

**Lake Anasagunticook Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 8, 2018
at the Hartford Town Hall**

President Biff Atwater (WA) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. In attendance were Vice President Mike McCluskey; Secretary Liz Rothrock; Directors John Blancato, Polly Bussiere, Elaine Ferland, and Tim Kirwan. Mary Atwater, Lynn Hutter, Deanie Hutter, Tony D'Ambrosio, and Marilyn D'Ambrosio were also present.

Minutes for the October 15, 2017 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved (with one change submitted earlier by Cyndi Phillips) by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Mr. McCluskey and seconded by Mr. Blancato.

Treasurer's Review

Mr. Atwater handed out Gary Dougherty's Treasurer's Report showing that there is \$5633.83 in the LAA coffers. He also reported that 27 members have paid their dues.

Ms. Bussiere mentioned that the Ice-Out Contest/Fundraiser continues.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Treasurer & Secretary

Mr. Atwater reported that the LAA Treasurer has resigned, effective at the end of June (the end of the LAA fiscal year). The secretary will step down after the annual meeting. Replacement officers will be pursued. The secretary's job will be redefined to cover basic secretarial responsibilities. PR and Communications committees will be formed to assume the other responsibilities.

[Note: After the meeting, Ms. Bussiere and Ms. Rothrock agreed to work together on Nominations.

Action: Re-write the secretary's job description and write descriptions of the PR and Communications committees. (LR)

Report of Selectmen Town Meetings

Mr. Atwater reported that he met with the Selectmen in both Canton and Hartford (per his tasking in the Five-Year Plan). He gave them a report on the health of the lake and discussed septic issues with them.

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Progress

Mr. Atwater reported on the Canton Shoreland Zoning (SLZ) Ordinance Meetings chaired by Diane Ray and attended by a few LAA Board members as well as some Hartford citizens and Selectmen. The public hearing for the new SLZ Ordinance will be held on Wednesday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Town Office. Hartford is updating its ordinances as well, and their ordinances will be similar to Canton's.

Membership (PR) Card Review

No update on the status of the PR card that Ms. Ray is drafting. [Ms. Ray subsequently e-mailed the Board members to let them know the cards are ready for distribution.]

Table at Hartford Spring Fling on April 21

Ms. Rothrock reported that a table has been reserved and paid for by the LAA at the Hartford Spring Fling. Based on the prior year's model, we will have a basket/item/gift card raffle.

Action: Contact Board members re: the table coverage and donations. (LR)

Summer Calendar Review

See updated calendar attached.

Beaver Update

Mr. Atwater reported on behalf of Ms. Phillips that the beaver trapper Bill Tufts of Buckfield will remove beavers if we cover his transportation costs. Ms. Bussiere mentioned that the Snowmobilers are concerned about the beavers as well. She took the name of the trapper.

Join with Bear Pond for Ideas

Mr. Atwater proposed getting together with the Bear Pond Association to discuss their scholarship program and handling of erosion issue. It was suggested that the organization be invited to the dinner prior to the next meeting.

Report on the Towns' Budgets

Mr. Atwater mentioned that he is optimistic that the LAA will receive \$100 for lake monitoring from each of the towns.

Unfinished Business:

Lake Day Raft Race

Ms. Rothrock proposed the possibility of adding a Raft Race to our Lake Days celebration. This is to draw in new Lake Days participants and also because the Canton Bicentennial Committee plans to look to the LAA for a raft race during the Bicentennial event in 2021. Drafts of the rules and registration form were presented.

Action: Incorporate suggestions to the form and proceed with advertising. (LR)

Support for Canton Bicentennial and local charities

The list of charities the LAA donates to was not available.

Action: Provide a list of the charitable organizations the LAA donates to. (GD)

Action: Put this topic on the agenda for the next Board meeting. (WA)

SLZ Issues on Lake Shore Drive and the Canton Burned Property

An update was provided regarding the SLZ violation on the non-conforming lot on Lake Short Drive. The property owner has indicated that he plans to plant a total of 12 trees on the property this spring.

There was a discussion about the lot in Canton where the camp burned down in August 2016. There was some question as to whether or not the owners could rebuild due to the SLZ ordinance covering grandfather clauses and non-conforming lots.

Action: Inquire at the Canton Town Office about the status of the burned property (LR)

Action: Continue coordinating with Hartford CEO Bill Kennedy about photographing the lake's shoreline. (MM/WA)

Photo Calendar and other fundraising plans

Ms. Ferland reported that she and Peg McCluskey will work on a 2019 calendar. She indicated that it will be a larger and slightly more expensive (\$20 each) calendar. 13 photos will be selected by Ms. Ferland and Ms. McCluskey based on submissions received via e-mail. The deadline for submitting photos will be 15 July. The submitter of each photo selected will receive a free calendar.

Action: Put information about submitting photos for the calendar in the newsletter. (EF/PM/LR)

Addition of an Exec Committee and Director Protective Clause paragraphs to our By-laws- Indemnity Clause

Mr. McCluskey discussed having the by-laws include information about an Executive Committee. This committee would make decisions (with certain restrictions) as needed between meeting dates. Also, he discussed including a clause that would prevent the officers and Board members assets from being pursued in case the organization is sued.

Action: Send the draft text to the Board members for their review. (MM/LR)

Watershed Survey

There was nothing to report regarding the Watershed Survey.

Action: Talk with Mike Lara regarding next steps. (MA)

ReBoot LakeSmart

The Board expressed a desire to reboot LakeSmart. It was mentioned that our Lake Smart volunteer cannot review properties in her own town/on her own lake.

[Notes: 1) Following the meeting, Ms. Rothrock verified with Maggie Shannon that trained Lake Smart volunteers generally do assessments on their own lakes. It is a misnomer that the volunteers are not allowed to review properties in their own towns/on their own lakes; and 2) Ms. Ray sent an e-mail indicating that she would like to do more with Lake smart this summer. She would like notifying Lakeshore people and inviting them to have an audit. She's also interested in

pursuing grant money that could be used to by property owners working toward compliance with Lake smart initiatives.]

Action: Advertise for Lake Smart volunteers in the newsletter. (LR)

Action: Contact Ms. Ray if you would like to work with her on LakeSmart. (All)

Fisheries Management – “Punkies” (MM)

Mr. McCluskey reported that he corresponded with Maine’s Inland, Fisheries, and Wildlife (IF&W) about the possibility of Pumpkinseed Sunfish (Punkies), a fish that is known to eat young snails, being added to our lake. He received a response from the Director indicating that he wasn’t aware of any evidence that punkies were effective, and if they were there would be a sufficient population to handle the issue. The Director forward the e-mail to others at IF&W as he was not familiar with the particular snail. Mr. McCluskey has received no additional correspondence.

Geese

There was a discussion about various methods for keeping geese off the beach and the success/failure of each. It was noted that the geese are getting to be quite prevalent on our lake and in the brook.

New Business:

Shoreland Septic systems

There was a discussion and concern about septic systems on the shore. It was suggested that educating the community on the topic might be the best approach.

Selectman Mtg – Brown Trout and Bikers Rally

Mr. Atwater mentioned that during his meeting with the Selectmen someone expressed a desire to have Brown Trout put in the lake. Mr. McCluskey mentioned that the lake was stocked twice last year with Brown Trout.

Mr. Atwater said that during the same meetings, he was told there is a push on for a Biker’s (motorcycle) Rally in Canton.

Auction – Xtreme Raffle at LAA Picnic

The idea of having an extreme raffle with a big prize (like Red Sox tickets) at Lake Days was discussed. This has been done by our organization in the past with success. Different color raffle tickets could be sold to differentiate between the Xtreme prizes and the traditional auction items.

Action: Find publicity from previous Xtreme Raffles and bring it to the next Board meeting. (PB)

Fisheries management goals plan re: snails

Mr. D’Ambrosio described his technique for feeding snails to the fish. The next snail collection day has been scheduled for July 8.

Sand and Silt (TK)

Mr. Kirwan has arranged for Justin Dorr of Maine DEP to review the inlet erosion issue on our lake on April 9. He will visit the four inlets leading to the lake. We may need to consider installing a filtration system or removing sand and silt by dredging...depending on the severity of the problem. We will wait for DEP to recommend remediation option and permit process details. We will need to get both towns involved once we have that information.

Action: Provide update on the DEP visit at next board meeting. (TK)

“Bestfundraising@gmail.com

Mr. Atwater was contacted by a woman who would like us to sell Yankee Candles as a fundraiser. The Board decided against doing this.

Annual Maine Lakes Conference June 23, Farmington

Mr. Atwater provided information on the Annual Maine Lakes Conference as well as the Androscoggin River Watershed Conference on 3 May.

Action: These dates will be added to the calendar. (LR)

Dirt Road Driveways

There was a discussion about dirt roads. Biff mentioned a couple brochures. The Gravel Doctor company was suggested as a possible resource to meet with.

Action: The Lake Shore Drive residents will make an appointment with the Gravel Doctor. (LR/PB/MM/LH/DH)

Parking for Snowmobilers and Ice Fisherman

Both the snowmobilers and ice fisherman have parking concerns. They are wondering about having the boat launch parking lot cleared for that purpose.

Action: Get further information about this and report back to the Board. (PB)

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Liz Rothrock, LAA Secretary