

**Lake Anasagunticook Association**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**September 18, 2016**  
**at the Bussieres' Home**

President Biff Atwater called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. A quorum was present. Others in attendance were Secretary Liz Rothrock; Treasurer Gary Dougherty; Directors Polly Bussiere, Elaine Ferland, and Mike McCluskey.

Minutes for the July 31, 2016 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Mr. Dougherty and seconded by Ms. Bussiere.

Minutes for the August 13, 2016 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Ms. Bussiere and seconded by Mr. Dougherty.

**Treasurer's Review**

Mr. Dougherty reported there is \$10,630.65 in the LAA coffers—\$467 from the Lake Day raffle. He also reported that there are currently 92 members who have paid their dues.

**Committee Reports**

**Lake Smart**

The board members discussed the possibility of asking a non-board member to spearhead the LAA's Lake Smart program.

Mr. McCluskey indicated he is interested in having his property reviewed.

**Action: Talk with Margaret Taylor regarding the Lake Smart program. (WA)**

**Invasive Report**

Mr. Atwater reported that neighbors had reported seeing invasive plants in the lake. Mr. Atwater and Rusty Knight investigated and found four pond weeds—one of which is rare.

Mr. Atwater mentioned that there is a "Common Native Maine Aquatic Plant Species Guide" on the VLMP website.

The board agreed that we should schedule the VLMP to come to our lake to oversee an invasive plant search. Will invite members to participate.

**Action: Schedule date with VLMP. (WA)**

**Memorial Plaque**

Ms. Rothrock reported that only five donors have not responded. She also said that she's received two estimates for the plaque—which with 60 names will now be 24"x36". They were \$1,979 (International Bronze) and \$2700-\$3000 (Downeast Engraving). The next step is to determine the price of the rock the plaque will be mounted on and get town approval.

Action: Get responses from the five donors who have not responded. (All)

Action: Get estimates on the rock. (ER)

Action: Pursue getting town approval. (ER)

### **Review Watershed Project**

After some discussion on the topic, it was decided that the LAA would focus on the problems that were discovered in the last watershed survey.

Action: Contact the DEP to determine the process for resolving the watershed problems and report back to the board. (WA)

### **Lessons Learn - Annual Meeting and Lake Days**

All in attendance felt both were a success. It was agreed that the speaker was a big draw following the annual meeting and another family-oriented presentation should be arranged for next year. Mary Atwater prepared a thorough report on Lake Days. Suggestions for next year included 1) assign times and someone to take responsibility for each event; 2) having a second pontoon boat available for boat rides; 3) skip the math portion of the snail collecting contest.

Action: Pursue a speaker for the next Annual Meeting—possibly from the Bryant Pond 4H; the Department of Fish and Game; or the Chewonki Foundation. (PB, MM, DR)

### **Unfinished Business**

#### ***5-Year Planning (5YP) Report***

Comments from Mike Lara were discussed and several were implemented in the 5YP. The 5YP is now considered finalized and will be included in the Director's Handbook.

Action: Make the updates to the 5YP and send it out via e-mail as part of the revised Director's Handbook. (WA)

#### ***Health of the Lake Talk***

This will be included as part of the next Annual Meeting.

#### ***New Map***

A decision was made not to pursue the new map at this time.

#### ***Volunteer to Install "Shallow Channel" Signs***

Ms. Rothrock delivered the "Shallow Channel" signs provided by the state.

Action: Ask Rene Ouellette if he will install the signs on the existing poles near the boat launch. (PB)

### **New Business**

### ***Future Meeting Dates***

A date and location for the next LAA Board Meeting will be decided on in March 2017.

### ***2016-2017 Committees***

Committee list was reviewed and new assignments made.

**Action:** Send new committee assignment list to board members. (ER)

### ***New Photo Contest—Committee Chair and Strategy***

No committee chair was identified.

**Action:** Include “discussion of photo contest” on the agenda for the spring meeting. (WA)

### ***Committee Chair for Publicity***

Ms. Ferland agreed to handle LAA publicity.

### ***2016-2017 Calendar***

**Sunday, April ??, 2017 – 5 p.m. – LAA Board Meeting at TBD:** The meeting is open to those interested in attending, though voting is limited to board members only.

#### **Date and Time TBD – VLMP Invasive Plant Search on Lake**

**Anasagunticook:** The Maine Lake Volunteer Monitoring Program will lead us on a search for invasive plants in our lake.

**Saturday, June 24, 2017 – 9:00-11:00 a.m. – LAA Snail Collection Day at Canton Beach:** LAA members and friends will spend the morning removing an invasive snail from the beach. All ages are encouraged to participate.

**Friday, August 11, 2017 – 7:00-9:00 p.m. – LAA Sunset Gathering at TBD:** This is a social event to which the LAA membership will be invited.

**Saturday, August 12, 2017 – 9:30-11:00 a.m. – Annual Meeting, at Canton Town Office:** This meeting is for the entire membership. You’ll find out about the state of our association; vote on a slate of officers; express your concerns; etc.

**Saturday, August 12, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Wildlife Talk, at Canton Town Office:** Immediately following the Annual Meeting, a guest speaker will give a talk on wildlife our region. Details regarding the talk will be provided at a later date.

**Saturday, August 19, 2017 – 1:00-5:00 p.m. – Lake Days, at the start of Lake Shore Drive:** This annual celebration includes food, fun, and prizes—plus an opportunity to visit with your neighbors.

***On-Going Snail Removal***

It was agreed the LAA would sponsor a snail collection day at the end of June. All ages will be encouraged to participate. Tokens of appreciation will be given to kids.

***Incident Report***

Those in attendance agreed that information on events around the lake could be determined through other means including Facebook pages, the Sun Journal, etc.

**Action: Make reference to these resources in the next LAA Newsletter. (ER)**

***New Invasive Plant Inspector***

Mr. Atwater will continue in this role for the meantime.

A card received from Ms. Bussiere (thanking the board members for her recent service award and loon book) was shared with the board members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.