

LAKE ARROWHEAD CONSERVATION COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

August 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm

at the Fitzpatrick Residence in Limerick

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at appx. 7:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the last meeting held on June 21, 2008 were presented. A motion to accept the minutes was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED BYLAWS:

- a. Tracie Doyle amended the Bylaws according to the motions that were approved at the meeting on June 21, 2008. Tracie discussed the changes with the members.
- b. The officer section of the Bylaws was amended to mimic the LAC Bylaws. The officer positions were changed to the following: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Clerk/Secretary. Officers will be elected annually by the Board of Directors. Language regarding resignation and removal of officers was added to the Bylaws.
- c. The Board of Director section of the Bylaws was amended to mimic the LAC Bylaws. There will be nine board members who will serve a three-year term. The board members will be elected at the annual meeting. Language regarding resignation and removal of board members was added to the Bylaws.
- d. The Treasurer section was amended to remove the requirement of an annual audit, which is costly. The section was amended to require an annual compilation of the business records for the annual meeting.
- e. A motion to accept the amended Bylaws was unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

- a. The following Board members were up for re-election: Victor Wakefield, Pat Caron and Phil Oreto.
- b. The Board accepted nominations from the floor and there were none. Dave Sanfason moved to close the nominations, which was unanimously approved. Victor Wakefield, Pat Caron and Phil Oreto were unanimously elected to another three-year term.
- c. There was a motion for one vote for the slate of officers which was unanimously approved. 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:

- a. President thanked all Board members for their help and support.
- b. President went over LACC's accomplishments in the last year:
 - a. Formed 501c3.
 - b. Built relationships with DEP, COLA, Maine VLMP and Maine Renewables.
 - c. We positioned ourselves as one of the initial test bed lakes for the four million dollar federal earmark.
 - d. We obtained a 10%-20% reduction in lakefront land assessment values in the Town of Limerick due to the milfoil.
 - e. The Towns of Limerick and Waterboro donated \$7,500. each to help build our suction harvester.
 - f. DEP recognizes LACC as the group responsible for the CBI program.
 - g. DEP contribution to milfoil remediation increased from two to six thousand.
 - h. Suction harvester is up and running thanks to Shannon Doyle, Dave Sanfason, Scott Davis and Bill Roberts.
 - i. Installation of benthic barriers in the Brown Brook area.
 - j. We clearly defined the relationship between LAC and LACC.
 - k. LAC donated the pontoon boat to LACC for the suction harvester – in return LAC will use the boat for the markers, beaches and water crossings and LAC will also winterize and store the boat for LACC.
- c. President gave a special thank you to Larry Singelais for his grant writing, which helped us get a \$2,000. grant from the Grass Roots Foundation. The President also thanked Larry Singelais for his help in getting the 501c3 formed along with preparing the initial corporation documents and bylaws.
- d. The President introduced Mike D'Angelis the new LAC President and also a new member of LACC. A special thanks went out to LAC for all of their support and help.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. The Treasurer had several reports to show the members including profit and loss statements and a projected budget for 2009.
- b. The first report showed LACC's cash flow and the carry over of appx. \$21,621.41 into 2009. We currently have \$19,814.87 in the bank and are expecting another \$2,000. from LAC and \$3,506.25 from the DEP. Expenses throughout the rest of the year should be appx. \$3,699.71.
- c. We have received one grant for \$2,000. and almost \$10,000. in membership dues.
- d. We have made a profit from the LACC gear. We have also received money from the Towns of Limerick and Waterboro in the amount of \$7,500. each. We have received \$6,000. from the DEP for milfoil remediation.
- e. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT:

- a. The marketing committee chair, Diane Galvin, presented the report for her committee.
- b. The committee created the LACC logo.
- c. The committee published the first newsletter in November of 2007 and then created updates in July of 2008.
- d. The committee created membership forms for the membership drive.
- e. Since July, we have been selling LACC gear, which includes hats and t-shirts. The cost is \$20 each.
- f. Steve Herman created a design for 10 yellow banners and 20 signs, which will be distributed throughout Lake Arrowhead.
- g. In the year to come, the committee plans on a spring newsletter, postcard mailings, more LACC gear and support for any fundraising activities.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

- a. The membership committee chair, Mike Fitzpatrick, presented the report for his committee.
- b. We have 95 members, which is good, but we need more. We have received appx. \$10,000. in membership dues.
- c. LAC has 267 waterfront homes, this does not include the homes on Lake Arrowhead that are not part of LAC.
- d. The President asked everybody to become involved in the neighborhood challenge. Get out there and get your neighbors to join.
- e. The committee is exploring more membership drives and direct mailings.
- f. The committee plans on knocking on the doors of the non LAC members and leaving membership forms and newsletters.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

- a. The strategic planning committee chair, Larry Singelais, presented the report for his committee. The committee is made up of Larry Singelais, Mark Harris and Mike Fitzpatrick.
- b. This committee's job is to set forth realistic goals for LACC to achieve.
- c. Our short-term goal has been to set up the 501c3 and to organize the operations of LACC. As we enter our second year, we need to identify our long-term goals of where we want LACC to be in 3-5 years.
- d. We applied for three grants this year and only received one. Due to the economy, many funders have made environmental needs second seat. As a result, our most likely area of increased funding is from increased memberships.
- e. Some of the areas under construction for future plans are:
 - a. Increase percentage of memberships and donations.
 - b. Develop a master mailing list and procedure for collecting dues/donations.
 - c. Identify long term plans for expected funding from Limerick and Waterboro
 - d. Investigate issues related to dam ownership.

- e. Submit grant applications in the area of 3-4 per year.
- f. Second suction harvester.
- f. We need to increase our income.....

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:

- a. The fundraising committee chair, Tracie Doyle, presented the report for her committee, which consists of Kathy Hart, Lucille Gilchrest and Susan Sanfason.
- b. This committee was just formed and just getting started.
- c. In April, the committee sent out over 30 letters to various Home Depot stores, Lowe's and local hardware stores for donations. Unfortunately, there have not been many responses.
- d. In the spring, the committee will be having a yard sale at a location and time to be announced. We are asking all members to spread the word to their families and friends to donate items to LACC for the yard sale. Items should be in good condition and we are asking that you do not donate text books, encyclopedias, stuffed animals, computer equipment/monitors or televisions. The more items we have the better because it is pure profit for LACC. We will make arrangements to pick up items if requested and will provide receipts for donated items upon request. This should be a great fundraising event and we will be seeking volunteers to help with the yard sale and to transport items to the sale site.
- e. If you have items to donate to the yard sale or would like to volunteer, please email Tracie at tracieldoyle@comcast.net.
- f. We planned to have a fishing tournament this past summer with the help of Charlie Moore, unfortunately it did no work out. We will be holding a fishing tournament in the summer of 2009.
- g. This committee is working hand in hand with the marketing committee and members from both committees have been present at the first annual LAC boat parade that was held on the 4th of July, Waterboro Old Home Day and the first annual LAC canoe and kayak race.
- h. This committee welcomes all ideas and/or comments.

SUCTION HARVESTER COMMITTEE REPORT:

- a. The suction harvester committee co-chair, Dave Sanfason, presented the report for his committee, which consists of co-chair Shannon Doyle, Scott David, Bill Roberts and Mark Plummer.
- b. Our harvester was conceived using information from two previous harvesters: a prototype used in Lake Arrowhead in 2004 and the one in operation with the Little Sebago Lake Association.
- c. Our harvester uses a large basket system to collect milfoil where others use the onion bag process. We feel our new, improved design is much more efficient and much less labor intensive.
- d. The suction harvester was parked at the Fitzpatrick residence for member inspection. The boat will be moored in Bay Cove and will be stored in the old LAC garage.

- e. Work on the suction harvester began in May and LAC donated the labor of Bill Roberts, Mark Plummer and Scott Davis, without whom this project would not have been accomplished. We owe LAC and these workers a tremendous debt of gratitude.
- f. The total cost of the boat was \$25,400. LAC donated \$18,400., which includes in-kind labor and LACC paid \$7,000.
- g. On August 12, 2008, LAC donated the boat to LACC.
- h. The boat will operate Monday-Saturday, Father's Day to Labor Day next season.
- i. There will be limited harvesting this season, lake level and weather permitting.
- j. We have two trained divers in milfoil extraction and harvesting ready to work. These two divers will then train two others.

LAKE MONITORING REPORT:

- a. Carol Carey, our lake monitor was not present at the meeting, but she submitted a written report.
- b. Carol has been part of the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program for two years.
- c. Water quality in Lake Arrowhead is conducted by using a secchi disk.
- d. The water quality of Lake Arrowhead is considered to be below average based on the measures of the secchi disk transparencies.
- e. Carol was informed that the potential for nuisance algal blooms on Lake Arrowhead is low.
- f. Lake Arrowhead is a moderately colored lake with an average depth of 12.5 feet.
- g. In June of this year, Carol went to Auburn to be trained in using the dissolved oxygen meter that uses a 25 foot cable to read at different depths.
- h. The reports of the water quality and dissolved oxygen go to VLMP.
- i. The only dissolved oxygen profile for our lake was taken in 2001, which showed little dissolved oxygen depletion in deep areas of the lake.
- j. It will take some time before Carol can determine what is "normal" for dissolved oxygen.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The York County Soil Commission is interesting in partnering with us for 2009. The President will be speaking with them in September. It is unknown at this time what they have in mind. The President will keep us updated.
- b. We will be working on purchasing sweatshirts for sale through the marketing committee.
- c. Larry Singelais gave a special thanks to our President, Mike Fitzpatrick, for all of his hard work, dedication and donated time.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at appx. 8:30 pm.

Submitted on October 9, 2008 by Tracie L. Doyle, Secretary/Clerk of LACC