

**Lake Anasagunticook Association
Minutes of Board Meeting October 28, 2015
at home of Carolyn and Bill Gray**

President Biff Atwater called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. A quorum was present. Others in attendance were Secretary Liz Rothrock; Treasurer Gary Dougherty; Directors Polly Bussiere, Elaine Ferland, Bill Gray (and alternate Carolyn Gray), and Mike McCluskey. Mary Atwater was a guest attendee.

Minutes for the September 5, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Mr. Dougherty and seconded by Mr. McCluskey.

Mr. Atwater summarized the results of the audit forms he distributed at the previous meeting. The feedback was generally positive, though some did feel their ideas were not considered and that they observed some toxicity.

Treasure's Review

Mr. Dougherty reported there are currently 94 members of the LAA. (There were 98 in 2014.) He also reported that we have received \$1344.91 in income and he has dispersed \$1347.68—leaving a deficit of \$2.77.

Action: Ms. Rothrock will send an e-mail to the members and friends of LAA and remind them to pay their 2015 dues if they haven't already. (LR)

Committee Reports

The committee reports were submitted prior to the meeting and are attached to these minutes. The general consensus among the board members is that they liked completing the report form prior to the meeting. They also liked having the compiled reports available at the meeting. Ms. Rothrock asked if it would be okay to treat List Management, Newsletter, and Website as secretarial responsibilities rather than projects. Everyone concurred.

Management Organization Update

Mr. Atwater led a discussion on and recorded the input from the board on a flip chart. Results are attached.

Action: Mr. Atwater, Mr. McCluskey, Ms. Gray, and Ms. Rothrock will meet to draft a five-year plan to be presented for comments at the March board meeting. (WA, MM, CG, LR)

Unfinished Business

Nomination and election of Vice President

No nominations were made. The position remains vacant.

Next step in photo contest

Judging for the photo contest will take place at the March board meeting.

Action: Mr. Atwater will send the photos to Ms. Rothrock for printing (WA, LR)

Action: The following board members will make baskets (valued at \$25 or more) to be distributed as prizes for the photo contest at the end of March.

Ms. Bussiere - Wine and cheese

Mr. Gray, Ms. Gray, and Ms. Ferland – Theme TBD

Mr. Atwater and Ms. Atwater - Stonewall Kitchen

Ms. Rothrock - “Made in Maine” items

Mr. McCluskey – Theme TBD

Action: Other board members are asked to contribute money and/or items for the basket at the March board meeting. (All board members)

Action: Ms. Rothrock will include a photo contest reminder—as well as the rules—in the aforementioned e-mail to the members and friends of LAA. She will also post the information in the two town offices and submit it to the Country Courier Newspaper for publication. (LR)

Next Step in Website

Ask Terri Swank to make the changes to the website discussed this past summer.

Action: Mr. Atwater will introduce Ms. Rothrock to Terri Swank via e-mail. (LR)

New Business

Dates for upcoming meetings will be determined by polling the board members with Doodle to see which of the following dates work best for them: 10, 11, 12, 18, 19 March.

Action: Ms. Rothrock will send the dates to the board members via Doodle. (LR)

There was a discussion about how to more easily ensure the board reaches its quorum for upcoming meetings.

Action: Mr. Atwater will present a proposal on this topic at the March board meeting. (WA)

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Dougherty and seconded by Ms. Gray, and concluded with a unanimous voice vote at 8:02 p.m.

Project Reports

Project : **List Management**

Leader: Liz Rothrock

Board Members' Team: Gary

Objective: Maintain an updated list of LAA members and friend along with their contact information.

Plans: Get lists from Biff and Gary and generate one master list.

Accomplished to date: List is now current! We have either a e-mail address or postal address (or both) for each member—as well as for a number of friends.

Next Steps: Keep the list up to date.

"Grade": Intentions - B

Results - A (thanks to Gary!)

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Project : **Newsletter**

Leader: LR

Board Members' Team: Biff, Mary, Gary

Objective: Begin work on Spring newsletter.

Plans: Generate a list of prospective articles. Begin contacting possible authors.

Accomplished to date: List in process. Discussed possibilities with Gary. Also, submitted articles to two town newsletters.

Next Steps: Continue work.

"Grade": Intentions - B

Results - B

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Project : **Website**

Leader: LR

Board Members' Team: Terri Swank, Biff

Objective: Liaison with the person who maintains our website.

Plans: Have Biff introduce me to Terri. Pass her pertinent information and make suggestions on layout.

Accomplished to date: Nada.

Next Steps: Need to make contact with Terri.

"Grade": Intentions - B

Results - F

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Project : **Director's Handbook**

Leader: LR

Board Members' Team: Liz, Biff

Objective: Review existing handbook.

Plans: Recruit additional committee members for this, then ask the committee members for suggestions.

Accomplished to date: Nada.

Next Steps: Get started!

"Grade": Intentions - B
Results – F

Project : **Boat Inspections**

Leader: BG

Board Members' Team: Bill, Mike, Gerry

Objective: Increase Overall Boat Inspections by identifying periods of higher boat launch activities

Develop a staffing and manpower plan for greater coverage

Plans: Identify folks with "eyes on" the boat launch and provide them with name(s) to call when active times occur.

Bill, Mike, and Gerry to try to find additional inspectors; informal training for all

Accomplished to date: Initial thoughts and ideas only

Next Steps: Implement the ideas proposed in our "plans" after Board Discussion, Develop Spring action steps and timing

"Grade": Intentions - C+
Results- D-

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Project: **Lake Smart**

Leader: DR

I have unearthed all of my research regarding property owners surrounding the lake. I will get that organized within the next two weeks and copy Liz and others so we have multiple sets of data. I would like to coordinate a lake smart outreach starting this fall to residents who are year round. If there are additional ideas I would welcome them!

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Project: **Monitor lake for invasive plants**

Leader: WMA

Objective: Find, isolate and remove invasive aquatic plants from our lake

Plans: Map and Inventory lake aquatic plants than live in our lake

Accomplished since last meeting: Two searches requested by LAA Members

Next steps:

1. Continue inventory mapping of lake with emphasis of areas of potential infestation (boat ramps both official and unofficial).
2. Plan and implement project for next year.
3. Include members of LAA that have been trained.

Grade so far: a gracious D

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Ideas for Five-Year LAA Plan
(from flip chart)

Define watershed and map it

Update web-site

Make LAA more inclusive

Get more members involved

Find ways to have members help

- Boat check
- Invasives patrol

Choose projects for each year and build

- Outdoor movie
- Help with volunteer fireman clean-up
- Guest speakers:
 - Lake health
 - Invasives
 - Camp roads

Get water-district involved

Lake flotilla and/or candlelight cruise

Importance of shoreline zoning

Present to Boards of selectmen:

- Dangers of lake bloom
- Financial risks for not acting
- More lake monitoring

Develop a plan in four-parts:

- Community service/outreach
- Education
- Improving the health of the lake
- PR