

**Lake Anasagunticook Association
Minutes of Board Meeting June 1, 2016
at the Canton Town Office**

President Biff Atwater called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m. A quorum was not initially present, but Elaine Ferland joined us later in the meeting. Others in attendance were Secretary Liz Rothrock; Treasurer Gary Dougherty; Directors Bill Gray, Shawn Henderson and Mike Lara. Mary Atwater was a guest attendee for a short time.

Minutes for the March 27, 2016 board meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Dougherty.

Treasurer's Review

Mr. Dougherty reported there is \$8983.86 in the LAA coffers. He also reported that there are currently 36 members who have paid their dues. This number is less than this time last year.

Action: Send an e-mail to people on the mailing list with just the membership form in it. (LR)

Committee Reports

Lake Smart

No report.

Action: Send an e-mail to people on the LAA mailing list asking for LakeSmart volunteers. (LR)

Membership

It was suggested that a membership drive be held one Saturday. Those in attendance agreed to participate. The date of Saturday, July 16, was selected.

Action: The Membership Committee should determine what should be distributed and the routes to be traveled by the participating board members (by kayak, by car, or on foot). (PB, TK, LR)

Action: Pick up brochures for distribution from Green Acres. (LR)

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Canton Town Office at 9:30 a.m. (note revised start time) on Saturday, August 13. The meeting will include a Health of the Lake discussion and a speaker from the Chenwonki Foundation about owls (with live owls present).

Action: Invite Tom Hamilton to speak. (WA)

Action: Arrange for coffee, etc., at annual meeting. (MA)

Action: Display photos from photo contest in meeting room for attendees to view. (LR)

Action: Prepare a clipboard where attendees can sign up to participate in the upcoming Watershed Survey. (LR)

Lake Days

Lake Days, scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, August 20, on the Bussieres' dock, will follow the same model as last year.

Action: The Lake Days Committee should determine what needs to be done and contact LAA board members for assistance.

Action: LAA board members are invited to donate baskets and gifts for the raffle. (All)

Website

Thanks to Ms. Swanick, there is now content on each of the pages on the website.

Action: Board members should review the site and share feedback with Ms. Rothrock. (All)

Swimming Lessons

The swimming lessons are offered by the Town of Hartford. Children in both Canton and Hartford are invited to attend. The lessons generally take place during the first two weeks of July on the Hartford beach. Mr. Dougherty will contact Elizabeth Garcia to confirm they will take place and to offer the LAA's financial assistance.

Action: If the LAA is invited to sponsor the lessons, the LAA will 1) write a check, and 2) help publicize the lessons. (GD, LR)

Unfinished Business

5-Year Planning (5YP) Team Report

The 5YP team has another meeting and will be releasing a draft for board review sometime this summer.

Action: Mr. Atwater will edit the current draft, then forward it to the committee members for review before disseminating it to the board. (WA, MM, CG, GD, LR)

Photo Contest

The photo contest "lessons learned" document has been generated. The following negative feedback received by board members was shared: 1) too much time between the end of the contest and the judging; and 2) the blind judging was appreciated, but too many board members were winners.

Memorial Bricks

Although the members of the Recognition Park Committee were not present, they provided input for the meeting. Both of them felt it might be better to place a plaque or sign in the park, rather than try to use bricks. They are concerned that there is not room for the bricks, they may be too costly, and the project is already behind schedule.

Action: Get estimate on a plaque from a reliable/known vendor. (LR)

Action: Provide names of donors who should be listed. (GD, BA)

Action: The Recognition Park Committee should make a decision on how to proceed, and all proposed the Canton Planning Board should approve changes to the park. (PB, CG, MA)

Heritage Garden Speaker

The LAA has been invited to co-sponsor a guest speaker with Canton Parks & Trails. Although this was discussed and agreed upon at a LAA Board Meeting last year on June 4, a quorum was not present that day. A vote will need to be taken at the next LAA meeting.*

Memorial Event/Bonfire

No update.

Action: Pursue the idea of a bonfire sometime this summer. (MA, CG)

Summer Activity Schedule

The following dates were added to the LAA schedule.

Every Saturday June thru August (6:30 a.m.) – Boat inspections. All board members and others are invited to participate. Meet at Canton Boat Launch. Call Bill Gray re: training beforehand.

Saturday, June 25 (8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.) – Annual Maine Lakes Conference in Unity, ME. Register at <http://mainelakessociety.org/>.

Saturday, July 16 (all day) – LAA Membership Drive. All board members and others are invited to participate. Details will be forthcoming.

Saturday, July 30 (9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) – VLMP Annual Lake Monitoring Conference in Turner, ME. Register at <http://www.mainevlmp.org/>.

Sunday, July 31 (5 p.m.) – LAA Board Meeting. Will be held at either the Grays' or the Canton Town Office.

Saturday, August 13 (9:30-11 a.m.) – LAA Annual Meeting. Will be held at the Canton Town Office. Talk on owls by Chenwonki Foundation follows.

Saturday, August 20 (1-5 p.m.) – LAA Lake Days Celebration. Will be held at the Bussieres'.

Action: Ask Rusty Knight for dates on which he can do an invasive plant search so date can be added to LAA calendar. (WA)

Action: Ask Tom Hamilton for dates on which he could lead a bird-watching outing so date can be added to LAA calendar. (WA)

Health of the Lake Talk

It was decided that this would be offered as part of the annual meeting as has been done previously.

Mr. Lara raised the idea of the LAA using iMapInvasives—a public, online mapping tool for tracking invasives—in the future.

Action: Provide a demo on the iMapInvasives application at the next LAA board meeting. (ML)*

Thoughts on the VP

The consensus was to wait for the annual meeting to elect a Vice President.

Action: The Nominating Committee should begin identifying VP nominees and asking them if they are willing to serve. (PB, EB, EF, BG)

Watershed Survey

Mr. Dougherty is putting together a list of addresses of people in Hartford and Canton who are in the watershed. It is 90% done. The next steps are to do mailing to everyone in the watershed, then arrange for the watershed survey volunteers to be trained.

Action: Prepare a mailing for everyone in the watershed. (WA)

Action: The Canton Water District will be invited to participate. (WA)

New Map

Ms. Gray is pursuing purchasing a laminated map of the lake to sell as a fundraiser.*

New Business

Board Member and Officer Responsibilities

All board members have received the drafts of the board member and officer responsibilities. No changes were suggested.

Upkeep proposal

There was discussion about how to best assist watershed residents with cleaning up their properties.

Action: Include an article in the next newsletter about where to haul debris, metal, etc. and provide information on companies and individuals who do hauling. (LR)

Buoy Marking Rocks in Lake

Ms. Rothrock is researching the Maine State buoy-marking program. She will have further details at the next meeting.*

Future Meeting Date

The next LAA Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 31 at 5 p.m. It will either be at the Grays' or the Canton Town Hall.

Action: Determine the location and food/beverage aspect of the meeting (BG, WA)

Action: Reserve the Canton Town Office meeting room, if need be. (LR)

Action: Add items marked with asterisk (*) to next agenda. (WA)

Mr. Atwater collected feedback regarding the meeting from the board members in attendance. The general consensus was that the casual/open approach was appreciated—as was keeping to the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

LAA Accomplishments since 27 March 2016 Meeting

- Wrapped up photo contest and delivered prize baskets.
- Produced April 2016 newsletter and distributed it to our members and the town halls.
- Renewed ad in Canton Crier newsletter for another year.
- Started ad in Hartford News newsletter for a year.
- Held a Five-Year Plan subcommittee meeting.
- Posted three loon signs in Canton/Hartford.
- Worked with Terri Swanick on website; all pages now have content.
- Generated documents on LAA board member/officer responsibilities for inclusion in Director's Handbook.
- Updated and automated all pertinent pages of Director's Handbook.
- Obtained a clean copy of the LAA logo.
- Installed the loons' nest in the lake.
- Confirmed the guest speaker for the LAA Annual Meeting.
- Began compiling addresses of people in the Canton and Hartford watershed.