

Minutes of the
LAA Annual Meeting August 8, 2015
Hartford, Maine Meeting Hall

President Mike Lara called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM after it was determined a quorum was present. The association needed twelve members to attend. There were seventeen.

Mr. Lara then called for a moment of silence to remember LAA Members who passed away since our last meeting; Mr. Jack Atwater, Ms. Lucile Brennan, Mr. Norm Kelly, Ms. Margaret McMillan, Ms. Ann Poland, Ms. June Davis and Mr. Ben Taylor.

Following the silence a call was made to accept last year's minutes. After a period of review, there were no questions and thus no discussion.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Dougherty then presented the Treasurer's Report. Total income was \$2967.12; total expenses were \$1261.01 leaving a balance, of \$ 1706.11 at the end of our fiscal year June 30, 2015.

We are budgeted for the upcoming fiscal year to bring in \$2370.00 and spend \$2361.00 leaving a balance of \$9.00. There are currently 75 members. Details of the report will be provided on request.

The Capital Campaign was reviewed showing one pledge was outstanding with no expectation it will be received; therefore the fund has been permanently and legally closed. Any additional contributions will be added to the unencumbered monies.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Ms. Boness, seconded by Ms. Atwater and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Dougherty continued with the budget for 2016; based on 80 members with hope for more. Income budgets are: unencumbered \$1000.00, water quality \$50.00, dividends \$20.00 and fund raising events \$500.00.

Expenses included \$300 for newsletters, insurance \$760, tax-exempt contributions \$500 and dues \$160. Other smaller items are not listed. We are budgeted for a balance of \$309.00. Total assets as of June 30, 2015 were \$8070.88, an increase of \$1706.07.

Mr. Gray made a motion to accept the budget for the next fiscal year. Ms. Atwater seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the budget was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lake Water Quality Report:

Dr. Tom Hamilton stated he does measurements the first and third week of each month when the water is open. Average July Secchi Readings that measure water clarity are up slightly over last year. July trend is still on a downward slope from 1998. Readings in May were up, below 1999 levels and trending up since 2010.

Average yearly clarity trend is still down although it has improved for the last three years. We are still above average for Maine Lakes. Reasons for reduced clarity were discussed including vegetation decay, road building, tree harvesting, lawn maintenance, and more boat activity.

Water temperature at lake bottom continues to increase slightly. The higher temperature the less likely we can maintain cold water fish. Higher temperatures can also lead to oxygen depletion, which makes us susceptible to “bloom (algae growth)” on lake surface.

Dissolved oxygen at or near lake bottom continues to decline, reaching zero in September. Cold water fish (trout) can not live in those circumstances and have to swim at shallower depth and warmer water causing stress.

Dr. Hamilton checked for Chinese mystery snails and found them to still be confined to the Canton Beach end of the lake. He checked for invasive crayfish aka “crawdads,” and found none in spot checks around the lake. The smaller, natural crayfish are still living in the lake.

Ice-out dates have, after leveling off between years 2010 and 2012, substantially changed from 84 days to 118 days in the past two years. The trend from 2005 is still down but the year 2014 is one day short of the 2007 date, which is the highest since official records have been kept. The ice-in days across the State of Maine continue to decline.

Phosphate testing will be conducted again this fall.

LakeSmart Report

Mr. Atwater/Ms. Rothrock

LakeSmart approved the Rothrock’s award after an initial rejection last year. Recommendations, which were made by Ms. Ray, were implemented. thus the approval this year.

Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP)

Mr. Atwater

Water temperatures, phosphates, invasive plants and weather conditions as influences on water quality were discussed. Invasive plant analysis is best done with a plant DNA analysis.

Boat Inspections

Mr. Gray

There have been no objections voices to the boat inspections. We need more volunteers to help so inspections can be more frequent and consistent. VLMP reported that inspections at boat ramps in the state found invasive plants on three trailers.

Loon Signs

Mr. Atwater

Three signs asking people to stay away from the loons were procured at the VLMP meeting and those signs will be posted at the boat ramp and near two other places where the loons have nested.

Photo Contest

Mr. Atwater

The Board voted to have a photo contest this year (2015). Rules and guidelines were discussed. Deadline for entry is December 31, 2015. Judges selected by, but not including, Board members will choose five winners. Each will receive a gift basket worth over \$25.00. All photos are subject to posting on the web or used as promotion for the LAA.

Lake Days 2015

Ms. Atwater explained progress on plans for a Lake Day celebration August 29th. Prizes and events were outlined, parking discussed and outreach will be overwhelming.

Nominating Committee

Mr. Gray

Your Board of Director's puts forth the following slates:
For Officers (elected to serve for one year)

Mr. William Atwater, President,
Mr. Shawn Henderson, Vice-President
Mr. Gary Dougherty, Treasurer and
Ms. Liz Rothrock, Secretary

Suggestions for others were requested. Receiving none, Ms. Atwater moved to accept the slate. Ms. Gray seconded. A vote voice was called for and accepted unanimously.

For the Board of Director's:

- To serve one year:
- Mr. Bill Gray and Carolyn
 - Ms. Polly Bussiere
 - Ms. Emily Bourassa

To serve two years:

- Ms. Elaine Ferland
- Mr. Mike McCluskey
- Ms. Diane Ray

To serve for three years:

- Mr. Shawn Henderson
- Mr. Tim Kirwan
- Mr. Mike Lara and Lissa

The President called for other nominations. Receiving none, Ms. Boness, moved the Board proposals be accepted, Ms. Atwater seconded the motion. A voice vote was called for and passed without dissention.

Unfinished Business:

LAA Bricks, behind the old Town Office, were discussed. Use and storage were deferred until we hear from the new owner that they need to be moved to an acceptable place. Mr. Gray will keep the board informed.

New Business:

There being no new business to come before to members, Mr. Lara passed the gavel to Mr. Atwater to assume the duties of President.

The first responsibility was to recognize the 10 year and 20 year members. There were no 10-year anniversaries this year.

The following members were presented with a 20year (Eagle) certificate for continuous membership:

Tom Ryan
Michael & Linda Brustolon and
Shawn Barclay

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

William Atwater
August 23, 2015