

Lake Anasagunticook Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
August 6, 2017
at the Canton Town Office

President Biff Atwater called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. A quorum was present. (Attendance was 100%!) In attendance were Secretary Liz Rothrock; Treasurer Gary Dougherty, Directors Polly Bussiere, Elaine Ferland, Shawn Henderson, Tim Kirwan, Mike Lara, Mike McCluskey, and Diane Ray. Mary Atwater was also present.

Minutes for the June 25, 2016 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Ms. Bussiere and seconded by Ms. Ray.

Treasurer's Review

Mr. Dougherty reported there is \$7039.94 in the LAA coffers. One half of the dam donors plaque installation bill has been paid. Mr. Dougherty also reported that 63 members have paid their dues.

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. Kirwan and seconded by Mr. McCluskey.

The 7/1/17 - 6/30/18 budget proposed by the Finance Committee was presented and discussed.

Committee Reports:

Boat Inspections:

Mr. McCluskey reported that the numbers of boats going in and out of the lake on weekend mornings have been very low. He also noted that a number of boats—particularly kayaks—are being launched from beaches and boat launches around the lake. He suggested that the boat launch inspections be done on a random rather than a regularly scheduled basis.

Dam Donors Plaque

Ms. Rothrock reported that the plaque has been installed on the rock by the boat launch. Feedback on the installation has been very positive—although someone did say they were concerned the plaque could be vandalized or stolen. It was agreed that there is some risk since foolproofing it is virtually impossible. Mr. Dougherty plans to pay Richardson Monument Company the balance due.

Action: Contact Richardson's to ask them to send 1) a spray to be used to weatherproof the plaque, and 2) an invoice for the balance due. (LR)

Action: Contact Leon Buker to discuss what funding the state will provide in terms of maintenance at the boat launch. (PB)

Action: Send a check to Richardson's. (GD)

Lake Days Review

The Lake Days committee met separately and generated a schedule for Lake Days to be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, on the Bussieres' dock. Ms. Atwater reported that the event will follow the same model as last year, although a second pontoon boat, a corn hole contest, and miniature ponies will be added. **If it rains, the event will be moved to the same time the next day (Sunday).** Mr. McCluskey recommended that we continue to insure the board members. He indicated that it is unlikely anyone would sue a volunteer board but feels it is a good idea to have insurance since we do hold events. A decision to renew the LAA's insurance policy was approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Ms. Ray and seconded by Mr. Kirwan.

Action: Write a \$50 check to Janet Nickerson to cover her expenses for transporting the miniature horses. (PB, GD)

Action: Pick up "Peeping Tom" canoe at Atwaters' that morning. (PB)

Actions: LAA board members are invited to donate baskets and gifts for the raffle. They may be delivered to the Bussieres' house anytime. (All)

Actions: Below are the assignments for Lake Days contributions:

The McCluskeys - Ice cream, mini M&Ms

The Atwaters - Marshmallow fluff; bottled water; oval stickers; t-shirts; souvenirs; aqua scope; bubble machine; map of watershed; Peeping Tom canoe; munchies

Mike Lara - Chopped peanuts

Elaine Ferland - Cherries

Gary Dougherty - Pineapple

Polly Bussiere - Chocolate sauce

Diane Ray - Butterscotch

Liz Rothrock - Paper and plastic products; sprinkles, booby prizes; postcards; painter's tape

Tim Kirwan - Praline crunch

Snail Report

Ms. Ray reported that close to 3000 snails were collected on Canton Beach during our organized snail collection effort. 27 people participated. It was noted that the snails are prevalent by the Bussieres' and on the Lakefield Heights Beach. It was suggested that we work individually to remove them from our own properties and urge our members to do so.

Action: Send out an e-mail to all members and friends asking them to remove snails from the lake. (LR)

Action: Generate and laminate instructions on removing the snails and post them around the lake. (DR?)

MVLMP Paddle Report

The Paddle was very effective. Nine people paddled and there were several other onlookers. 23 plants were retrieved—and none was invasive.

Action: Write an article for the newsletter regarding the Paddle. (MA)

Action: Pass posters received at Paddle to Ms. Bussiere for laminating and posting. (PB and others)

Nominating Committee

Ms. Bussiere presented a slate of officers that retained the current officers and board members, moved Mr. McCluskey to the Vice President position, and added two (possibly three) new directors.

Action: Include the slate of officers on the agenda for the Annual Meeting. (BA)

Calendar Sales

Ms. Ferland reported that the LAA 2018 Calendar has been published using photos from the 2015 LAA Photo Contest. Close to 50 have been sold at a profit of \$3 per calendar. 50 more have been ordered and will be sold at the LAA Annual Meeting, Lake Days, and on an ongoing basis at the Canton Caboose.

Action: Ensure calendars are available at the Annual Meeting and Lake Days. (EF)

Watershed Review

No report, although there was some discussion about the unexpected draining of the lake (due to a repair that needed to be done at the Water District).

Action: Organize members to go on an outing to determine whether or not problems noted in the previous watershed survey have been addressed. (BA)

Action: Ask David Madison at the Canton Water District to call Mr. Atwater when arrangements are made to raise or lower the dam. (DR)

President Meeting with Selectmen

No report.

Action: Arrange to meeting with Canton and Hartford Select Boards. (BA)

Loon Report

Ms. Bussiere reported that Mr. McCluskey put out the platform and she prepared it for the loons. She later put buoys around it. The loons used it to nest and one chick was born.

Unfinished Business:

Speaker at Annual Meeting

Lee Holman will talk about sustainable farming, which she has been doing in Hartford for 42 years.

Action: Purchase a \$50 Reny gift card for Ms. Holman. (MM)

Action: Contact Chewonki regarding a speaker for next year. (Mr. Lara knows of someone in Farmington who can speak on mapping, if Chewonki is not available.) (MM)

Science Center Suggestions

Mr. Atwater reported that a HOBO, which measures water temperature and oxygen, would cost around \$2000-\$3000, and would need to be attached to a buoy in the middle of the lake. Ms. Rothrock reported that the estimate she got on filming the lakefront properties using a drone was inordinately high.

Action: Arrange for a subcommittee meeting with Mr. Atwater, Ms. Atwater, Ms. Ray, Mr. Lara, and Tom Hamilton, regarding water quality. This subcommittee will discuss the HOBO and monitoring the brooks (Thompson and Sparrow). (BA)

Action: Ask John Taylor and Joe Cloonan if they know where the videotape is of the lakefront properties. (LR)

Action: Look into pricing for using a drone to videotape properties. (DR)

LAA Awards

Several names were recommended for volunteer award. The Elliotts indicated they preferred not to be recognized. There was some question as to if/when Tom Hamilton had been recognized previously.

Action: Check minutes from past Annual Meetings to see if Mr. Hamilton had been recognized. (LR)

Action: Send a letter of thanks to the Elliotts. (BA)

Action: Generate award certificates. (BA)

Bernier Property

After some discussion, it was decided that the Canton residents present would work with their Selectmen to get information on the status of the stump grinding and replanting.

Action: Provide an update on the Bernier property at the next LAA Board Meeting. (DR, PB, LR)

Insurance for LAA Board

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New Business:

Sunset Gathering

The second annual Sunset Gathering will be held at 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, August 11, at Bill and Carolyn Gray's. This is a members-only event.

Action: Provide a beverage and sweet or savory snack to share. (All)

Issues for/at Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 12, at the Canton Town Office.

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

Action: Print certificates for the 10- and 20-year members. (BA)

Action: Bring old postcards and photos for display at the Annual Meeting. (All)

Agenda for Annual Meeting

Biff distributed a straw man agenda.

Action: Update and print copies of the agenda for the Annual Meeting. (BA)

Fall Meeting Date

The next LAA board meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15. Dinner will be at 5 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Liz Rothrock, LAA Secretary