



Feb 7, 2023 LAA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at: 4:03

In attendance: Biff Atwater, Joanne Bartlett, Mel Baron, Bill Gray, Carolyn Gray, Judy Hamilton, Tim Kirwan, Mike McCluskey, Cyndi Phillips, Diane Ray

Minutes of the Dec 13, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Carolyn Gray moved; Biff Atwater seconded an approval of Dec 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report as of Jan 31, 2023 shared. Mike McCluskey moved, Maryellen Baron seconded approval of Treasurer's report. Motion approved.

	Fund Balances 6/30/22	2022-2023 Budget	YTD TTLS	Jan 2023
Checking	\$907.84			0
Savings	\$4,360.15		\$3,979.90	\$3,979.90
Water Qual Monit. Fund	\$1,050.45		\$1,236.40	\$1,236.40
Total Assets	\$6,318.44		\$5,216.30	\$5,216.30
Total Income		\$4,703.00	\$3,830.88	\$345.00
Membership Fees		\$1,200.00	\$2,680.00	\$345.00
Unencumbered Donations/ In Memorium		\$750.00	\$245.00	\$0.00
Dividends		\$3.00	\$1.59	\$0.35
Designated				\$0.00
*Water Quality Monitoring Fund		\$600.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
*Watershed Match Donat.			\$0.00	\$0.00
*Other Targeted Donations			\$0.00	\$0.00
Raffles/Donations		\$350.00	\$375.00	\$0.00
Fund Raising Events		\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Merch Sales			\$180.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses		\$4,306.00	\$4,754.73	\$74.00
Newsletters		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership Communications		\$0.00	\$276.93	\$0.00
Board insurance		\$698.00	\$698.00	\$0.00
Annual Report - Secretary of State		\$60.00	\$70.00	\$0.00
LAA membership dues Maine Lakes		\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lake Stewards of maine		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Prizes for Events		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Canton Recreation		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LAA Website - Design & Maintenance		\$288.00	\$576.00	\$0.00
Office/ Misc. Expenses/ Gifts		\$300.00	\$820.25	\$74.00
Sales Tax		\$60.00	\$49.50	\$0.00
Fund Raising Costs		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Watershed Project Support		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Water Quality Monitoring		\$200.00	\$164.05	\$0.00
Awards, Plaques, etc.		\$200.00	\$0.00	

OLD BUSINESS:

- Lake Quality Reporting - Tom Hamilton, use of Bussierre Pontoon Boat – Broader outreach to those interested – get cost estimate from Tom for new equipment
- ‘Mitigation Grant – Update: Jeff Sterns, new contractor being recruited, looking for \$2500 “corporate” donation – Tim talked to Windmill people
- Spring Newsletter – Liz is spearheading – THANK YOU!
- Town Newsletter updates
 - Canton- article and advertising submitted
 - Hartford- article and advertising submitted
- Lake Smart – getting the data entered is a priority before summer; promote additional property reviews in 2023
- Membership Committee Report (see attached update)
 - Membership counts
 - Welcome packets? Helpful to new lake owners.. still in development
 - Raffles – physically commit in advance for publicity purposes, images in the newsletter, etc. LIST to Judy but not the physical stuff yet, each Director and local businesses, etc. Lake Days & Membership Raffle – send info to Judy and CC board so we don’t double dip
 - 1 year commitment as a committee? To be discussed at a later meeting
- Look into a ***Take your Trash with You*** sign – Thank you Liz & Gerry for the ***No Wake Zone*** signs. Reminder that there is a state law for no wake zones in nesting areas. Get private citizens to place along mill pond and other areas.
- Tom Hamilton – getting someone trained to assist/take over - waiting for training dates. Multiple people will follow up to see what the state plan is for training in 2023.
- LAA Quilt Fund Raiser – will launch ticket sales as soon as a quilt is available with intent to make visible for a longer period of time – 1 year if possible 😊 Any and all crafts are welcome!

NEW BUSINESS

- Vote on renewing website hosting costs for three years via WIX – resulted in \$405.73 for three years – thank you Cyndi for getting us the best price!
- Invoice to Canton for \$300 appropriation sent, will talk to Hartford
- How should we handle in-memorial donations?
 - Suggestion is IF we have a special project we give family members the option of in-memorial funds going toward project X, putting it toward water quality test equipment or the general fund and let the family choose – handwritten thank you to donors; possibly create a memorial fund to be used at the unrestricted discretion of the board – a vote at annual meeting? Biff moved, Bill seconded a motion to continue the discussion at the next meeting.
- Lake Days Committee
 - Volunteers- Carolyn- Diane to ask Steph/Archie Ray, Jody/Michelle Larrivee about volunteering, Judy to send a list of membership feedback of people who would like to help – get the committee established in the next few months
 - Activity ideas – public location is a must, participation by boat as an option? Send ideas to Carolyn
- Promotional Merchandise (See attached ideas/pricing) – send preference to Diane

- Should we abolish membership dues and go with "donations" only? Could this cause a problem at annual meeting? Could any amount result in a membership? Good discussion to be continued now that people are seriously considering the implications/opportunity.

Upcoming proposed Schedule

Proposed	Date
Spring Newsletter	March/April
Early Summer Board Meeting	April 11th, 2023 4 pm
Summer Board Meeting	June 13 th , 2023 4pm
Summer Newsletter	August
Dog Days of Summer Board Mtg.	Aug 1 nd , 2023 4pm
Lake Days	August 12, 2023
Annual Meeting	August 13, 2023

Diane motioned to adjourn, Biff seconded, motion approved

Meeting closed- 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Diane Ray, Secretary