

LAKE ARROWHEAD CONSERVATION COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

August 22, 2009 at 7:00 pm

at the Fitzpatrick Residence in Limerick

PRESENT: The following Board Members were present: Mike Fitzpatrick, President – Dave Sanfason, Vice President – Jean Burke, Treasurer – Tracie Doyle, Clerk – Victor Wakefield – Phil Oreto – Carol Carey

ABSENT: The following Board members were absent: Evan Grover and Patrick Caron

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at appx. 7:26 pm.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the last meeting held on May 16, 2009 were presented. Dave Sanfason presented a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on May 16, 2009, which was seconded by Phil Oreto. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the annual meeting held on August 23, 2008 were presented for approval at the meeting held on May 16, 2009 and were unanimously accepted.

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 and there were none. Dave Sanfason moved to close the nominations, which was seconded by Phil Oreto and unanimously passed. Mike Fitzpatrick, Jean Burke and Tracie Doyle were unanimously elected to another three-year term.
3. Dave Sanfason presented a motion for one vote for the slate of officers, which was seconded by Phil Oreto and unanimously passed. The slate of officer would remain the same: Mike Fitzpatrick, President – Dave Sanfason, Vice President - Jean Burke, Treasurer – Tracie Doyle, Secretary/Clerk

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Thanked the Board and members for their help and support.
2. Discussed our three major operations this year:
 - a. First year with our suction harvester, the SS Arrowhead. SS Arrowhead has been going since Father's Day and will run until Labor Day weekend six days per week. We have three divers and three captains.
 - b. The CBI program has been also running since Father's Day and will run until Labor Day weekend and is running seven days per week.
 - c. The Benthic Barrier benefited from the Board vote to hire a part-time VLMP trained diver.

3. Discussed our two major fundraisers this year, which were the yard sale in June with the Liberty Mutual Fundraiser and the fishing tournament in August hosted by the Lake Arrowhead Prop Busters. Both fundraisers resulted in appx. \$4,0000. to LACC.
4. At the state level, we continue to work with the DEP, COLA, LEA and Maine VLMP. This year we presented our suction harvester at the Annual Milfoil Summit at U-Maine.
5. At the county level, Dave Sanfason presented at the York County Soil and Erosion Commission Symposium on Aquatic Invasive on the Little Ossipee River Water Shed.
6. At the local level, we held a name the suction harvester contest with the Limerick and Waterboro Elementary Schools. Each school got a \$50 donation to their library fund and the contest winner got a \$50 gift certificate to Walmart.
7. At the federal level, we will be working with Jackie Bailey a graduate student from U-Maine who is conducting a three-year study on milfoil. If the federal earmark is approved, she will be the director. It has passed the Senate and is going to the House of Reps next month. She is looking for a group that is organized and set up and ready for funding. We will be one of the seven test bed lakes.
8. We need to drive up membership. We cannot get a second suction harvester until we have at least \$45K-\$50K of revenue. Talk to your neighbors and get them to join.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. The Treasurer presented several reports: Treasurer's Report, Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for 2009, Balance sheet for 2009 and Statement of Cash Flow for 2009. All reports were as of August 15, 2009.
2. On August 15, 2009, the budget was at 51% spent and 52% revenue collected.
3. We have total cash of \$24,684.42 - \$9,360.83 operating account, \$15,223.59 CD and Money Market Account and \$100 petty cash. We currently have 115 members in good standing and collected \$11,000. in dues for 2009.
4. We filed our first IRS form - Form 990 on August 15, 2009 with the help of the CPA that we hired, Fred Going. The Treasurer also presented the 2008 Post Closing Financial Reports.
5. Phil Oreto presented a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Dave Sanfason and was unanimously approved.

MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. The marketing committee chair, Diane Galvin, presented the report for her committee.
2. The committee purchased banners that were placed around the lake.
3. The committee published the second newsletter, which was included in the LAC annual mailing for a nominal charge. Printing of the newsletter was a donation to LACC.
4. The committee created new membership forms for the membership drive.
5. The committee supported all fundraisers by advertising and posting notices.
6. Dave Sanfason presented a motion to accept the Marketing Committee Report, which was seconded by Jean Burke and unanimously approved.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. The membership committee chair, Mike Fitzpatrick, presented the report for his committee.
2. At the annual meeting in 2008, we had 94 members. In 2009, we have 115 members in good standing. Eleven members from 2008 did not renew. The good news: 32 new homes joined LACC.
3. LAC has 267 waterfront homes; this does not include the homes on Lake Arrowhead that are not part of LAC. There are 152 in Waterboro and 115 in Limerick.
4. The President asked everybody to become involved. Get out there and get your neighbors to join.
5. The committee is exploring more membership drives.
6. The committee plans on knocking on the doors of the non-LAC members and leaving membership forms and newsletters.
7. Membership renewal forms will be going out by the end of the year.
8. It is important to drive membership up because we receive a membership matching grant from LAC up to \$12,500.
9. We need at least \$45K-\$50K per year in order to operate two harvesters.
10. Dave Sanfason presented a motion to accept the membership committee report that was seconded by Victor Wakefield 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. All programs will run Father's Day to Labor Day.
3. CBI – inspects boats entering and leaving Ledgemere Dam ramp – seven days per week – 60 hours per week- we have had over 80 catches which was more than all of the other programs combined.
4. Benthic Barriers – volunteers removed barriers in the Brown Brook area in June. The board did vote to hire a diver to do further work. The diver moved barriers at Tower and Ridgeway Beaches and Bay Cove. 35 10X10X11 triangles with rebar and a sand bag were placed in the Brown Brook area of the lake. Every 8 weeks next year, one person can move the 35 barriers.
5. Suction Harvester “SS Arrowhead” – We have three divers and three captains working eight hours per day six days per week. The harvester has been working in several coves and has cleared a marked channel at the Brown Brook area of the lake 400' long to connect with the 200' benthic channel already there. We have cleared a channel in front of Ridgeway Beach. We have filled 16 baskets of milfoil – each basket = 100 onion bags of milfoil. Next year we plan on concentrating on passages and ends.
6. Member Question – Steve Burke – How much milfoil can you clear in one week? D Depends on the conditions ie how close to shore and how old the plants are, maybe half an acre per day.
7. SS Arrowhead requires 3 feet of clean water to harvest and divers can go up to 60 feet from the boat.

8. Mike Fitzpatrick commented that the conditions of our grant from the DEP were to keep the two boat ramps clean, move the boat around, and create a channel in the Brown Brook area. We are expecting more milfoil markers from the DEP.
9. Member Comment – Bob Gilcrest – We should find out the cost of the benthic triangles so that people can make them.
10. Dave Sanfason – This is going to be a long marathon and there are no quick results.
11. Member Question – John Hart – If a cove had no members, would the SS Arrowhead work the cove? If the cove was active and it affects the lake, yes.
12. SS Arrowhead has spent 30% of its time in the Brown Brook area.
13. Member Concern – Ken Allen – He is dissatisfied with the program and stated that we promised to work two days per week in the Brown Brook area and he believes that we haven't been there. We have spent 30% of the time in that area and have placed 10 marker buoys and all of the barriers in the Brown Brook area. We expect 10 more buoy markers for that area. SS Arrowhead worked the channel and the barriers are better for shallow water
14. Motion by Victor Wakefield to accept this report that was seconded by Phil Oreto and unanimously approved.

LAKE MONITORING REPORT:

1. Carol Carey, our lake monitor, presented her written report.
2. Carol has been part of the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program for two years.
3. Water quality monitoring of the lake started in 1999.
4. Water quality of the lake is considered to be below average based on measures of the SDT. The potential for nuisance algal blooms is low.
5. There is little dissolved oxygen depletion in deep areas of the lake.
6. Motion by Dave Sanfason to accept the Lake Monitoring Report was seconded by Victor Wakefield and unanimously approved.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. The fundraising committee chair, Tracie Doyle, presented the report for her committee.
2. Yard Sale in June was a big success. Gross receipts from the sale, bake sale and 50/50 raffle were \$3,275. and expenses were \$112 for a net profit of \$3,163. Also received a donation from Jason Tremblay and Liberty Mutual in the amount of \$200 for a separate fundraising drive.
3. Fishing Tournament in August hosted by the Arrowhead Prop Busters resulted in a donation of \$524.40.
4. Still selling t-shirts and hats for \$20 each and started selling sweatshirts for \$45.
5. SS Arrowhead entered the LAC boat parade for the 4th of July.
6. 2nd annual yard sale in June of 2010. Start gathering items and details will be announced later. If you have items to donate to the yard sale or would like to volunteer, please email us.
7. Hopefully APB will have a 2nd annual fishing tournament.
8. Possible fundraiser for next year is a giant 50/50 raffle that will last several months with prize money in the thousands.
9. Details for the 2010 fundraisers will be posted to our website www.laccme.org.
10. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to help please let us know.

11. We need new people to volunteer. It is tough work and it is always the same faces. We cannot win this battle without you helping us. Please volunteer.
12. Motion by Dave Sanfason to accept the Fundraising Report seconded by Jean Burke and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We have received questions – would we rent the boat when the season is done. There will be future discussion on this issue. Should we rent the boat at all and if so, do we rent to others or to our members.
2. Member Comment – Dave Cheney – He has been on Leisure Lane for five years. He is a diver and deals with harvesters in the marine construction business. He dived in Doyle Cove and hand harvested. He did a good job and stopped two years ago. The milfoil is back. He thanked the group for their hard work.
3. Member comment – Scott Davis – He is the LAC public works director. He has been using the lake for four to five years. We had water this year with no dam issues because of one person - Mike Fitzpatrick.
4. Mike Fitzpatrick commented that we filed a complaint with the DEP regarding the dam and FERC is investigating the mismanagement of the dam over the last four to five years. We are trying to help with proactive management of the dam so that we have water.
5. There was a question about herbicide. DEP will treat Salmon Lake with chemicals for Eurasian milfoil. Still no chemicals for variable leaf milfoil.
6. FYI – Little Sebago has had some funding problems and has cut some of its operations.
7. Nice article in the LEA newsletter about our programs.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING: Motion by Dave Sanfason to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Victor Wakefield and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at appx. 9:00 pm.

Submitted on September 17, 2009 by Tracie L. Doyle, Secretary/Clerk of LACC