

Lake Anasagunticook Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 2, 2017
at the Canton Town Office

President Biff Atwater called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Tim Kirwan participated via Skype. Others in attendance were Secretary Liz Rothrock; Directors Polly Bussiere, Elaine Ferland, and Mike Lara. Mary Atwater was also present.

Minutes for the September 18, 2016 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Ms. Ferland and seconded by Mr. Lara.

Treasurer's Review

Mr. Dougherty e-mailed a report indicating there is \$9,917 in the LAA coffers. He also reported there are currently 24 members who have paid their dues. (Several board members provided Ms. Bussiere with dues to pass to Gary.)

Action: Include the dues payment form in the April newsletter. (LR)

Committee Reports

Lake Smart

No report.

Membership Report

[See Treasurer's Review above.]

Invasive Report

Mr. Atwater reported that he attended the Milfoil Conference. The speaker was Meg Modley. She reported that the Spiny Water Flea is making its way east and is currently in the Adirondacks. The only way to remove the fleas is to harvest them. Other species of concern are the Zebra Mussels and the Asian Clams (which live on the back of the Zebra Mussels).

Summer Calendar

Ms. Rothrock passed out a draft of the 2017 calendar. It was discussed, adjusted, and agreed upon. (See attached.)

Diane Ray will supervise the snail removal. Ms. Atwater volunteered to assist.

Action: Talk with Emily about serving ice cream following snail removal. (EF)

We will use the same model for Lake Days as last year. Will be held at Bussiere's camp. Ms. Atwater and Ms. Bussiere will chair. Boat rides, corn hole, and miniature ponies will be considered.

Action: Find out about availability about miniature ponies in Hartford. (LR)

Action: Advertise events via e-mail, the newsletter, and Facebook. (LR, EF)

Boat Inspections

The Boat Inspection team is currently made up of Rusty Knight, Mike McCluskey, Gerry Rothrock, and Bill Gray. Mr. Atwater said that Mr. Knight is no longer available to that committee. Mr. Atwater indicated he would join the team.

Action: Ask Mr. McCluskey if he will chair the committee. (LR)

Watershed Review

No report.

Action: Hold a separate committee meeting to discuss the outcome of the previous watershed survey. (BA)

Action: Contact Joe Cloonan for any information he has on the previous watershed survey. (BA)

Action: Provide Mr. Atwater with any existing documentation on the previous watershed survey. (ML)

Unfinished Business

Dam Donors Plaque

Ms. Rothrock said the Canton selectman approved the installation of the plaque in the area of the boat launch.

The board members discussed the four options for mounting the plaque. The consensus was that having the plaque mounted on a natural rock was most desirable. Ms. Ferland offered to pursue the donation of a rock via Facebook. (It will need to accommodate the 24" (height) x 36" (wide) plaque and be accessible by whoever agrees to remove/transport it to the boat launch.) Mr. Lara suggested using a granite slab from Green Acres and will pursue that. The granite will need to be cut. (It was mentioned that Kyle Dollof might be able to help us move the rock/slab.) The board will weigh both options in the future.

A motion to order the bronze plaque from International Bronze and with the Canton town clerk's permission, temporarily hang it in the locked area of the Canton Town Office, was approved by unanimous voice vote. The motion was made by Ms. Bussiere and seconded by Ms. Ferland.

Action: Use Facebook to pursue the donation of a rock from someone's property. (EF)

Action: Discuss the donation of the granite slabs with the Bonesses and send measurements and photos to Ms. Rothrock to disseminate to the board. (ML)

Photo Contest

Although the board decided against a photo contest, a motion to generate a calendar using the photos from last year's contest was approved by unanimous voice vote. The motion was made by Ms. Rothrock and seconded by Ms. Ferland.

Action: Provide photos to Ms. Ferland on thumb drive. (LR)

Action: Order calendars in time to sell at the annual meeting and Lake Days. (EF)

Speaker at Annual Meeting

Mr. McCluskey wrote e-mailed that he has been thinking of getting a speaker from Fish and Game who could talk about either wildlife or fish stocking in lakes (how to maintain native species, criteria for stocking, etc.). He also suggested speakers on native tribes in our area. The board suggested that having a speaker who could bring live a live animal(s) would be a plus.

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)

Placement of "Shallow Channel" Signs

One sign has been installed.

Action: Work with Rene Ouellette to install the second sign on an existing pole near the boat launch. (PB)

New Business

Table at Hartford Spring Fling

Ten dollars was paid to hold a table for the LAA at the Hartford Spring Fling at 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, 29 April at the Hartford Town Hall. The board decided that we will do two things: 1) raffle of a Summer Fun basket and 2) have a white elephant sale. Ms. Bussiere and Ms. Rothrock will oversee this.

Action: Send an e-mail to LAA members and friends asking them to donate white elephant items (aka yard sale items) between 6-8 p.m. on Friday, 28 April and 7-9 a.m. on Saturday, 29 April, at the Hartford Town Hall. (LR)

Action: Provide Ms. Ferland with items for a Summer Fun basket. (All)

Action: Assemble and deliver the Summer Fun basket to the Hartford Spring Fling. (EF)

Action: Get raffle tickets and cash box from Gary. (LR)

Board Meeting Attendance Proposal

The board members discussed ideas for increasing attendance/ensuring a quorum at board meetings. It was decided that the current format, a Sunday evening with

dinner beforehand, works best. It was mentioned that three board members have terms ending in August: Ms. Ray, Mr. McCluskey, and Ms. Ferland. Ms. Ferland agreed to another term.

Future Meeting Dates

The following dates have been selected for LAA board meetings:

- Sunday, 25 June at 5 p.m. at the Rothrocks' (Atwaters will pick up pizzas; board members will bring other items.)
- 6 August at 5 p.m. at TBD

Action: Mark the meeting dates on your calendar. (All)

LAA Awards

Two names were recommended to the chair for LAA Awards (to be presented at the annual meeting).

LAA Hotline

There was a discussion about how it would be useful for out-of-towners with camps on the lake to find out about snowfall and rainfall levels, tornados, fires, etc. from those of us who are local.

Action: Put updates on our Facebook page. (EF)

Action: Come up with a non-Facebook solution. (ML)

Voluntary \$10 donation to LAA

There was a discussion about asking both towns to collect a \$10 donation for the LAA from people registering their boats—or at least give the registrants our brochure.

Action: Discuss this with Canton town clerk. (LR)

Lakes Like Less Lawn

Mr. Atwater distributed a “Lakes Like Less Lawn” brochure.

Action: Obtain additional copies of the brochure to distribute at the LAA annual meeting. (BA)

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.