

**Lake Anasagunticook Association
Minutes of Board Meeting July 31, 2016
at the Grays' Home**

President Biff Atwater called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. A quorum was present. Others in attendance were Secretary Liz Rothrock; Treasurer Gary Dougherty; Directors Polly Bussiere, Elaine Ferland, Bill Gray (and Carolyn Gray), Tim Kirwan, Mike Lara, and Mike McCluskey.

Minutes for the June 1, 2016 board meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Ms. Gray and seconded by Mr. Lara.

Treasurer's Review

Mr. Dougherty reported there is \$9351.33 in the LAA coffers. He also reported that there are currently 77 members who have paid their dues—although he has received 12 dues (some renewals, some new) payments as a result of the Membership Drive.

Action: Provide Ms. Bussiere with the list of last year's members who have not paid their 2016 dues. (GD)

Mr. Dougherty distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report that he plans to present at the annual meeting. The report was approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. McCluskey.

The 7/1/16 - 6/30/17 budget proposed by the Finance Committee was discussed. The increases in the Fundraising Events and Special Projects line items are in anticipation of expenses associated with the dam donors' plaque.

There was some discussion about the budget that included: concerns that the cost of the plaque may surpass the budgeted amount; questions regarding the added fundraising event; concerns about how to pay for the Chewonki (owl) speaker; and a mention that we may want to consider budgeting for the Canton Bicentennial (which occurs in 2021).

Mr. Dougherty mentioned that he received a list of plants available for purchase from the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Committee Reports

Lake Smart

Mr. Atwater asked for suggestions for volunteers to oversee our LakeSmart program. Training and mentoring is available. No one offered any names.

Action: Send an e-mail to people on the LAA mailing list asking for a volunteer to oversee our LakeSmart program. (LR)

Membership

Ms. Bussiere reported that the Membership Drive was held on Saturday, July 16. 13 people paid their dues as a result.

Action: Contact the members on last year's roles who have not yet paid their 2016 dues. (PB)

Lake Days Preparation

Lake Days, scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, August 20, on the Bussieres' dock, will follow the same model as last year. The rain date is Sunday, August 21.

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

Actions: Below are the assignments for Lake Days contributions:

The McCluskeys - Ice cream, whipped cream

The Grays - Caramel sauce

The Atwaters - Marshmallow Fluff; bracelets; oval stickers for kayak race prizes

Mike Lara - Strawberries

Elaine Ferland - Cherries and chocolate syrup

Gary Dougherty - Chocolate syrup

Polly Bussiere - Nuts

Liz Rothrock - Paper and plastic products; sprinkles; t-shirts for kayak race prizes

?? - Bottled water

?? - Prize(s) for snail collecting contest

[Any volunteers for the last two items?]

Memorial Plaque

Ms. Rothrock says she has sent letters and e-mails to the 75 donor families. Just over half have replied. The board members reviewed the current donor list for errors.

Action: Put the list on display at the annual meeting. (ER)

Action: Obtain estimates on plaque or stone. (MA)

Watershed Project

Mr. Atwater described the plan for the Watershed Survey that will begin in the fall and take two years. It starts with a mailing to all property owners on the lake and in our watershed. (Mr. Dougherty indicated that the list may consist of 400 people. It was suggested that volunteers be used to produce the mailing lists.) Volunteers will be trained by the DEP on how to inspect a property (when given permission), answer questions, etc. A DEP representative will be available to us as a resource on the day when the surveys are done. The results of the surveys will be given to the DEP for analysis. There was some debate about whether or not the mailing should be done in phases. There were also questions regarding the results of the 2001 survey. Board members recommended using geospatial mapping results and drones for data collection purposes.

Action: Pass around a clipboard at the Annual Meeting asking for at least “20 people for two weekends—one for training, one for implementation” (to sign up to help with the survey. (LR)

Annual Meeting Prep

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

Action: Coordinate set-up with Canton Town Office. (ER)

Action: Prepare an agenda. (WA)

Action: Arrange for coffee, etc. (MA)

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

Action: Provide names of 10- and 20-year members to Mr. Atwater (GD)

Action: Prepare 10- and 20-year membership certificates. (WA)

Action: Determine which members, if any, passed away since our last annual meeting. (LR/GD)

VLMP Annual Lake Conference Report

Mr. Atwater gave a summary of his experience at the lake conference.

Action: Write a newsletter article about the conference. (WA)

Nominating Committee Report and Suggestions

Polly has asked the Ouellettes to participate on the board. Phyllis is considering it.

Action: Provide Phyllis with the list of board member responsibilities. (PB)

Unfinished Business

5-Year Planning (5YP) Team Report

A decision to postpone the review of the 5YP passed by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Ms. Rothrock and seconded by Ms. Gray.

Action: The 5YP discussion will be the primary agenda item for the September meeting. (WA)

Health of the Lake Talk

Tom Hamilton has agreed to give a 10-15 minutes talk at the annual meeting.

New Map

Ms. Gray and Mr. Lara talked about options for a map or brochure to be generated and sold for fundraising purposes.

Action: Develop a prototype map for board review. (CD, ML)

Action: Contact the University of Maine Farmington for further information and possible assistance. (ML)

Duties of Association Officers

No changes to the drafts of the board member and officer responsibilities were received from the board members. They will be included in the new Director's Handbook. The 5-Year Plan (including revised mission and vision statements) will also be included, after it is approved by the board.

Compile Summer Activity Schedule

Friday, August 12 (7-9 p.m.) – LAA Sunset Gathering. Will be held at the Grays'. This is a social event to which the LAA membership will be invited.

Action: Send e-mail to membership re: this event. (LR)

Action: Each board member is asked to bring something sweet or savory, or a bottle of wine, to share. (All)

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. (11:00-12:00 Noon)

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

Sunday, September 18 (5 p.m.) – LAA Board Meeting. Will be held at either Atwater's Edge or the Bussieres'.

Action: Generate publicity on the above. (LR)

New Business

Future Meeting Date

The next LAA Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 5 p.m. It will either be at the Atwater's Edge or the Bussieres'.

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

New Photo Contest

It was decided that 12 photos from the 2015 photo contest should be put in a calendar, copied, and sold as a fundraiser. Information on where to submit photos for the next photo contest could be included.

Action: Call Emily Bourassa to see if she will generate a calendar by October. (Shutterfly is a possible alternative.) (LR)

LAA Stewardship Award

The board members were asked about possible recipients of the LAA Stewardship Award, but no one was selected.

Fundraiser for Family with Lakefront Fire

It was decided that this is out of the LAA's realm. Polly will find out from the owner if there is a GoFundMe page. If there is, we will advertise it in our newsletter, etc.

Action: Find out if there is a GoFundMe page. (PB)

Mr. Atwater collected feedback regarding the meeting from the board members in attendance. There was some concern about starting on time, the length and a missing agenda item (the loon status). There was general agreement that the dinner beforehand was very enjoyable. (Thank you, Grays!)

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.