



**Minutes of the Lake Anasagunticook  
Association (LAA) Annual Meeting  
Sunday, August 18, 2019  
Town Meeting Room, Canton, ME**

President Tim Kirwan called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. It was determined a quorum was present. The association needed nine members to reach a quorum. There were 25 people present.

Mr. Atwater then called for a moment of silence to remember LAA Members who passed away since our last meeting.

Following the silence, a call was made to review last year's minutes. There were no questions and thus no discussion.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Mr. Atwater and support Bill Gray and Gary Doughery presented the Treasurer's Report. Total income was \$5055.90; total expenses were \$5075.67, putting us \$19.77 over budget at the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2019.

Total assets as of June 30, 2018 were \$6,314.01, a decrease of \$9.17 over the previous year. Details of the Treasure's Report will be provided upon request.

Budgeted incomes are: Dues \$2,145.00; Unencumbered Donations, \$502.40; Water Quality Monitoring Fund; \$125.00, Dividends \$12.50; and Fundraising Events \$2,271.00.

Budgeted expenses include Insurance \$800.00; Membership Dues Maine Lakes \$200.00; Contribution Tax Exempt Org \$200.00; Special Projects \$550; and Water Quality Monitoring Fund \$300. (Other items are budgeted but not listed here.)

We are budgeted for the upcoming fiscal year to bring in \$4,715.00 and spend \$4,701.00, leaving a balance of \$14.00.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Pete McCluskey, seconded by Bill Gray, and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Presidents Report:**

Updates were provided on the following topics:

- Full financial review and budget summary
- Program and Objectives overview
- Leadership summary
- Bi Laws page read
- Board meeting schedule
- Officer meetings and conference calls
- Town Meetings attendance
- Select Board meetings
- Articles for local papers and membership
- Reassigning of committee responsibilities
- State level advocacy and LSM support
- Membership out reach
- Watershed survey
- Canton Beach signage

## **Membership**

Mr. Atwater announced that there are currently 78 members of the LAA. 2019 dues will continue to be collected for the remainder of the calendar year.

## **Water Quality**

Dr. Hamilton gave a slide presentation on his water quality readings. These are taken twice a month (on the first and in the middle of the month), May thru November, at the deepest part of the lake. He has data from the past ten years. He does Secchi, temperature, and dissolved oxygen (DO) tests. The Secchi readings are obtained by lowering a disk into the water and measuring the depth at which it can still be seen. These readings measure clarity. The temperature and DO readings are important to the fish and other vertebrae, as they reduce the size of the area in which the fish can breathe. If the DO readings are 0, 1, or 2 part per million, we'd need to worry.

Dr. Hamilton reviewed the phosphorus test results. This test is done annually and is measured in parts per billion. The results have been fairly consistent on our lake. Dr. Hamilton asked for approval/funding to do a phosphorus reading again this year (\$135). It was noted that the Town of Canton approved \$200 for water testing. Receipts will need to be turned into the town for reimbursement.

Dr. Hamilton mentioned that the flushing rate of Lake Anasagunticook is 2 ½ years. Our lake is currently an Oligotrophic (i.e., quite clear) lake—versus a Mesotrophic or Eutrophic lake. He reported on the ice-outs based on looking at the lake from the Road Shore (Canton Beach) and noting the date that he can no longer see any ice. He said his dates were similar to other lakes in our area.

Dr. Hamilton discussed and showed a photo of phytoplankton populations in the lake among other interesting science to help us better understand what makes a healthy lake.

Repeated from last year was the conversation about better signage and education of ALL persons putting boats in the lake to be inspecting for invasives. Mike McCluskey said that he is doing inspections at the boat launch, but there have only been about two per three-hour visit. Mr. McCluskey mentioned he is concerned about boats being launched from the beaches and private properties. It was suggested that signs be posted on the town beaches and at Pine Shores, and that education be done of the owners of properties who allow boat launches

Dr. Hamilton also provided a diagram of where the Chinese Mystery Snails appear on the lake. He also showed photos of native and invasive crayfish. He said they are getting into lakes because they are being used as fishing baits. He said if you see a non-native crayfish, you should remove it, send a photo to him, and freeze it.

## **Lake Smart**

Diane Ray mentioned that efforts need to be intensified. If your review is more than 10 years old, she would like you to sign up as well. It was mentioned that the Lake Smart belongs to the property owner, so if you sell off a portion of your property, recommend to the new property owner that they schedule a Lake Smart review.

### **Watershed Survey**

Tim Kirwan shared the survey was completed and is in the process of being compiled and reported to the state. Timing is expected to be September/October for report completion then advancing the work to a Protection Plan and finally Funding to execute the plan.

### **Wildlife**

Ray Bussiere and others mentioned the Taj Mahal of loon platforms was in place this year, one chick was observed.

### **Invasives – Snails**

Mary Atwater provided a description of planned Snail Removal Day for later in August.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee put forth the following slate:

For Officers (*elected to serve for one year*):

Tim Kirwan, President  
Cyndi Phillips, Vice President  
Diane Ray, Secretary  
William Atwater, Treasurer

For the Board of Directors (*new, elected to serve for 3 years*)

Christine Carrigan  
Mike McCluskey

### **Unfinished Business:**

There was no unfinished business to come before the members.

### **New Business:**

Election of Officers – The new slate of officers as presented was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Election of Directors - The new slate of directors as presented was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Awards**

Two awards for longevity of membership were awarded.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM and was followed by a live animal presentation by the Chewonki Foundation.