



LAKE ARROWHEAD CONSERVATION COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

**August 25, 2012 at 10:00 am
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 – Lynne Hawes – Kathy Hart - Grant Writer, Larry Singelais

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at appx. 10:05 am.

APPROVAL OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the annual meeting held on October 9, 2011 were presented. Dave Sanfason presented a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on October 9, 2011, which was seconded by Mike Fitzpatrick. The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

1. The following Board members were up for re-election: Mike Fitzpatrick, Jean Burke and Tracie Doyle.
2. The Board accepted nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations. There was a motion to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers which was seconded and unanimously passed. Mike Fitzpatrick, Jean Burke and Tracie Doyle were unanimously elected to a three-year term.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

1. The Town of Limerick did not support us this year and the Town of Waterboro did.
2. LACC started its own personal milfoil service this year “pay to play”. Homeowner’s now have the opportunity to rent a DASH with diver to clean their waterfront. To date, we have had three homeowner’s sign up for the program, and they seem to be satisfied.
3. We have formed a great relationship with the new owners of the dam, EPICO. There was great communication this year between LACC and the operator of the dam to control the water level. The local head of operations for EPICO came to the July LAC meeting to fill us in on their plan to rebuild the flash board system with improved materials that should last longer. Their plan is to conduct the project early next spring. LAC took the opportunity to ask for a winter draw down, and they did not get an outright NO. It appears that EPICO is willing to negotiate a winter draw down. We have approval from

the IF&W and are working with the DEP regarding the required study. Once we have our government approvals, we will start more serious negotiations with EPICO.

4. We received a surprise grant of \$2,500 from MMI.
5. We need all of our members to help with fundraising. Fundraisers help us avoid raising membership dues. It cannot always be the same people. So please help.

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 20, 2012.
2. We currently have \$38,064.63 in the bank, and she expects it to be \$20,000 at the end of the year after she pays some remaining expenses.
3. We have 123 members in good standing, down slightly from last year.
4. Jean projects that we will end this season with less cash on hand than last year.
5. We need to budget \$63,000 to run two boats for 5 days per week and the CBI for 60 hours per week for 11 weeks. Of the \$63,000, \$58,000 is to run the program and \$5,000 is to cover business expenses.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. The fundraising committee chair, Tracie Doyle, presented the report for her committee.
2. The president stressed the importance of raising more money. If we don't raise more money, we will have to cut the DASH program.
3. 4th annual Yard Sale was held on June 9th and was a big success. Gross receipts from the sale, bake sale, sale of LACC gear and donations totaled \$4, 146.30. There was a great article in the Waterboro Reporter about the yard sale with a picture.
4. Kathy Hart and Lucille Gilchrest are in charge of the next yard sale currently scheduled for June 1, 2013 with a rain date of June 2, 2013. Please notify us if you would like to volunteer or donate items.
5. We no longer have the storage options available to us. We need to find a location to store the items for the yard sale next year. Neal Costello volunteered his house for storage as well as a cotton candy, snow cone and popcorn machine for the yard sale.
6. There was a discussion on possibly obtaining a donated storage locker. If anyone has any ideas as to where we can store items for next year's yard sale, please let us know.
7. This year we are selling 50/50 Cash Raffle tickets up until the end of this meeting when the drawing will take place. As of now, we have sold 440 of the 500 tickets for a total of \$8,800. This results in a profit of \$3,800 to LACC.
8. Fishing Tournament in August hosted by the Arrowhead Prop Busters resulted in a donation of \$1,065 which is larger than last year. APB plans to hold another tournament next year.
9. Phil Oreto presented a report on his golf tournament fundraiser that was held in August which raised \$1,000, which was more than last year. Preparation for the next annual golf tournament has already begun. Please notify us if you are interested.
10. Details for the 2013 fundraisers will be posted to our website www.laccme.org.
11. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to help please let us know.
12. We need new people to volunteer, and we need people to run fundraisers.

SUCTION HARVESTER/COURTESY BOAT INSPECTION & BENTHIC BARRIER REPORT:

1. Dave Sanfason presented the suction harvester/courtesy boat inspection and benthic barrier report.
2. There is a link on our website which shows when, how much and when we harvested milfoil this season. This program was developed by Mark Harris.
3. Our CBI inspectors work 10 hours per day on Saturday and Sunday and 8 hours per day Monday through Friday. The DEP considers this to be the most important program because of the catches.
4. There are currently 50 CBI programs in the State of Maine and we have the most catches.
5. Benthic barriers – we currently have 80 squares in the Brown Brook area.
6. Benthic barriers are two 10X10 triangles used to form a square. They are available for purchase.
7. We currently have appx. 7 coves that are in good shape and have no current “hose worthy” blooms.
8. A member asked what we do with the milfoil once it is removed from the lake – we make compost with it by mixing it with screened loam and wood chips and LAC sells it to the members for only a delivery charge.
9. Our strategy has been to remove large growth, old growth, blooms from the main boating channels, revisit the coves that we cleared last year and to harvest the three main feeds of the lake.
10. We are definitely making changes. Coves are reporting less milfoil and the CBI are reporting less catches than last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MEMBERS CONCERNS:

1. Dale Schultz stated that we need to be careful about the messages that we send out.
2. Mr. Marrow from Hamilton Way (Brown Brook area) doesn't live in LAC but is trying to get his neighbors to join.
3. John Festa asked if a letter goes out to the LAC members about LACC and the membership and the effect on the property values. This was the first year that we did not include a LACC newsletter with the LAC spring newsletter. We have done so in previous years. However, three times per year, the Lake Improvement Committee provides an update on the milfoil removal in the LAC newsletter.
4. There was a discussion on how LAC can't release their membership information. John Festa stated that he would help get the names and addresses of LAC members from the Town Hall etc so that we can try to improve our membership. John Festa will work with Lynne Hawkes on that membership drive.
5. We received \$15,000 as a donation from LAC this year.
6. There was a discussion with Steve Dawson about “pay to play” or the personal milfoil service. We make about \$75 per trip from the program.

7. Aaron Morris stated that he was interested in pay to play.
8. Dale Schultz asked if the Town could send information with the taxes. “No” seemed to be the answer.
9. Tracie Doyle stated that she and Steve Dawson talked about LACC door hangers and Steve Dawson volunteered to help with those.

RAFFLE DRAWING:

A neutral person chose the winners for the 50/50 cash raffle:

First prize \$3,000 – Rit and Brenda Pinette from North Waterboro

Second prize \$1,500 – Tim Doyle from Dracut, Mass

Third prize \$500 – Donny Cogswell from Tewksbury, MA

CONCLUSION OF MEETING: There was a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at appx. 12:15 pm.

Submitted on January 13, 2013 by Tracie L. Doyle, Secretary/Clerk of LACC