

### Feb 18, 2024 LAA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at: 6:05 pm

Board Members In attendance: Mike McCluskey, Tim Bernard, Dine Ray, Biff Atwater, Rob Bihlmeyer, Wes Barry, Bill Gray, Carolyn Gray

Minutes of the December 10, 2023 meeting was read: are: XXX moved, YYY seconded

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Town Newsletter updates -articles and advertising dates we have paid \$35 for 2024 advertising in the Hartford News and will pay for a business card in the Canton Crier
- Lake Smart using the new submission system- get your property reviewed 😊
- Look into a Take your Trash with You signs
- LAA non-profit software grants: Microsoft Suite of products 10 seats now available to membership again thanks Wes!
- Watershed Mitigation Grant Round 2
  - o Lining up \$ matches for grant application Bangor February Votes, Wes to apply to Otis Federal Credit Union, Diane working for Canton commitment, Others?
  - Determining specific projects in Hartford and Canton- ongoing Judy & Diane met with Jeff – will continue to support.
  - Jeff supplied due dates: May 17, 2024 is his due date.
- Committees for this year:
  - o Membership Committee- Set
  - o Finance Committee Set
  - o Nominating Committee- TBD
  - o Event/Fund Raising Committee TBD
  - Lake Days Committee
  - 5 year Strategic Plan Committee
- By-laws discussion
  - Raise Spending Authorization
  - Fiscal year
  - Reminder: one-time authorization to elect officers at Board Meeting vs. Annual Meeting
- 2nd signature on Bank Account completed
- Town Funding Request Submissions
  - Canton \$500 1Q24 budget meetings Diane will submit
  - Canton- Grant Match Diane will work with Jeff & Town to ID specific projects and estimated costs
  - o Hartford \$500 was submitted in December.
  - Hartford \$XX Watershed support Jeff Submitted a request, in conjunction with Town officials and specific projects for \$15,000

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Treasurer's Report (see attached):
- Membership Committee Definition Proposal was reviewed and some minor changes were suggested.
- Membership Committee Report was made we currently have 63 members
- Email Update: Wes Barry; how best to use these resources? plan is to create a new Membership group email, a LAA Board group email and possible a new secretary or organizational email
- Lake Days Committee Proposal Carolyn discussed briefly location settled on Canton Boat landing;
  - Committee members and more detail at the April meeting
- By-Laws working group Mike to set up
- Strategic Plan working group Mike to set up
- Water quality monitoring website subpage permanent repository, historic data, etc.,
   Wes is working with Cyndi Phillips on updates to the website -stay tuned for when these go into effect
- Joint Activity with CHS Sat June 15, 4-6 PM see handout
- Watershed Mitigation Round 2 Update
  - o Scope of projects Discussed, more to come
  - Work to get matching funds separate google sheet set up to track requests and pledges
  - Wes is investigating multiple ways for people to donate- as these are approved we will include in the March Newsletter, Town newsletters, etc.
- Maine Lakes budgeted \$400, do we want to direct that to a specific sponsorship? After discussion, we will simply send a general donation.
- Other new business?- Liz Rothrock is putting together the March Newsletter with input from several sources. THANK YOU LIZ!

### Upcoming Schedule

Proposed		Date
	SPRING NEWSLETTER	MARCH 2024
	LAA Board Meeting	Sun Apr 14, 2024, 6pm
	LAA Board Meeting	Sun June 9, 2024, 6pm
	SUMMER NEWSLETTER	JUNE 2024
	Dog Days of Summer Board Meeting	Sun July 14, 2024, 6pm
	LAKE DAYS	August 10, 2024
	Annual Meeting	August 11, 2024, 9am

Treasurer's Repay	2023-2024	YTD vs.	2022 2024		
Through 2/15/24	Budget	Budget	2023-2024 ACTUAL	Feb 2024	
Checking					
Savings				\$6,399.55	
Water Qual Monitoring Fund				\$2,096.40	
Total Assets				\$8,495.95	
Total Income	\$11,103.00	\$ (5,807.97)	\$5,295.03	\$345.00	
Membership Fees	\$3,800.00	\$ (2,135.00)	\$1,665.00	\$225.00	
Unencumbered Donations	\$800.00	\$ (555.00)	\$245.00	\$120.00	
Dividends	\$3.00	\$ (2.42)	\$0.58	\$0.00	
Designated		\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	
*Water Quality Monitoring Fund	\$500.00	\$ 20.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	
*Watershed Match Donations	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	
*In Memorial	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Raffles/Donations	\$1,000.00	\$ (152.00)	\$848.00	\$0.00	
Fund Raising Events	\$500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Merch Sales	\$4,500.00	\$ (3,624.00)	\$876.00	\$0.00	
Deposit from Shares?			P. A.		
Total Expenses	\$7,745.50	\$ (2,059.54)	\$5,685.96	\$135.00	
Newsletters -print/mail	\$120.00	\$ (85.00)	\$35.00	\$35.00	
Membership Communications	\$500.00	\$ (310.96)	\$189.04	\$0.00	
Board insurance	\$698.00	\$ -	\$698.00	\$0.00	
Annual Report - Secretary of State	\$80.00	\$ (80.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LAA membership dues Maine					
Lakes	\$400.00	\$ (400.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Lake Stewards of maine	\$100.00	\$ -	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Prizes for Events	\$250.00	\$ (250.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Canton Recreation	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	
LAA Website - Design & Maintenance	\$300.00	\$ (300.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Office/ Misc. Expenses/ Gifts	\$1,000.00	\$ (800.00)	\$200.00	\$0.00	
Sales Tax	\$247.50		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fund Raising Costs (Lake Days			•	*****	
Expenses)	\$2,000.00	\$ 541.13	\$2,541.13	\$0.00	
Watershed Project Support	\$0.00	\$ 1,468.89	\$1,468.89	\$0.00	
Water Quality Monitoring	\$1,750.00	\$ (1,750.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Awards, Plaques, etc.	\$300.00	\$ (300.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Federal Taxes				\$0.00	



### Jeff Stern

to Mike, Tim, me, Biff, Wesley, Rob, Bill, cpgray@gmail.com, Paula, tom2rod@gmail.com

I hope everyone's new year is off to a good start!

Here it is the end of January already. This means only about 3 ½ months until the next erosion control grant application is due. It seems like a lot of time, but take it from me: the time will go by fast. Even though It is the dead of winter, we should be continuing work. It takes time to fit all the pieces tagether into a strong package!

Specifically, LAA should be working actively now to line up local match. The amount of match that is raised will determine how much grant money we can ask for. Remember, these grants are awarded on a 60%-40% basis; that is, the grant will provide 60% of the project total, while the other 40% will need to come from local match sources.

For the previous grant, federal funds (dispersed through the state) were \$51,655. This was matched with \$34,444 from local sources. Therefore, the total amount of that grant was \$86,099. I hope we can come up with similar numbers for this go-round. In previous emails I sent a list of possible sources of match. This list wasn't meant to be all-inclusive, but at least it provided a starting point.

I've got to say that, so far, I haven't seen a whole lot of action on the part of the board to secure match, After all, I've been talking about this since last fall. One possible source of match that I've talked about repeatedly is area banks. Most, if not, all banks these days have online forms to fill out in order to request donations. How hard could it be for an LAA board member, or board members, to fill out these online forms? It takes time to work through the bureaucracy for these requests...LAA should get started now,

Yet, to my knowledge, even this simple step hasn't been taken. In fact, the only match I know of that's been dedicated so for is \$500 from an LAA member. What is LAA, itself, going to contribute (both cash and in-kind)? Last fall, I told the LAA board that it is the responsibility of LAA to find match, with the exception of the Town of Hartford; I tald the LAA board I would pursue a matching contribution from the Town of Hartford, since I've worked a lot with them over the years. With much help provided by Judy Hamilton, I've dane so and met the 12/31/23 deadline to get an item on the town's upcoming town warrant

It's frustrating to see continued inaction on the part of the board. You should be beating the bushes now! In December, Diane, Judy and I found a number or serious erosion problems on private roads off of Camp Road. These sites would make good candidates for fixing in a new grant. Somebody should be contacting the landowners down there to see if they will contribute match — cash and/or in-kind. Believe me, it takes a long time to secure commitments.

I have to ask: How serious is the LAA board about pursuing another grant? I haven't seen much urgency so far. I quess we can continue to put together a grant that is, a) very small because not much match is being raised, which wouldn't reflect well on LAA and would likely not get funded, or, b) not do it all, which would be a waste of LAA funds because partial payment has already been made for some of my time.

It doesn't work well to put a competitive grant together at the last minute, which seems to be the way this is headed. Should we scrap our plans to apply for another grant this spring, or is the board willing to put in the effort to secure match commitments? Assuming it is the latter, then I propose the following:

- Fill out and submit applications to the banks for donations.
- Discuss with the Town of Canton about obtaining match from them and finding cost-share erosion control projects we can partner on with them.
- Talk to the Schultz family, and to the owner(s) of Campbell Lane about obtaining a match commitment from them.

  Provide a match commitment (both cash and in-kind) from LAA. If the LAA board doesn't meet before then, do a telephone pall and a vote of board members if the by-laws allow for
- 2. <u>Additionally:</u> I propose that the board and I meet by zoom on a biweekly basis, starting in the second week of February

to touch bases every two weeks and

Wed Jan 31

discuss progress.

It would be my hope that by early March we will have a better handle on matching commitments.

-- Jeft



### Liz Rothrock

Thu, Feb 15, 10:23 AM (3 c

to Mike, me

Mike and Diane — Thank you to the LAA board for agreeing to do a joint event with the CHS! It will be a History Hour and Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, 15 June. We will advertise it as follows:

"Spend the afternoon with members and friends of the Canton Historical Society and the Lake Anasagunticook Association, hear about the history of Lake Anasagunticook (Canton Lake), and enjoy a spaghetti dinner and dessert. The event will take place on Saturday, June 15th at the Society's building at 25 Turner Street in Canton. The program starts at 3:00 p.m. (free!) and the spaghetti dinner is 4:00-6:00 p.m. (suggested donations \$5 per adult, \$3 per child)."

Our plan is to split the profits from the event with your association. Unfortunately, we don't make very much money on this event. Last time our profit was under \$100—but it brings a lot of joy to the community!

Here's what we'd like from you:

- We're hoping you have members who are willing to speak on topics related to the lake's history (tourism, the camps, your organization; sports on the lake; etc.—even someone who would like to talk about summers on the lake with their family). We have audio-visual capability, so photos, PowerPoint slides, etc., can be shown. We're looking for three to four people to speak for 10-15 minutes each.
- We welcome any monetary donations your members can make. They can either donate the money to you to pass along to us or give directly to the CHS.
- If your members would like to volunteer, we welcome them. Feel free have them e-mail us at <u>cantonmehistorical@gmail.com</u>, and we will provide them with an assignment (set up tables, serve food, bake a dessert, clean up, etc.—we'll let them choose).

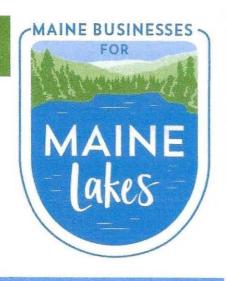
We're looking forward to working with the LAA on this. Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns. Thank you! — Liz

# SUPPORT MAINE LAKES

# **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Consider supporting Maine Lakes as a Business Sponsor. You will help us expand lake programming, support lake associations, build critical lake stewardship efforts, create strong lake policy; and, ultimately, protect lakes and ponds for the people of Maine, the businesses that use them and the wildlife that depend on them. Your sponsorship can be state-wide, or we can tailor your reach to a region by partnering with our member lake associations. Browse our sponsorship opportunities and reach out with any questions.

FMI: Visit www.lakes.me, call (207)495-2301, or email info@lakes.me.



# **Business Sponsorships to Support Year-Round Initiatives**

# \$5,000 Lake Champion

- "Sponsor Spotlight" on social media and in print/online newsletters
- Recognition in two or more print or online outreach pieces aimed at lake users
- Recognition on multiple media platforms, including print (newsletters, conference program) and digital (social media, website, webinars)
- Certificate or window sticker acknowledgement for display at your business
- Opportunity to help craft a focused event or outreach piece
- Five complimentary registrations to the Maine Lakes Conference, plus sponsor table space

# \$2,500

### Lake Hero

Recognition in two print or online outreach pieces aimed at lake users

- Recognition on multiple media platforms, including print (newsletters, conference program) and digital (social media, website, webinars)
- Certificate or window sticker acknowledgement for display at your business
- Opportunity to help craft a focused event or outreach piece
- ♦ Three complimentary registrations to the Maine Lakes Conference, plus sponsor table space

# \$1,000 Lake Guardian

- Recognition on multiple media platforms, including print (newsletters, conference program) and digital (social media, website, webinars)
- Certificate or window sticker acknowledgement for display at your business
- Opportunity to help craft a focused event or outreach piece
- Two free registrations to the Maine Lakes Conference, plus sponsor table space

# \$500

# Lake Steward

- Recognition in newsletter, on website, and on conference program
- Certificate or window sticker acknowledgement for display at your business
- One free registrations to the Maine Lakes Conference, plus sponsor table space

# \$250

## Lake Leader

- Recognition on website and on conference program
- Certificate or window sticker acknowledgement for display at your business
- One free registrations to the Maine Lakes Conference plus sponsor table space

Budgeted 400 -Direction on Sponsorship?"



# Learn about the history of Lake Anasagunticook ....and enjoy a spaghetti dinner!

Spend the afternoon with members and friends of the Canton Historical Society and the Lake Anasagunticook Association who will share with you historical information about the lake.

Canton Historical Society Saturday, June 15th

Program 3 PM

Free!

Dinner 4-6 PM

Suggested donations \$5 per adult, \$3 per child.

**25 TURNER STREET** 

(Building is handicap accessible.)



The Country Store Gift Shop will be open for business!

# Lake Anasagunticook Association

# Strategic Plan 2017-2021

Committee
Biff Atwater
Gary Dougherty
Carolyn Gray
Mike McCluskey
Liz Rothrock

# **Our Mission**

To be good stewards of Lake Anasagunticook.

# **Our Vision**

To work in partnership with the lakefront property owners and the watershed residents of Canton and Hartford and other interested parties to preserve the water quality of the lake, to sustain its aesthetic appeal, and provide recreational opportunities.

### **Executive Summary**

This plan provides strategic guidelines for the Lake Anasagunticook Association (hereafter referred to as the Association) for the years 2017 thru 2021. It will focus on five significant areas as follows:

- Community service and outreach Become an integral and active part of the Canton and Hartford communities.
- Education Educate our Association members and watershed property owners and other interested parties on topics related to the health of the lake.
- Improving the health of the lake Maintain the water quality of the lake.
- Public relations Improve public relations while focusing on topics related to the lake health.
- **Financial viability** Be fiscally viable and consistent with our bylaws and 501(c)(3) guidelines.

### Community Service and Outreach

The Association will strive so that in five years we will be recognized as an integral part of the watershed community. We will accomplish our objectives by volunteering, financially supporting local activities, and publishing information relevant to our mission. Specific efforts may be:

- Sponsor swimming lessons, outdoor movies, and similar events or activities. We will seek recognition by issuing press releases, displaying banners, posters and/or newspaper announcements, etc.
- Invite association members, watershed residents and other interested parties to participate in lake events such as annual Lake Days, lake water quality briefings and the annual meeting. The events will be publicized in appropriate media and be held at least twice a year.
- Compile a list of activities by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year that prioritizes the activities of the organization.

### Education

The education will focus on the relationship of water quality to proper maintenance and use of highways and roads, septic systems, individual properties, fertilizers, recreation vehicles, while following shoreline ordnances and correlating them to property values and their positive impact on the tax base. Specific efforts will include:

- Participation in the state lake association meetings and events that will provide new information pertaining to water quality of lakes in the region.
- Update by the president or a representative, at least annually, the Selectmen and Water District in the towns of Canton and Hartford, information on the current status of lake quality, association activities planned to enhance the water quality, and pertinent educational information obtained from the state organizations.

- Develop, specific action plans, when new information becomes available that will impact the health of our lake.
- Explore opportunities and, where appropriate, sponsor qualified speakers to share knowledge about wildlife management, native fish, birds, and animals living in the lake watershed.

### Improving the Health of the Lake

During the next five years, the Association will continue its efforts to maintain the quality of our lake. Specific actions may include:

- Create a Water Quality Committee, to develop a priority list of activities and actions that will focus solely on water quality of the lake.
- Complete a watershed survey-by December 31, 2018.
- Standardized water quality testing and analysis at all major water sources of the lake (when funding and volunteers are available) will be conducted annually. Results will be shared with the lake community.
- Complete a list of shoreline property owners by August 15, 2016.
- Participate in LakeSmart will be encouraged with the goal of increasing participation 10% per year. The initial step will be to identify the barriers to participation and plans to address these issues completed by October 1, 2016.
- Conduct boat inspections at the Canton launch facility on a random but regular basis.
   The goal will be to have volunteer inspections 12 hours per month starting mid-May and ending mid-October each year.
- Establish a committee to work with the Maine Department of Fisheries on the stocking-of the lake on a timely basis.

### **Public Relations**

The Association will develop an active and effective public relations program recognized for its timely and accurate information concerning the Association mission and the health of the lake. Specific activities to support this goal will be:

- Publish a newsletter at least twice per year to include a summary of key activities underway and planned for the future.
- Post public service announcements pertaining to the town of Canton and Hartford in the association newsletter, on our website and Facebook pages, and in local establishments.
- Update the local governing bodies periodically.
- Encourage Association members to volunteer and/or provide financial assistance for at least one project per year that fits our mission in each town. Early in the calendar year, the Board will identify specific activities. Visibility will be achieved by wearing clothing with the Association logo. Association banners or other items to assist should be displayed so local residents and members of the Association will note

- participation and involvement by the Association. (Suggestions include volunteer fire department fundraisers and highway or park cleanup efforts.)
- Encourage local residents to attend Association meetings, including Board meetings that are not specifically identified as executive sessions.
- Provide <u>educational</u> information to the Hartford and Canton newsletters to meet their publishing schedules.

### **Financial Viability**

Throughout the five-year strategic planning cycle, the Association shall maintain fiscal responsibility for normal operations and provide sufficient funds to complete the activities included in the plan. Specific activities of the Finance Committee will include:

- Present to the Board a proposed budget prior to the annual meeting. As approved, it will then be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The budget will fund the normal operations, strategic initiatives and provide for a surplus.
- Develop a recommended source of funds on an annual basis to include dues and additional funding necessary to complete the items in the five-year plan.
- Identify potential cash flow issues. The recommended total funding and potential cash flow issues will be presented to the Board at the regularly scheduled meeting prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Sustain our membership.
- All members of the Board are expected to be active participants in the organization, pay dues on a timely basis, and attend meetings.
- Exhibit appropriate financial oversight to assure existing and prospective members, as well as sponsors, of the financial integrity of the organization.

### Monitoring of and Adjustments to the Strategic Plan

The following approach (P.D.C.A. - Plan, Do, Check, Act), shall be used to monitor and adjust the strategic plan:

- Plan, at the first Board meeting of each calendar year, the events and activities for the coming year in accordance with the strategic mission.
- Implement the activities, check the progress of the plan on at least a semi-annual basis (by June 30 and at the first meeting of the year) and act to make adjustments as appropriate.
- Have the president appoint a formal Strategic Planning Committee during 2020 to develop a plan for the next planning cycle.

### Lake Anasagunticook Association

Membership Committee February 1, 2024

<u>Primary Objective:</u> Develop, maintain and grow the Official Membership List for the Lake Anasagunticook Association [LAA] reporting regularly to the LAA Board of Directors [The Board] and the LAA Membership at the Annual Meeting.

<u>Secondary Objective:</u> To become an active resource for the association to inform, educate and encourage participation and support from the membership "with the purpose of maintaining and improving the water quality, environment, recreational opportunities and beauty of the lake" [2018 By-Laws Article; Two Purpose of the Organization; #1].

The Membership Committee will consist of at least six but no fewer than four members with at least one being an active member of the LAA Board of Directors and, as long as possible, have representation from both towns of Hartford and Canton.

### Responsibilities:

- Act with autonomy on behalf of the LAA and its Membership as authorized by this
  document. All new initiatives, not mentioned here, shall first be sent to the LAA Board of
  Directors for inclusion. This document shall be reviewed and revised by this committee,
  approved by the Board and reported to the Membership at the Annual meeting in August.
- Maintain a database of records of owners of all properties in the lake's watershed, friends of the lake and LAA members.
  - a. Receive membership forms and dues-paid data received by mail from the Treasurer
  - b. Give the Treasurer any money collected for deposit and inclusion in financial records
  - c. Compare records when Treasurer's membership totals are higher than this committee's
- 3. Report current membership data and committee activities in writing to the Board a week prior to its meetings.
- 4. Communicate directly with members, using the domain email address for this committee. Use Welcome Back letters to confirm and edit contact information and interests.
- 5. Contribute articles to the LAA Newsletter on membership and mail hard copies to those members without email addresses and those specifically requesting USPS.
- 6. Continue to grow the Welcome Bags/letters for new property owners on the lake and in the watershed.
- 7. Be the Face of the LAA at local events with brochures, membership forms, and also selling LAA swag when appropriate.

### Projects under discussion:

- 1. Develop a way to keep members informed as to the year their dues were last paid.
- 2. Assist in the preparation of the Moment of Silence at the Annual Meeting.
- Ways to encourage participation and support; such as but not limited to sending out minutes to the membership once approved and sharing results of special projects to increase membership and member involvement.
- 4. Renew the Loon/Eagle/other membership certificates of recognition.
- 5. Assist the Nominating Committee in proposing slate of officers/directors to The Board at its June/July meeting in preparation for a Membership vote at the Annual Meeting.



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<u>In attendance</u>: Bill Gray, Carolyn Gray, Wesley Barry, Ron Bihlmeyer, Biff Atwater, Tim Bernard, Tom Ryan, Diane Ray; not in attendance: Mike McCluskey, Paula Marsters <u>Minutes of the September 17, 2023</u> meeting was read: are: Carolyn moved, Tom seconded – report approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Town Newsletter updates -articles and advertising dates
- Lake Smart using the new submission system- get your property reviewed 3
  completed in 2023 (2 passed), 8 in the queue for 2024, Judy recommends reaching out to
  update those already awarded previously but 10+ years ago
- · Look into a Take your Trash with You signs
- Federal non-Profit certificate Wes is going to pursue
- Watershed Mitigation Grant Round 2 Jeff Sterns submitted
- Committees for this year:
  - o Membership Committee See attached report and members
  - o Finance Committee Bill Gray, Gary Dougherty, Wes Barry
  - Nominating Committee to include Membership Committee participation Mike McCluskey to lead, toerh members TBD
  - o Event/Fund Raising Committee tabled until 2024; align with Membership Activities
  - Lake Days Committee to be set up in Feb Carolyn to come with proposal for Committee
  - o 5 year Strategic Plan Committee Mike will review Bylaws & kick this off
- By-laws discussion Sub group to be set up to suggest by-laws update by April Meeting
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  - o Fiscal year
  - o Reminder: one-time authorization to elect officers at Board Meeting vs. Ann. Mtg
- 2nd signature on Bank Account Setting up Wes Barry and Mike McCluskey in addition to Diane as "Authorized users"

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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- Membership Committee Report Attached- GREAT JOB! Membership Committee to submit a proposal for the goals/structure of MEMBERSHIP
- Email Update: Wes Barry microsoft non-profit organization grant Approved, use our current domain Anasagunticook.org and create custom emails. Will provide update at Feb 18 Meeting
- 501 C-3 paper -is now on file YAY!
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