

Canaan Lake Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Canaan Meeting House
July 4, 2014 - 10:30am

I. Welcome

President Jan Forbush called the meeting to order at 10:44am. There were 33 attendees present. Jan welcomed all in attendance and expressed a special thanks to the Cardigan Mountain School for providing the lunch for our Annual event. She also thanked the members of the board for the great work they do for the association.

As the head of the Lake Association, the President took a moment to remind all members of the laws governing all bodies of water in New Hampshire as they apply to Canaan Street Lake:

- Boat travel not to exceed 6mph within 150 ft. shore.
- Boats must maintain 150 ft. distance from shore, swimmers, docks, boats, etc.
- Travel on the lake in a counter-clockwise fashion.

II. Approval Minutes 2013 Annual Meeting

Minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting had been made available prior to and at this meeting. The President opened the floor for discussion and questions and as there were none asked for approval of 2013 minutes as submitted.

- Moved: Carol Williams
- Seconded: Lola Baldwin
- Approved: All in attendance

III. Reports

Audit Report : (Scott Berry for Michael Paine)

On May 23, 2014 the auditor, Joe McHugh, reported that he had reviewed all financial records of the Canaan St. Lake Association and found them correct and in order. The Association's total bank balances stood at \$11,558 on December 31, 2013. Copies of audited accounts were made available to all in attendance and attached to the minutes.

Treasurer Report: (Scott Berry for Michael Paine):

The 2013 Financial report (budget to actual) and the proposed 2014 Budget were made available to all in attendance. In 2013 the major expenditures were \$1792 TO NH Lakes Association for dues and Lake Host costs, \$200 contribution to the Loon Preservation Committee and \$100 for water testing. Paine also reported that he closed out the Mascoma Bank CD since it only contributed \$13.38 interest and transferred the balance (\$3354.23) into the savings account.

Although this will produce less interest we will not be locked in for 12 months. Other options will be considered if and when interest rates rise.

The 2014 budget mirrors the 2013 budget with a projected deficit of \$60. The President asked for a motion to approve the Auditor's and Treasurer's reports.

- Moved: Dudley Smith
- Second: Charlotte Abington
- Approved: All in attendance

Lake Hosts: (Lola Baldwin)

Lola reported that in 2013 the Lake Host program received support from the New Hampshire Lake Association of \$1000 with an extra \$300 for the high percentage (391%) of our volunteer workers time against paid time. Our annual application was approved in March 2013. In addition to the NH Lake Association support, the Town of Canaan generously supports the program with a grant of \$1800. There were 75,988 courtesy boat inspections made statewide with 153 'saves' of aquatic nuisance species.

The 2013 Lake Host volunteers were: Dudley Smith, Jim Adler, Rick Roesch, Keith Roy, Jeanie Richie, Brett Schmidt, Robert Terhune, Jan Forbush, Marty Pusey, Michael Paine, Barbara Berger, Ann Berry, Scott Berry, Elizabeth Jutila and Audrey McLane, Kim Franks, Carol Williams and Debbie Crowell.

The 2013 paid lake hosts are: Briana Furman, Emma Freese, and Sheri Tomkeiwicz

Lola noted that after 9 years as leader of the Lake Host group she has transferred on her duties to Elizabeth Jutila and Ann and Scott Berry. The President expressed deep gratitude to Lola for her unceasing dedication to the job of keeping Canaan Street Lake free of invasive species. All in attendance warmly applauded her efforts.

Weed Watchers (Jan Forbush for Kris Burnett)

The Weed Watchers have been actively patrolling the lake for over a month and there have been no signs of invasive species. The lake is divided into zones with the following people currently patrolling:

- Dan Fleetham – reservoir
- Rick Roesch – zones 4, 5, and reservoir
- Julie Smith – zone 3
- Rob Schaefer – zone 1
- Kris Burnett – zone 2

On July 20th from 8-9:00am there is an invasive species training session by DES agent Amy Smagula at Goose Pond for Weed Watchers, Lake Hosts, and any Lake

Association members who are requested to sign-up before attending. Contact Kris Burnett with any questions.

Water Quality Report: (Rick Roesch for John Bergeron)

Before reviewing the report Rick noted a special thank you to John Bergeron for his continued contributions to the Canaan Street Lake water quality efforts. A full report was distributed to all in attendance with Rick reporting on the highlights.

Water quality is tested 3x/year with DES participating in the final check to validate the testing process. The three areas of concern are: E-coli, cyanobacteria (i.e. algae blooms – results from phosphorous) and pH levels in the lake. Although Canaan Street Lake is in pretty good shape Rick reminded all to:

- Be sure their septic systems are in good working order
- Do not fertilize lawn with phosphorus base fertilizer

There was a question from the floor as to the cause of changes in pH levels in the lake. Rick answered that it is believed that pH is affected from naturally occurring rock and soil leachate.

John Bergeron, assisted by Charlotte Abington and Rick Roesch, leads water testing. Member volunteers are welcomed to join this effort; contact John for details.

IV. Website Update

The President announced a new “Photos of Canaan Street Lake” competition that will be launched in 2014. She solicited any and all photographs of the lake environ and lake activities which will be loaded up to the website. Members of the public will vote on the best photo for special recognition at the next Annual meeting.

Contact Michael Paine with questions

V. Board member election and solicitation

The President announced that at the end of 2014 Rick Roesch and Lola Baldwin would be stepping down from their current Board positions. She also noted that Amy St. Pierre and Scott Berry would be joining as new members. She requested a motion from the floor to approve the following appointments: David McCusker as Vice President and Rick Roesch, Scott Berry and Amy St Pierre to new 3-year terms as board members.

- Moved: Dudley Smith
- Second: Charlotte Abington
- Approved: All in attendance

The President also reminded members that volunteers for the Board are welcomed and needed.

VI. Loon Report (Dudley Smith)

Dudley introduced Mathew Bartolotti from the Loon Preservation Committee to provide an update on the 2013 loon status in NH. The loon population has shown a steady but slow increase. Studies have shown:

- There were 568 loons in NH in 2013. This is compared to a 462 average over the 2005-2009 period.
- There were 180 nesting pairs vs. an average of 155 during 2005-2009
- There were 157 chicks born in 2013 vs. 138 average births in 2005-2009
- There were 118 surviving chicks in 2013 vs. 105 average survived in 2005-2009

The full report will be loaded to the Lake Association web site.

VII. Other Business

Upper Valley Land Trust – Rick Roesch

Rick talked about the Upper Valley Land Trust developing a model by which a group of landowners around the lake can join together to form a collaborative group for land preservation. If Association members are interested they should contact Rick.

Declaration of Independence - Dave McCusker

Dave introduced the Cardigan Mountain School Young Leaders group that have assembled to read the Declaration of Independence as part of the July 4th Lake Association celebration.

VIII. Displays (Facilitated by John Bergeron)

The following educational displays were part of the annual meeting celebration:

- Loon Preservation Committee
- New Hampshire Lake Association
- Lake Host
- Milfoil/ Phosphorous/Cyanobacteria
- Rain gardens
- Upper Valley Land Trust

IX. Adjournment:

The President thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the annual meeting and of those who attended. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27pm