

**Canaan Lake Association (CLA)
Annual Meeting Minutes - Draft
Canaan Meetinghouse, Saturday, July 22, 2023**

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Karen Henry who welcomed all members in attendance, especially recognizing new members by name.

Karen displayed the CLA's mission on the screen, and recognized the numerous volunteers who fulfill this mission (see Volunteer Recognition on page 6). She extended the Association's sincere thank you to Bill VanZandt for his donation of morning coffee and lunch. Then, Karen displayed the agenda for the meeting.

Announcements

Karen made the following announcements:

- As requested by members at the 2022 Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors had pursued a variety of options with NH Lakes, the State of NH, and the Town of Canaan to deal with the potential issue of wake surfing on Canaan Street Lake. The best viable option was a warning sign about boating hazards, which has been installed at the boat ramp.
- As suggested at the 2022 Annual Meeting, a Facebook page has been created by Maria Clark for CLA. Karen cautioned members to be sure they access the correct page, as there are fake pages on the web which have been automatically generated by the Facebook system. Maria is maintaining the page, and Karen invited members to participate. She also urged anyone interested in helping to administer the Facebook page to contact Maria.
- Karen described the role of NH Lakes (education, legislative advocacy, Lake Smart program, Lake Host program, etc.). Partial funding for paid Lake Hosts is provided by a grant from NH Lakes, based in large part upon the number of hours volunteered by CLA members as Lake Hosts.
- Karen announced that the Town of Canaan completed the planned installation of the new water intake at the reservoir in 2022.
- CLA received an invitation from the Canaan Conservation Commission for members to attend an event focused on conserved lands in Canaan at the Meetinghouse on Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 PM.

Guest Speaker

Karen introduced Caroline Hughes, a Biologist from the Loon Preservation Committee. Caroline delivered a lively and informative presentation entitled “A Year in the Life of a Loon”. She shared some great photos of loons at various stages of their life cycle, along with many interesting facts about loons, their behaviors, their habitats, and threats to their species.

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes having been handed out to members present for review, Kim Franks made a motion they be approved and Brooke Adler seconded the motion. With no discussion forthcoming, the motion was approved with all in favor.

Treasurer’s Report

Claude Lemoi presented the actual financial results for 2022, which were audited and found to be complete and accurate. Results were quite favorable, with actual income almost \$2,000 greater than budget, due to very generous donations and \$450 of map and T-shirt sales. Also, expenses were about \$1,000 below budget. As a result, \$3,000 was transferred into CLA’s Strategic Reserves Account.

Claude summarized the proposed budget for 2023, which is similar to the prior year, and projects a \$600 surplus. If the surplus materializes, this money will be transferred into the Strategic Reserves Fund. Claude reported that income from member dues is currently on budget, and generous donations are once again being received, in excess of budget. The Board will consider a member’s suggestion to put some funds into CD’s to increase interest earnings. Jim Adler moved to approve the 2023 budget, Kim Franks seconded the motion, and it was approved with all in favor.

Lake Hosts

Elizabeth Jutila reported on another successful Lake Hosting year in 2022, with 777 boats inspected, 247 paid Lake Hours, and 213 volunteer hours, resulting in a sizable grant from NH Lakes of \$2,010 for this year. Elizabeth said this year has also been successful so far. Maria Clark, the volunteer coordinator, called for more volunteers to join the program and to sign up to cover open shifts on the schedule. Maria explained how to become a volunteer, and said there are 19 two hour shifts left to cover this year.

Weed Watchers

Rick Roesch, Weed Watcher Coordinator, thanked the many volunteer watchers (see page 6) who are safeguarding our lake against invasive plants and animals through the Weed Watcher Program.

Rick reported that there have been no reported invasive weed species or cyanobacteria blooms found so far this year. He cautioned that Purple Loosestrife may also become evident again in the coming month, and said that Weed Watchers will be looking for it. Most plants found last year were removed, except for one patch. It was discussed that Chinese Mystery Snails are spreading, and all members were encouraged to remove large snails from the lake (golf ball size and larger) and discard them in the trash or at least 50 feet from the lake, per DES guidance. Rick encouraged anyone who might be interested to join the weed watcher group.

Water Quality

Kristi Wilson provided a brief description of the NH VLAP Program, and reported on the water quality test results for 2022, as well as the first sample for 2023. She reported that the lake's water quality remains very good, with all results in the "good" range except for high chloride/ conductivity, which is caused mainly by road salt. She said the Board is working with state and local highway departments to reduce the use of salt in the Winter. Kristi also stated that test results have not revealed any high levels of cyanobacteria to date.

Loons

Elissa Close, the CLA representative to the state-wide Loon Preservation Committee, reported that the annual New Hampshire loon survey was performed on July 15th, and the results show a slow steady growth in the NH population. She described the one page fact sheet she has prepared regarding "Loons in Distress", and offered a copy to all in attendance. She also reported that caution signs had been placed on the lake again this year, in cooperation with a NH State Biologist. Lastly, she revealed the good news that, assuming this year's two chicks survive the season, our lake will have had six successful loon chicks in the last seven years, which is a good result.

Advisory Committee

Rick Roesch reported that the primary efforts of the Advisory Committee this year were to help the Board with the Annual Meeting and Lake Celebration Day. He encouraged anyone interested in joining the committee to contact him.

Election of Officers and Directors

Karen Henry noted that Claude Lemoi has reached the term limit as a Director, thanked him for his service to the Association, and announced the slate of candidates which was put forward by the Nominating Committee, as follows:

Elissa Close - Secretary/Treasurer
Maria Clark, Kim Franks, Kristi Wilson, John Dyer - 2 year terms as Directors

Karen asked the members present if there were any further nominations from the floor. There being no additional nominations, Charlotte Abington made a motion to accept the proposed slate of candidates, Brooke Adler seconded the motion, and it was approved with all in favor.

Photo Contest

Thirteen photos were submitted this year. Karen thanked David Cole and Tom Oppel for coordinating the contest, and recognized Linda Roesch for once again judging the entries. Karen displayed the First, Second, and Third place winning photographs on the presentation screen, noting that all of the submissions will be available on the CLA web site.

Gift certificates donated by Canaan Hardware & Supply, Chappy's, Red Wagon Bakery, and Canaan Village Pizza are being presented to the following winners:

First Place: Allison Furbish - "Rainbow"
Second Place: Karen Albert - "Twin Docks"
Third Place: David Auerbach - "Deer"

Honorable Mentions were awarded to Ashley Arsenal, Mariah David, and Mark Huckabone

Other Business

There was no other business raised by anyone in attendance.

Next Meeting

Karen Henry announced the next annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2024.

Adjournment

Kim Franks made a motion to adjourn, Brooke Adler seconded the motion, and with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Claude Lemoi
Secretary/Treasurer

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Canaan Lake Association appreciates our dedicated 2023 volunteers:

Weed Watchers monitor the lake for invasive species

Rick Roesch, Coordinator	Claude Lemoi	Julie Smith
Maria Clark	Carol Williams	Elissa Close
Linda Pendleton	Dan Forbush	Rob Schafer
Skip Pendleton	Ben Hayden	Sophia Havasy
Karen Albert	Leila Terhune	

Lake Hosts educate boaters and inspect boats and trailers for invasive species

Elizabeth Jutila, Paid Host Coordinator		
Maria Clark, Volunteer Host Coordinator		
Alissa Kline	Kim Franks	Rick Roesch
Elissa Close	Sandra Hayden	Claude Lemoi
Jim Adler	Karen Henry	Brett Schmidt
Kristi Wilson	David Cole	

Nominating Committee:

<u>John Bergeron</u> , Chair	Rick Roesch	Charlotte Abington
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Advisory Committee provides advice, experience, and assistance

Rick Roesch, Chair	David Auerbach	Richard Fox
Charlotte Abington	David Cole	Kristi Wilson
Kris Burnett	John Bergeron	

Board of Directors:

Karen Henry, President	Elizabeth Jutila, VP	Claude Lemoi, Sec/Treas
Chris Day	Maria Clark	Deb Hutchinson
Elissa Close	Kristi Wilson	Bill Stone
Kim Franks		