

Lake Anasagunticook Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
June 25, 2017
at The Rothrocks'

President Biff Atwater called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. In attendance were Secretary Liz Rothrock; Treasurer Gary Dougherty, Directors Polly Bussiere, Shawn Henderson, and Mike McCluskey. Mary Atwater was also present.

Minutes for the April 2, 2016 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Mr. McCluskey and seconded by Mr. Dougherty.

Treasurer's Review

Mr. Dougherty reported there is \$8305.50 in the LAA coffers. \$1979.00 has been paid for the dam donors plaque. We are over budget on office expenditures and Ms. Rothrock provided an explanation for that. Mr. Dougherty also reported that 41 members have paid their dues.

Executive Session

Mr. Dougherty indicated that due to his personal life happenings and his commitments with other charitable/nonprofit organizations, he no longer has the time to be involved with LAA functions. He offered two options: 1) resign as of 30 June 2017 (although he would meet with the Budget Committee and make a presentation at the Annual Meeting), or 2) continue as treasurer, but not participate in any other way (including board meetings). Mr. Dougherty said that with the second option, he would make a final decision on 30 June 2018 as to whether or not to stay on. The board discussed the fact that the second option will affect the board's quorum. Biff responded, "Lets see how things are at the end of six months."

Action: The Nominating Committee will look for new board members. (PB, EF, SH)

Action: Provide names to Polly for prospective board members. (All)

Committee Reports:

Dam Donors Plaque

Ms. Rothrock reported that the plaque has been ordered (\$1979) and the rock has been provided and delivered by Randy Gammon (no charge). A motion to purchase a \$25 gas gift card for Mr. Gammon was approved by unanimous voice vote. The motion was made by Ms. Rothrock and seconded by Ms. Bussiere.

Two estimates were presented for installation of the plaque/positioning of the rock. A motion to accept the estimate from Richardson Monument Company for \$2500 was approved by unanimous voice vote. The motion was made by Mr. McCluskey and seconded by Ms. Bussiere.

Action: Contact Richardson Monument Company to accept the estimate and schedule the work. (LR)

Action: Pick up the gift card for Randy Gammon. (LR)

Action: Get a greeting card, enclose the gift card, and deliver it to Randy Gammon. (PB)

Lake Days Review

The Lake Days committee will meet separately to do the planning for Lake Days. It will use last year's event as a model, although a second pontoon boat and corn hole will be added. A motion to pay Janet Nickerson from Hartford \$50 to bring her miniature horses to Lake Days was approved by unanimous voice vote. The motion was made by Ms. Rothrock and seconded by Ms. Bussiere.

Action: Schedule a meeting of the Lake Days Committee. (MA)

Lake Smart

No report, but there was a discussion about the tree removal on the access lot for the lighthouse. It was decided that all the board members would make a call to the Canton DEP Rep to inquire as to how to ensure that stump grinding and tree replanting will occur.

Action: Call Canton DEP Rep, Colin Clark at 207-441-7419. (All)

Membership Progress Report

There was a discussion about how membership is down from this time last year.

Action: Send an e-mail regarding membership dues being due. (LR)

Review Summer Calendar

Ms. Rothrock passed out a draft of the 2017 calendar. It was discussed, adjusted, and agreed upon. (See attached.)

Snail Removal Event: Diane Ray will supervise the snail removal, and Ms. Atwater will assist.

Action: Advertise snail removal event. (LR, EF)

Action: Purchase and serve ice cream. (LR, PB)

Sunset Gathering: There was a discussion about the location and date.

Action: Check with Bill Gray regarding his thoughts on the date and whether or not he is willing to host. (BA)

MLVMP Paddle: Donations will be requested to cover lunch. Lunch will be purchased at the Canton Variety.

Action: Contact MLVMP regarding the start time. (BA)

Action: Invite neighboring Lake Associations. (BA)

Action: Get porta-potty rental information from Judy Hamilton. (LR)

Action: Get menu from Canton Variety. (LR)

Boat Inspections

Mr. McCluskey agreed to chair the Boat Inspection Committee. He has put together a schedule for weekend boat inspections. Gerry Rothrock has signed up. Bill Gray and Mr. Atwater will do the same.

Action: Sign up for boat inspections. (BA)

Watershed Review

No report.

Action: Organize members to go on an outing to determine whether or not problems noted in the previous survey have been addressed. (BA)

Science Center Visit

Mr. Atwater provided a description of the visit and their recommendations that we photograph properties on the lake and consider purchasing a temperature sensor. Ms. Rothrock passed along information from a letter from member John Taylor who was with us at the Science Center.

Action: Get prices and model number for HOBO form Peter Lowell. (BA)

Action: Get pricing information on hiring a drone to photograph the lakefront properties. (LR)

Unfinished Business

Photo Contest

The board decided against a photo contest. There was no report on the status of the calendars.

Action: Provide update on purchasing calendar to sell at the annual meeting and Lake Days. (EF)

Bills for Dam Donor's Plaque

[See above.]

Wildlife/Loon Committee

The loons nest is set up and loons have been seen on and near it. Loons have also been seen nesting in other parts of the lake.

Placement of Signs at Boat Launch

One sign cautioning boaters of shallow rocks still needs to be posted.

Action: Determine where last sign should be placed. (PB)

Speaker at Annual Meeting

Mr. McCluskey continues to pursue a speaker.

Action: Pursue a speaker for the next Annual Meeting. (MM)

Action: Provide Mr. McCluskey with names and contact info for prospective speakers. (LR)

New Business

Implement Science Center Suggestions

[See above.]

Board Meeting Attendance Proposal

The question was raised about whether or not we should always have a meal. The consensus was that we should.

Future Meeting Dates

6 August is the date of the next LAA board meeting.

Action: Decide location and menu of 6 August board meeting. (BA)

Action: Reserve the Canton Town Office Meeting Room as a back-up plan. (LR)

Action: Mark the meeting dates on your calendar. (All)

LAA Awards

Two names were recommended to the chair for LAA Awards (to be presented at the annual meeting).

Action: Talk with Town Office about having the town recognize Molly and Gus Elliott for keeping the Canton Beach clean. (LR)

LAA Hotline

No report.

Action: Come up with a non-Facebook solution. (ML)

Action: Determine what app provides that information. (LR)

Voluntary \$10 donation to LAA

Both towns were asked to collect a \$10 donation for the LAA from people registering their boats, but preferred to give the registrants our brochure instead. Ms. Rothrock made copies of and provided the brochures to each of the offices.

Lakes Like Less Lawn

Mr. Atwater distributed a “Lakes Like Less Lawn” brochure.

Action: Obtain additional copies of the brochure to distribute at the LAA annual meeting. (BA)

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Liz Rothrock, LAA Secretary