with no additions or objections.

Treasure's Report / Judy Hamilton

Dues – We currently have 65 households, 96 current voters and 2 new members as of this year. Judy proposed we change the dues to a Fiscal year calendar. It is now September 1 to August 31. The change would be from July 1 to June 30. An amendment was made, moved and seconded to bring it up before the members at the Annual meeting to change the dates starting as of 2009.

Finance committee members are: Judy Hamilton, Terry Hinkley and John Convey

Finance reports were passed out as Judy went over her report.

Leslie stated she would do a proposal for the next meeting to remove the Front Runner account. It was mentioned that we would try and work with the town of Hartford to pay for classes for the Road Scholar Program.

Oxygen Meter account was dissolved – we own this meter, but we would need chemicals and recalibration Judy stated.

Biff suggested to donate \$200 for the book on MCIAP/VLMP which was distributed at the workshop. It was moved by John Convey, seconded and approved.

Committee Reports Presented

Wildlife/Loon Report – Buzz Croston/Rick Ray

The loons are not nesting on floating nests – Rick and Buzz will put more hay on nests. There are a number of loons on the lake at this time. The plants in the lake are at an ok status right now, but could get worse if something is not done about the water level.

Buzz stated that he may have miss judged the Welks (like a snail) at the north and west side of the lake. He will send one in to get it checked out. It may be invasive, but not sure. They are spreading.

Lake Smart – Judy Hamilton

As of June 19th we have 5 more awards which put us in second place now. The Hartford Town Beach got a recognition. Judy has the list of things that need to be done to the beach. Judy proposed that we ask for help with this from the town of Canton and the Hartford Recreation Committee. Rick stated that the Pack 532 Scouts will help. The Canton Water District is willing

to do a Lake Smart evaluation for next year.

The Lakeview Heights development may be causing run off into the lake, but John said he talked with Jack Plumley about this construction project and Jack said it is not affecting our lake. He was assured the contractor is doing everything correctly.

Invasive Plant Workshop – Biff Atwater/John Convey

Biff reported that the turn out was good and informative. He showed the budget he received for plants on the lake. All certified members must do surveys to stay certified. They must collect samples and send them in for evaluation. John said that he feels we need more LAA members to learn more about this. It is very involved, but it would be beneficial to our association. We need a group to be trained. Buzz stated his concerns with all the growth in the lake compared to previous years. This is not just invasive plants, it also includes natural plants from erosion and low water levels.

Fund Raising – Judy Hamilton/Polly Bussiere

Judy stated that there are 5 maps left, she has 3 and there is 1 at each town office.

T-shirts are selling well. We discussed the selling of hats as a fund raiser.

Polly talked about the raffle of the Red Sox tickets. She donated the tickets and everyone is going to take some tickets to sell. It was decided that the tickets would sell for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. There are 600 tickets to sell. The game is for 9-13-2008 and the winner will be drawn on 8-16-2008. There are 4 tickets for the winner. The proceeds will go to the Canton Dam Fund. The town offices of Hartford and Canton also have tickets to sell.

The Super Raffle – Judy and Polly are heading the committee; they are trying to get 6 prizes for the raffle. So far the prizes committed are; a Boat Bookshelf by the Swanicks, and a camp weekend on the lake in October from the Adams family. More prizes are needed. Shawn said he would talk to someone he knows about a possible plane ride over the lake. He will let Polly or Judy know how he makes out. The committee will decide how the raffle will be drawn and the prizes distributed.

Judy said she would find out from Mike the state rules and laws about raffles being legal.

It was agreed that the amount for the raffle tickets would be 1 for \$5.00 or 6 for \$20.00.

Lake Days – Biff Atwater

Biff stated that Jack Atwater, Terry Hinkley and Carolyn Gray would be the committee for lake days. We agreed to talk as a committee after the meeting. Jack agreed to be the chairperson. It was suggested that we have a boat parade again this year. A raffle and games were also suggested.

Judy and Biff went to a workshop on access to ponds and lakes. It was mentioned that we look into how DEP runs lake days, games teaching workshops, etc.

COLA – Judy Hamilton

We need a representative from the LAA to attend meetings to keep the association up to date. Biff volunteered to be our rep., but Cola may want a Maine resident and voter. Joe and Shawn would like more information. John volunteered to go to Augusta to get more information.

Unfinished Business

Core Update – Polly / Rick / Judy

Judy sent everyone an email update. Joe is willing to help with the temporary dam pending the outcome of decision for flowage rights. Rick said a settlement is still being worked on. Ray Fortier turned down Canton's offer of \$60,000..

Boat Ramp – Open discussion

Judy will ask Senator Bruce Bryant about the 3 locations for the boat ramp; current location on Mickeriz property, near current dam and at the water district property.

Action on 501(c)(3) – Leslie Boness

Leslie sent out emails to the Board regarding suggestions by Mr. Poulin. She reviewed them and found issues. Mike put a lot of language in the policy. It was stated that members need 4 weeks notification to change the by-laws. It was discussed that we would leave membership open to anyone who pays dues. Leslie, Biff and Joe will rewrite the words with the appropriate language with Mike. A motion was made, seconded and so moved to give Biff, Joe and Leslie the authority to rewrite changes. The rewrite will be done before the annual meeting in August. The motion passed. The consensus that membership is open to everyone. The IRS wants a conflict of interest policy. The board must approve the policy. Mike said we should put this in our by-laws. Approval needs to be done for the August 8th meeting so it will take affect July 1, 2009.

New Business

Nominating Committee – Judy Hamilton

Judy told us that Leslie and Buzz have agreed to stay on. Terry Smith has resigned. The following have agreed to take office:

President – Biff Atwater
Vice President – Bill Gray
Secretary – Terry Hinkley
Treasurer – Judy Hamilton

Directors:

Buzz Croston – 1 year
Leslie Boness – 2 years

We have 15 directors now, 8 to 16 are recommended. Judy suggested that we have 9 to 12 directors, 3 for each year and go with the proxy for slate of officers and put out nominations for the August 8th meeting. Everyone agreed.

A great appreciation went out to John and Beth Convey for all they have done for the association. Also for Terry Smith. And to Terri Swanick for being last years secretary. Terri has agreed to stay on for the Web Master.

Policy for reimbursement of members expenses – Biff Atwater

Biff told us that the government upped the reimbursement to 58.5 cents a mile. He stated that workshop fees are reimbursed. Biff said that we should look into a policy for reimbursements for members that attend workshops. Leslie recommends we should look at policies regarding this issue. She stated that the policy should be consistent with law.

Bill agreed to chair the Policy committee and Leslie and Judy agreed to help with policy reimbursement on raffle items. A \$250 limit was set for a person giving a donation for the raffle.

VLMP Annual Meeting – Biff Atwater

Biff said the meeting will be July 19, 2008 and he would like someone to attend. It was said that maybe Tom and Jack may be available to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M