

Canaan Lake Association
Annual Meeting Minutes - Approved
Canaan Meeting House
July 21, 2018

Welcome & Acknowledgement of New Members

Vice President Charlotte Abington called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. There were 41 attendees present. Charlotte welcomed everyone and especially the new Canaan Lake Association members:

Bill Van Zandt	Roberts Road
John & Starr Moore	Fernwood Farms Road
Richard Fox & Karen Wolk	Canaan Street
John & Bethany Gagne	Canaan Street
Priscilla Geoghegan	Grafton Turnpike Road
Frank & Joanne Roberts	Corno Road
Jim & Jane Van Etten	Canaan Street

Guest Speaker

Sara Steiner NH DES VLAP Coordinator:

Ms Steiner spoke on threats to NH lakes and what can be done to prevent water degradation and strategies to protect Canaan Street Lake.

- Cyanobacteria, exotic species (especially Eurasian milfoil for Canaan Street Lake) and nutrient runoff threaten NH lakes
- In NH there are currently 88 infested waterbodies; 107 infestations (multiples in some lakes)
- Climate change has caused an increase overall lake temperature. 1 degree over 30 years
 - Heavy but short duration rains results in fluctuating water levels (impacts loons; impacts shoreline erosion)
 - Ice Out data – time of Ice Out has accelerated by 2-3 weeks earlier compared to 30 years ago
[see attachment]
 - Means longer growing season for invasive species
 - Longer exposure to heating trends
- Ms. Steiner noted that Canaan St Lake's conductivity level has increased over the past 30 years but for the last 10 years the chloride level has not. She stated that there is a need more data to understand this trend. [see attachment] ○ There was a question from the audience about road salt leaking into wells around the lake. Ms. Steiner indicated that the New Hampshire Drinking Water & Ground Water bureau has a revolving fund for chloride in wells and anyone who is concerned about their well should contact the State.

Approve 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting had been made available prior to this meeting and additional copies were provided at this meeting. The Vice President opened the floor for discussion and questions; as there were none she asked for approval of 2017 minutes as submitted.

Moved: Elizabeth Jutila

Seconded: Maria Clarke

Approved: all in attendance

Reports

Treasurer's report

Claude Lemoi presented the final accounting for 2017. At the close of the year CLA had an excess over budget of \$983.59, so \$1,000 was transferred into the Strategic Reserve Fund. At year end CLA had \$2,492.98 in checking and \$11,957.64 in the Strategic Reserve Fund. The Treasurer opened the floor for discussion and questions; as there were none he asked for approval of 2017 financial accounting as submitted.

Moved Trish Brown

Second: Elizabeth Jutila

Approved: all in attendance

Mr. Lemoi presented the 2018 proposed budget. He noted that the Lake Host program budget increased by \$400 due to NH Lakes mandated hourly rate increase and the hiring of a manager. The Treasurer opened the floor for discussion and questions; as there were none he asked for approval of 2018 proposed budget as submitted.

Moved: Mike Paine

Seconded: Carol Williams

Approved: all in attendance

Treasurer Lemoi also acknowledged that Cardigan Mountain School had graciously donated \$500 for lunch today and he wanted to extend a public thank you to CMS for their continued support of the Association.

Lake Host

Ann Berry/Elizabeth Jutila

Ms. Berry reported that there were 578 boats inspected during the 2017 boating season (110 motorized/ 430 non-motorized / 38 other). She noted that the Total Volunteer Hours Cash Equivalent for CLA was \$5,269, which entitled CLA to receive a grant award of \$1,450 from the NH Lakes program. These monies directly support the paid lake hosts.

Ms. Jutila reported that there are only 13 volunteers filling the 38 Volunteer Lake Host slots this summer (12-2:00pm Sat / Sun). The number of volunteers is down from last year and fewer volunteers are doing more work. She asked for additional volunteers for the balance of the summer. Ms. Jutila also made note that people can donate money in lieu of volunteering if they so wish. Donations can be made to the NH Lakes program in name of the Canaan St Lake. Those donations will come directly to our host program. (<https://tinyurl.com/canaan-host>)

Weed Watchers

Rick Roesch introduced the CLA weed watchers and thanked them for their continued efforts. He announced that there have been no incidences of milfoil or other invasives so far in 2018.

Loon Report

Elissa Close reported that there is an adult pair and one chick on Canaan St Lake, and that at last observation all were doing well. She and others completed the Canaan St Lake census report this morning that will be sent to the Loon Preservation Committee. She said that everyone can participate in loon watching throughout the summer and encouraged people to pick up a loon tracking sheet.

Of note is that there are 500 loons in NH whereas MN has 10,000 loons.

Water Quality Report

Rick Roesch, reporting for John Bergeron, announced that the water quality of CSL remains unchanged from the 2017 report. To access full report go to http://www.canaanlakenh.org/the_association.html. He did note that stream inflow to the lake is very low because of two years of drought and that this may have an impact on our water quality later in the season.

Water samples are taken 3x/year at the deepest part of the lake and at inflowing streams. These are sent to the State for analysis.

Photography Competition

Rick Roesch announced the winners of the 2018 CLA photography contest, judged by Linda Roesch.

- 1st Place – Kathy Kuy – *Sunset on Canaan Street Lake*
- 2nd Place - Sharon Weaver – *Loon & Chick*
- 3rd Place - Ashley Arsenal - *Ice Skaters*
- Honorable Mention – Karen Henry – *Sky and Shadows*
- Other contributors: Sue Franks, Mary Nordsy, Alix Olson

CLA Bylaws

Vice President Abington announced that there had been changes to the Association's Bylaws in 2018 that had been circulated to all members. She opened the floor for questions and discussion. There were no questions. Mr. Roesch was asked to speak about the new CLA Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee will be composed of members at large who wish to become more active, and previous Board members who wish to continue to advise and support the Board of Directors. Their first meeting will be announced later.

Election of Officers

Vice President Abington presented the proposed slate of officers and opened nominations from the floor. There being none, she asked for a motion to approve the slate as presented:

President: John Bergeron

Vice President: Kris Burnett

New Directors: Chris Day, Deb Hutchinson, Elizabeth Jutila, Karen Henry

Moved: Jan Forbush

Second: Carol Williams

Approved: all in attendance

Afternoon Activities

Vice President Abington announced that lunch has been provided for by Chris Day, Head of School, Cardigan Mountain School and music has been provided by David Cole. The CLA Annual Dog Show will commence after lunch.

2019 Annual Meeting: The next Annual Canaan Lake Association meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 20, 2019 at 10:30am

Recognition: Retiring Board member and Vice President Charlotte Abington was recognized and thanked for her years of service on the Board and many well-reasoned contributions to the Boards activities.

Adjournment: With no other business to conduct, the 2018 Canaan Lake Association Annual meeting was adjourned at 11:57am.