

Minutes of the  
LAA Annual Meeting  
August 10, 2014  
Hartford, Maine Meeting Hall

President Mike Lara called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM after it was determined that a quorum was present. The association needed 14 members to attend. There were eighteen.

President Lara announced the new line-up of officers and the reason for change. Mr. Atwater had resigned earlier in the year, and in accordance with the by-laws, the Board elected new officers to preside until the annual meeting.

Mr. Lara then called for a moment of silence to remember Mrs. Jackie Conant, our only member to pass during the past fiscal year.

Following the silence a call to accept last year's minutes was made. There was no discussion as the minute had been approved at the first board meeting after the annual meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Dougherty then proceeded with the Treasure's Report. Total expenses for the fiscal year July 1 to June 30 were \$3534.75. Total income was \$3686.22 leaving a balance, in the black, of \$151.47. We are budgeted for the upcoming fiscal year to bring in \$3163 and spend \$2977.00 leaving a balance of \$186.00. There are currently 98 members.

The Capital Campaign was reviewed showing some pledges were still outstanding. There is confidence that they funds will be collected and the campaign will be closed out at year-end with a very successful outcome. A copy of the financial report will be published on our website after the minutes are approved.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mr. Atwater, seconded by Ms. Bussiere and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**LAKE WATER QUALITY REPORT:**

Dr. Tom Hamilton said he does measurements the first and third week of each month the water is open. Average Secchi Readings that measure water clarity were down from last year continuing a 14 year trend. Readings in May were up, below 1999 levels but trending up since 2010. July and

August readings were up from the previous year in accordance with normal variation and the trend lines are down illustrating that the lake water is less clear.

Dissolved oxygen at or near lake bottom continues to decline, reaching zero in September. Aquatic life will not live under those circumstances and have to swim at shallower depth and warmer water.

Ice-out dates have, after leveling off between years 2010 and 2012, substantially changed from 84 days to 118 days in the past two years. The trend from 2005 is still down but the year 2014 is one day short of the 2007 date, which is the highest since official records have been kept.

Dr. Hamilton then present some data showing that loss of water quality could substantially effect waterfront property prices and tax revenue. Possible causes for loss of water quality are; logging and development, vegetation removal too close to shorelines, decaying vegetation in water, grading of roads both highway and camp, removal of duff and berms, and phosphate fertilizers.

Mrs. Hamilton made a pitch for LakeSmart, a program strongly support in past years by your Lake Association.

### **LakeSmart Report**

Ms. Diane Ray

She was unable to make the meeting and left a report that

- ✚ Maps and ownership info has been update for lake front properties in both towns
- ✚ The lists will be finalized and given to M. Dougherty
- ✚ Ms. Shannon of LakeSmart will be in Canton with Ms Ray to help with a review.
- ✚ Inspection of shoreline near the water district will be done to see if issues need resolution,
- ✚ Plans are being made to construct a message board for boat launch,
- ✚ A snail collection day has been scheduled.

### **Nominating Committee**

Your Board of Director's puts forth the following slates:  
For Officers (elected to serve for one year)

Mr. Mike Lara, President,  
Mr. Shawn Henderson, Vice-President

Mr. Gary Dougherty, Treasurer and  
Mr. William Atwater, Secretary

For the Board of Director's:

To serve one year:

Mr. Bill Gray  
Ms. Leslie Boness  
Ms. Diane Ray  
Ms. Teresa Hinkley

To serve two years:

Ms. Polly Bussiere  
Ms. Emily Bourassa

To serve for three years:

Ms. Liz Rothrock  
Ms. Elaine Ferland

The President called for any other nominations and as there were none the slates were accepted as presented.

**NATURE REPORT:**

Many reports of numerous loons and a flock of geese. Fewer gulls.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(none)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Ms. Atwater to approve the slate of Officer's as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Atwater to made a motion to elect the Board of Director's as presented. Ms. Hinkley seconded the motion, the vote was called and the board was unanimously elected.

There being no more business to come before to members Mr. Lara recognized with appropriate certificates;

The following for 10 years of continuous membership the Loon Certificate was given to;

Shawn and Karen Henderson  
Sharon and Michael Poulin

And for twenty years of continuous membership the Eagle Certificate was awarded to;

John Gardner  
Austin Ranks  
Claire and Don Riley  
Terri and Mike Swanick  
Meg and Dick Powers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

William Atwater  
March 21, 2015