

**Canaan Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by President, Karen Henry at 4:40 PM; held in the Powers Room, Cardigan Commons.

Members present: Pres. Karen Henry, VP Elizabeth Jutila, Sec/Treas. Elissa Close Maria Clark, Kristi Wilson,
Also present from Board of Advisors for Annual Meeting planning were Claude Lemoi, John Bergeron, Charlotte Abbington

Elizabeth made the motion to APPROVE Minutes of 5/15/24 as amended.
Karen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report: (Elissa)
 - Approximately \$2,200 in dues and donations received to date, about evenly split between the two. Similar amounts received by this time in 2023. Income is on target.
 - Expenses also on target. First check (\$1,000) to NH Lakes for host payroll posted earlier this month. Second check for the same amount will be posted in early July. No funds remained in Lake Host account end of season last year. Water testing shows a \$100 credit carried over from last season which will partially cover first testing invoice.
 - \$26,000 in Strategic Reserve Account.
- Weed Watchers: Lake patrols have begun. No reports of invasive plants. Presence of Chinese Mystery Snails has increased dramatically. Recommendation is to remove as many as possible and discard in rubbish or far from beach.
- Water Quality: Kristi reported that VLAP testing begins 6/24/24. Testing by DES continues. After testing into November last season, Elizabeth and Liz (DES) have been back on the water since May taking samples as part of State testing. ~~CONDUCTIVITY was sampled and found to be somewhat lower than when last conducted in late fall. Sample reading of 82 μ mhos/cm, while lower than fall reading, remains elevated above the state median of 42.3 μ mhos/cm.~~
- Loons: (Elissa) loons are nesting in Outlet Cove. Site identified by Weed Watcher, Sophia Havasy on 6/19 and confirmed later that day by LPC volunteer and reported to Sunapee Region Biologist. Reported to Joe Roberts (CMS) who will alert staff/ students to protect the loon nest until egg(s) hatch. Appears to be at or near site last used by loons in 2015, at water's edge along lower lawn of a CMS staff residence. Loon Sanctuary signs were moved to reflect new nest location. There have been consistently 4 loons on the lake and Biologist was able to see 3 while conducting lake survey on 6/17/24. All 3 have adult plumage indicating that none are offspring from last summer. He also noted that Goose Pond has hosted 2 loon pairs in the past. A migrant pair is on the pond at present, but with no option to nest due to changes in shoreline from water drawdown. It is possible a displaced pair from Goose Pond may try to relocate to CSL. Thus far no territorial behavior between CSL loons has been observed.

* The conductivity was measured to be 82 micromhos/cm. This is lower than the measurement made last fall, yet remains well above the state median. (E)

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- Lake Hosts: (Elizabeth and Maria) 2024 season is off to a comfortable start. Paid staff have been conscientious and coverage has been consistent, with exception of one weekend since staffing began over Memorial Day weekend. Return of summer residents may add to volunteer coverage. A new, fairly prominent fishing boat on the lake belongs to a fishing guide/ bass fisherman from Hanover. This and other fishing boats on CLS represent an increase in power boats and fishing activity over past years. There is some concern regarding one power boat observed to have been repeatedly motoring at high speed across the lake. Observed, but no action taken to date.
- Social media: (Maria) Website is still getting requests to "friend" newcomers. It is monitored a couple of times a week; little editing required, mostly related to political comments. No complaints received. Karen has added her email as a contact on CLA webpage. Social media site will soon list CLA *url* facilitating a link from social media to the CLA Website.

BY-LAWS CHANGES re: Mission and Officers

- Karen read proposed MISSION STATEMENT
 - *Canaan Lake Association works to ensure the health of Canaan Street Lake, for the benefit of the natural world, and for its use and enjoyment by people of all ages, now and for generations to come.*
- Karen read proposed change in criteria related to OFFICERS:
 - *The executive authority of the Association shall be vested in a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, at least one of whom shall be a full-time resident of Canaan.*
- Following brief discussion,
 - **Kristi made the motion** to accept proposed Bylaws changes.
 - **Elizabeth seconded** the motion which **passed** unanimously.
- President's Report:
 - *Update on road salt:* Selectboard has been asked to speak with DOT regarding designation of Canaan Street from North Church to The Pinnacle as a low salt zone. The topic is a proposed agenda item for Selectboard approval at upcoming meeting.
 - Karen and Elissa attended *NH Lakes Congress* earlier this month.
 - Suggestion made by one speaker to increase participation in Lake Smart program by holding demonstration of Lake Smart evaluation, open to interested property owners at a resident's lakeshore property. Doing so may make the process less threatening, more helpful through observation.
 - *Source water protection:* A number of properties have changed hands and/or are under development around the lake. Newcomers to lake front property ownership appear unaware of regulations and expectations related to waterfront property.

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Discussion and concerns raised regarding recent development and land changes within the watershed. Would be helpful to identify Lake Association membership status of shorefront property owners as this may be an opportunity for education of new owners. Karen will research this information using tax map to match properties with CLA membership list.

ANNUAL MEETING planning with BOARD OF ADVISOR members: John, Claude, Charlotte in attendance

Theme: ***Protecting the Lake***

- Karen reviewed the AGENDA for the meeting.
 - No discussion nor changes to proposed agenda.

CHECKLIST reviewed and amended – ***see amended checklist***

Following Checklist review:

Elizabeth made the motion to adjourn.

Karen second the motion which **passed** unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 5:40p

NEXT MEETING: August 21, 2024 at 4:30 in the Powers Room, Cardigan Commons.

Respectfully submitted,

Elissa Close, Secretary CLA
6/23/24

21 August 2024 : Approved as amended. (E)