

Lake Anasagunticook Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting August 6, 2015
At the home of Gary Dougherty

Mike Lara, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM, noting a quorum was present. Others in attendance: Biff Atwater, Secretary; Gary Dougherty, Treasurer; Directors; Bill Gray, Polly Bussiere, Liz Rothrock, and Leslie Boness. Mary Atwater was a guest attendee.

The meeting started with a statement by President Lara that due to family and other personal factors he would choose to resign, if permitted, effective at this meeting. Some discussion followed with a decision to come later in the meeting.

Minutes from Board meeting August 7, 2014, the Annual Meeting August 10, 2014, and Board gathering (no quorum) March 27, 2015, were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Ms. Bussiere and seconded by Mr. Gray.

Treasurer's Report:

GD

Unencumber donations \$1850, dues \$790, Water Quality \$35, fundraising \$277 and misc. Total expenses were \$1261.01 leaving a balance of \$1706.11. Others donations and comments were offered adding to the amount plus items in the bank shows a total of \$8070.86.

Ms. Bussiere moved to accept the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Mr. Atwater. There was no discussion and a voice vote gave unanimous approval.

Committee Reports:

- Close out of Dam Funds with Canton

ML

A letter will be written to Canton outlining our closure of the Dam Fund to be signed by the President.

- Urban Institute data breach ML
The LAA will not be/was not affected because of the limited information we provide.

- Channel Marking of Whitney Brook ML
A summary of the requirements of the State for channel marking was given. They include proper marking, inspection, maintenance, and reporting every three weeks to have the limited liability insurance provided by the State. Is the Lake Association willing to meet the requirements in order to participate. Questions arose about the LAA mission. Would providing channel markers this bring “Good Will” to our Association? Discussion followed and the idea was tabled.

- Legacy Aerial Photos ML
Mr. Lara will provide brief statement for LAA newsletter about how to obtain old aerial photos of the area.

- Natural Areas Program Office ML
Can be contacted for maps, pictures that show wetlands, developed areas, and other habitat. A discussion of the clear cutting on Thorn Mountain followed. Plans for a visual check were discussed.

- Website ML
Can we get a link from webpage to Facebook without a login. WMA will follow-up with Ms. Swanick.

- Boat inspections BG
Mr. Gray indicated he has done informal inspections here at the park and boat ramp. He believes boaters are getting more educated about invasive plants. And we need more volunteers to get a rotation going.

- Volunteer Lake Monitor Program WMA
- No new infestations, some lakes getting cleared, VLMP is switching to robust inspections where they send a team of experienced lookers to help the local plant spotters.
 - Theory of phosphates in lake causing algae bloom is changing because it has been determined that if aluminum is in the sediment it prevents blooms. Do we need a sediment core test?
 - Temperatures in Maine lakes have gone up in the last 10 years. Must recheck temperature data to ascertain the amount. Ice-in, ice out dates have changed. Ice out has gotten a little later. Is it normal variation? Has the trend changed?
 - Two neighbors have reported “milfoil.” Mr. Knight and Mr. Atwater will follow-up.
 - Question about septic check possibility. How do we get towns to check? Bring up at Town Meeting? Septic tables were discussed. How/Can the LAA supply information to residents? LAA should not do anything that appears to be regulatory. Can we use the Canton Newsletter?
 - Septic system study in Michigan shows they don’t work as well as expected. We, as property owners, should do due diligence. Remind neighbors of their responsibilities to protect the lake.

- Discussion about application and inspections by LakeSmart ensued.
- Discussion of tax-exempt organizations. ML
 - Which ones do we support? Who approves? Got involved in process of payments. Talk about them at next Board Meeting.
- Loon Signs WMA
 - Three signs were donated and discussion about placement followed; boat launch and lighthouse were suggested. Ms. Rothrock and Ms. Bussiere will follow up.
- Annual Meeting Agenda ML
 - Add photo contest under announcements.
 - No other changes suggested.
- Nominations BG/PB
 - Covered Retiring Board members and additions. Couples as A director was discussed.
 - Individuals were discussed for both additions and resignations.
 - Looking for officers to replace Messer's. Lara and Henderson.
 - Mr. Atwater was suggested as President for a year. Who will be VP? Answers will come before Annual Meeting. Who will be secretary? Ms. Rothrock volunteered.

➤ Lake Days all

- Discussion of available dates – set for August 29th.
- Ice cream social, party boat rides, kayak race.
- Lake Day Committee to be chaired by Ms. Atwater
- Ms. Ray, Ms. Rothrock, Ms. Gray and Ms. Bussiere all agreed to join the committee.

➤ Praise and accolades to Ms. Boness for her service as an officer and director for the many years she has contributed. Thank you Leslie !!!! We want you back soon.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Atwater, seconded by Mr. Dougherty, and concluded with a unanimous voice vote at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Atwater
August 25, 2015