

Lake Anasagunticook Association
Minutes of Board Meeting September 5, 2015
at home of Liz Rothrock

President Biff Atwater called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. A quorum was present. Others in attendance were Secretary Liz Rothrock; Treasurer Gary Dougherty; Directors Polly Bussiere, Bill Gray (and alternate Carolyn Gray), Tim Kirwan, Mike Lara (via Skype), Mike McCluskey, and Diane Ray. Mary Atwater was a guest attendee.

Mr. Atwater asked members to introduce themselves and tell what they liked and disliked about meetings.

Minutes for the August 6, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Mr. Kirwan and seconded by Ms. Gray. Minutes from the August 8, 2015 Annual Meeting were discussed and Ms. Bussiere pointed out the confusion regarding her tasking at the August 6 meeting to contact Mr. Henderson regarding stepping down as Vice President. (The position of Vice President will be listed as vacant at this time, and Mr. Henderson will serve a three-year term as a Director instead.) The minutes for the Annual Meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Ms. Gray and seconded by Mr. Gray.

Mr. Atwater explained the meeting parameters. He distributed an audit form that he wants attendees to complete with feedback on the current meeting.

Action: Compete and return the audit form to Mr. Atwater or Ms. Rothrock by Saturday, 19 September. (All Board members)

Treasure's Review

Mr. Dougherty reported that he received \$460 from the Lake Day raffle and \$270 from the sale of t-shirts. There are currently 89 members of the LAA. His review was approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Gray.

Action: Board members should pay 2015 dues to Mr. Dougherty ASAP. (All Board members)

Committee Reports

Lake Days

Ms. Atwater handed out a Lake Days report. It indicated that the event was held on Saturday, August 29, 1-5 p.m. (though people lingered until 7 p.m.). Activities included boat rides, a kayak race, swimming, the distribution of LAA bracelets, an ice cream social, and a raffle (with prize donations from 11 Board members and others).

There were 41 people in attendance (nametags are recommend for next year), and by all reports, Lake Days 2015 was a great success!

Action: Provide a list of the attendees to Ms. Ray. (MA)

Action: Send a thank you note to the Front Porch Café. (MA)

Lake Smart

Mr. Atwater indicated that the Maine Lakes Society (MLS) is trying to pass legislation on lake improvement. He distributed a survey to gauge our understanding of Lake Shore zoning laws. He asked attendees to complete the form to help MLS direct their emphasis as it relates to proposing legislation.

Action: Complete and return the survey to Mr. Atwater or Ms. Rothrock by Saturday, 19 September. (All Board members)

Ms. Ray mentioned she is now a member of the Canton Planning Board. She distributed a draft of the Canton Beach Ordinance. She mentioned that it's important an ordinance be passed because the LAA has no enforcement authority, but the town does. The draft was discussed and suggestions were made.

Action: Discuss the issues of toilets, pets, etc., with the Canton Planning Board. (DR)

Ms. Ray has a list of everyone who owns property on the lake. The list will be useful in sending LAA and LakeSmart correspondence/making visits. Mr. Dougherty has a map showing the property locations.

Action: Format the property-owners list and bring it to the next meeting. (DR)

Action: Locate the map of property-owners and bring it to the next meeting. (GD)

Invasive Plants/Algae Blooms

Mr. Atwater attended the Maine Lakes Conference on August 22. Information was provided at the conference on what signs to look for when a lake is likely to turn due to oxygen depletion. Bubbling oxygen, one option to remedy the situation, is a costly remedy; better to keep an eye out for problems. In general, clarity of Maine lakes is going down, but is still good.

In a response to a report of invasive plants around the lighthouse and in Whitney Brook, Mr. Atwater and Rusty Knight went out in the

view-hole bottom canoe to take a look. Fortunately, no invasive plants were found. Some algae blooms were seen in Whitney Brook. Also, several types of wildlife were spotted on the outing.

Ms. Gray mentioned that there is an effort being organized by the Canton Parks and Trails Committee to remove invasive plants from Heritage Park. Ms. Ray mentioned a Whitney Brook Clean-up as well.

It was suggested that the glass-bottom boat rides be given on Lake Days.

Action: Determine who provides the boat and ask about making it available. (MA)

Boat Ramp Inspection

Mr. Gray reported that he does boat inspections at the boat ramp on an ad hoc basis—there is no regular schedule. A willing volunteer has signed up to help him. He cannot see the ramp from his home, so please phone him if you see two or three boats.

Membership

Ms. Bussiere mentioned that she and Ms. Rothrock will visit individual home owners to ask them to join the LAA. Mr. Atwater gave Ms. Bussiere some handouts to consider distributing to potential new neighbors and lakeshore owners. Mr. Gray suggested that members try to get our children to join the LAA and that an LAA membership makes a good Christmas gift.

Action: Begin visiting prospective members. (PB & LR)

Signage (Loons and Boat Ramp)

Two of the three loon signs provided by Maine Audubon, which Mr. Atwater brought to the last meeting, have been mounted on poles. They will be posted at the Hartford Beach and on the lighthouse island. The third will be posted on an existing pole at the boat ramp.

Action: Contact the owner of the lighthouse to ask his permission to post a sign on the island. (PB)

Action: Post the loon signs in the spring. (LR)

Recognition Park Bricks

Mr. Gray has not reached Mr. Hemmingway, who now owns the old town office, to discuss the removal of the bricks. The idea is to etch

names of significant donors to the Dam Fund on the bricks and install them near the boat launch.

Action: Contact Mr. Hemmingway. (BG)

Management Review

Mr. Atwater discussed handouts regarding the LAA organization, levels of work, freedom scale, and levels of responsibilities. He also suggested the LAA Board develop a five year plan, which will be discussed further at future Board meetings. Ms. Ray mentioned she is involved in the Androscoggin River planning as well. Board members volunteered for various LAA responsibilities (see the attached chart).

New Business

Mr. Gray mentioned some timbering will begin shortly at the Grays. He has studied shore zone and resource protection documents and met with the code enforcement officer. In the Grays' case, no permit is needed. In response to a question, Mr. Gray mentioned they will be using the existing roads and the edge of the field to do the work. Mr. Gray agreed to do a write-up about this for the town newsletters and Mr. Kirwan will contribute to it.

Action: Contact Mr. Gray and Mr. Kirwan when the write-up is needed. (LR)

Ms. Rothrock mentioned the LAA Photo Contest and the associated actions. This will be discussed further at the next LAA Board Meeting.

A decision was made to nominate LAA vice presidential candidates at the next meeting.

Action: Bring names of prospective VP candidates to the next Board meeting. (All Board members)

Dates for upcoming meetings were selected:

Next LAA Board Meeting

Wednesday, 28 October 2015

Bill and Carolyn Gray's house

5:30 p.m. - potluck dinner

6:30 p.m. - meeting

Action: Determine viability of using "Go to Meeting" or "Join Me" as an alternative to Skye. (LR)

2015-2016 Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 13, 2016

9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Either the Canton or Hartford Town Hall.

It was suggested that the meeting be split into two parts—the business portion and the lake report portion—and the start time for both parts be advertised.

Action: Determine availability/cost of Canton Town Hall. (DR)

Lake Days 2016

Saturday, 20 August 2016 (rain date: Sunday, 21 August 2016)

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Bussieres' dock

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Ms. Gray, and concluded with a unanimous voice vote at 10:28 a.m.

Action: Make copies of and deliver the handouts to Board members who did not attend. (DR)