

## **LAKE ARROWHEAD CONSERVATION COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting was originally scheduled for August 27, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Fitzpatrick Residence in Limerick. The meeting was cancelled due to a severe storm. The meeting was rescheduled for October 9, 2011.

**October 9, 2011 at 1:00 pm  
At Clubhouse 2**

**PRESENT:** The following Board Members were present: Mike Fitzpatrick, President – Dave Sanfason, Vice President – Jean Burke, Treasurer – Tracie Doyle, Clerk – Phil Oreto – Robert O’Keefe - John Manning – Grant Writer, Larry Singelais

Our new auditor, Jason LeBlanc, was present at the meeting as well.

**ABSENT:** The following Board members were absent: Lynne Hawkes and Victor Wakefield

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at appx. 1:05pm.

**APPROVAL OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes from the annual meeting held on August 28, 2010 were presented. Dave Sanfason presented a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on August 28, 2010, which was seconded by John Manning. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

1. The following Board members were up for re-election: Lynne Hawkes, Phil Oreto and Victor Wakefield.
2. Victor Wakefield formally resigned (retired) prior to the annual meeting.
3. The Board accepted nominations from the floor and Kathy Hart was nominated to fill Victor’s seat on the Board. There were no other nominations. There was a motion to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers with the addition of Kathy Hart which was seconded and unanimously passed. Lynne Hawkes, Phil Oreto and Kathy Hart were unanimously elected to a three-year term.

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

1. The DEP discussed closing the boat ramp at the Ledgemere Dam when an inspector is not there. We are now on an annual review to determine whether the ramp should be closed. The DEP is very impressed with our efforts.
2. There has been a decrease in the number of documented milfoil catches leaving the lake.
3. Mike sent letters to the Maine Congressional Delegation regarding the negative impact of the lack of funding.

4. The red buoy markers are the MMI testing areas. The testing is still being conducted even though there is no funding.
5. We had some structural damage to our garage and minor damage to the boats due to the ice storms. LAC is allowing us to store both boats in the LAC garage this winter. The boats are winterized and put away. As a result, long term storage of the boats is still an issue for us.
6. Victor Wakefield has decided to leave his seat on the Board after many years of eagerly volunteering and providing support to our group.
7. Ted Baltis, who was a CBI inspector, decided to retire as well.
8. Thank you to both Victor and Ted for their dedication and support.
9. Mark Harris, one of our boat captains, has been tracking where the boats have been and how much milfoil they have removed. Thank you Mark Harris. His google map can be found on our website.
10. Mike Fitzpatrick stressed the importance of getting new members. Go out and get your neighbors to join.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. The Treasurer presented several written reports: Treasurer's Report, Budget v. Actual Expenses and Balance Sheet with previous year comparison and a current Balance Sheet. All reports were as of August 15, 2011.
2. We currently have \$19,448.21 in the bank.
3. We ended the season with less cash this year than last year. Jean estimates that we will have appx. \$19,000-\$20,000 left over in 2011 versus the \$24,000 we had left over in 2010.
4. We received an additional \$3,000 from the DEP because they had additional funds.
5. We currently have 130 active members which is the same amount of members that we had last year.
6. Dave Sanfason presented a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by John Manning and was unanimously approved.

#### **MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

1. The marketing committee chair, Diane Galvin, presented the report for her committee.
2. Purchased 5 more banners in bright green versus the yellow banners. The new banners say "Members Needed" versus "Donations Needed."
3. We now have LACC koozies for a \$5 donation. T-shirts, hats and hooded sweatshirts are still available. Golf shirts are currently being considered.
4. Published the annual newsletter in March which is our most important communication with our members each year.
5. She has membership forms if anybody needs them.
6. They provided advertising support for the annual yard sale.
7. Dave Sanfason presented a motion to accept the Marketing Committee Report, which was seconded by Jean Burke and unanimously approved.

## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

1. The fundraising committee chair, Tracie Doyle, presented the report for her committee.
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Yard Sale was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> and was a big success. Gross receipts from the sale, bake sale, sale of LACC gear and donations totaled \$5,396.86. There was a great article in the Waterboro Reporter about the yard sale with a picture.
3. Kathy Hart and Lucille Gilchrest are in charge of the next yard sale currently scheduled for June 2, 2012 with a rain date of June 3, 2012. Please notify us if you would like to volunteer or donate items.
4. We had our first BIG 50/50 Cash Raffle this year. The drawing was held after the yard sale. Our goal was to sell 500 tickets; however, we only sold 435. This resulted in a profit of \$3,700 to LACC.
3. Fishing Tournament in August hosted by the Arrowhead Prop Busters resulted in a donation of \$970, which includes a \$100 donation from the Northeast Bassmasters. Thank you Northeast Bassmasters.
4. Phil Oreto presented a report on his golf tournament fundraiser that was held in August which raised \$800. Preparation for the fourth annual golf tournament has already begun. Please notify us if you are interested.
5. Details for the 2012 fundraisers will be posted to our website [www.laccme.org](http://www.laccme.org).
6. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to help please let us know.
7. We need new people to volunteer. We cannot win this battle without you helping us. Please volunteer.
8. Motion by Dave Sanfason to accept the Fundraising Report seconded by Phil Oreto and unanimously approved.

## **SUCTION HARVESTER/COURTESY BOAT INSPECTION & BENTHIC BARRIER REPORT:**

1. Dave Sanfason presented the suction harvester/courtesy boat inspection and benthic barrier report.
2. LEA wanted to do a one hour movie on us to use us as an example of how to run a milfoil program.
3. Our programs began on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The CBI program concluded Labor Day and the DASH program ran until September 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. Our CBI inspectors work 8 hours per day during the week and 10 hours per day on the weekends.
5. Some of our divers became boat captains this year which was worth it.
6. Our lead diver, Gino Valeriani, and his son, Delian Valeriani, were present at the meeting. Delian is one of our divers in addition to being the creator of our benthic barriers.
7. There are 180 benthic barriers in the lake now.
8. Proof we are on top of the VLM: the big coves have less milfoil and the CBI catches have decreased from 300 in 2010 to 141 in 2011.
9. Special thanks to our pit crew....Scott Davis and others who are on top of repairing our boats when we need them.

10. Gino spoke during the meeting and expressed how happy he was to help us. It is not all about the money for him. He feels respected and needed, and he is amazed by our pit crew.
11. Gino stated that we are the most organized group that he has seen in the state.
12. Gino stated that productivity went up when some divers became boat captains because of the trust issue. The captain is responsible for the safety of the diver.
13. Gino and Delian provided us with video of them harvesting milfoil near the Eastern Shores and Little Ossippee lake feed.
14. Gino stated that the Brown Brook area is the hardest to harvest; therefore, they use barriers there.
15. The feeds are the most infested with the milfoil.
16. Expressed the importance of collecting milfoil whenever you see it.
17. Jean Burke presented a question to Gino.. Have you seen new growth in areas that were harvested last year? Gino responded yes and stated that they may have missed the growth or they were smaller plants last year and larger plants this year.
18. John Manning asked Gino how hard is it to pull up? Gino responded that you just can't pull it up. You need to get the roots of the plant. Some areas are harder to harvest than others. You may need garden tools to pull up.
19. Gino states that everyone should keep an eye out for plans that look out of the ordinary.
20. Motion by Tracie Doyle to accept this report that was seconded by Jean Burke and unanimously approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. We were approached by the parks and recreation director of the Town of Waterboro who asked us if we wanted to run the CBI program on Ossippee Lake on the weekends. The funding for the program would need to come from Waterboro. We will discuss it over the winter and get back to them.

#### **MEMBERS CONCERNS:**

1. Mrs. Schultz – Any studies on silt in lakes? Silt helps the milfoil grow. We need to do something with the silt. Mike Fitzpatrick responded MMI is working on this issue in their study.
2. Mike Fitzpatrick discussed how there is a land bridge on the Ossippee side of the lake that joins an off shore island. The water is blocked as a result of this bridge. The property owners want a culvert to help with the water flow because they see their waterfront turning into swamps. If the water flow is returned to that area, it will remove the silt. The landowners were looking for help and we got the DEP to look at the situation.
3. There is a water and land division of the DEP. We deal with the water division.
4. Our water has been tested several times during the year through VLMP and our water tester, Carol Carey. Our water clarity has been right on.

5. John Festa - Discussions on how the DEP prohibits dredging and potential draw downs during the winter months. Mike Fitzpatrick stated that we need to deal with the dam owners and they have been great this year.
6. John Festa - He wanted to know if we have a membership list so we know who is a member or not? Mike Fitzpatrick referred him to the Harvester google map created by Mark Harris.
7. John Festa – He recommended putting a box at the boat ramp at the dam for donations. CBI inspectors stated that people don't seem willing to spend money at the boat ramps.
8. Gino stated that he cannot pull anything but milfoil because the DEP checks the baskets.
9. Bob Carriere - Thanked the Board. He also recommended identifying the membership dues as donations as a way to generate more members and more money. He further stated that the dues are tax deductible if someone itemizes their deductions.
10. We thanked our new auditor for being present.

**CONCLUSION OF MEETING:** Motion by Dave Sanfason to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Phil Oreto and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at appx. 2:36 pm.

Submitted on January 12, 2012 by Tracie L. Doyle, Secretary/Clerk of LACC