

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

**August 24, 2013 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 – John Manning – Lynne Hawes – Kathy Hart

**ABSENT:** The following Board members were absent: Bob O’Keefe

**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 August 25, 2012 were presented. Phil Oreto presented a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on August 25, 2012, which was seconded by Dave Sanfason. The motion passed unanimously.

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

1. The following Board members were up for re-election: Dave Sanfason, Bob O’Keefe and John Manning.
2. Bob O’Keefe formally resigned from the Board shortly before the annual meeting.
3. The Board accepted nominations from the floor. There was a nomination for Louanne Romaneck to take Bob O’Keefe’s seat on the board. There were no other nominations. There was a motion by Dave Sanfason to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers with the addition of Louanne Romaneck which was seconded by Phil Oreto and unanimously passed. Dave Sanfason, John Manning and Louanne Romaneck were unanimously elected to a three-year term.

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

1. There was a discussion about the spring dam repairs and how the owners made some solid repairs to the dam. They used two inch boards, cleaned the intake grates and fixed the automatic spillway gates.
2. The spring draw down left the milfoil exposed which resulted in a significant amount of floating milfoil when the water came back up. The DASH were deployed to use pool skimmers to pick up as much as they could. As a result, there is a concern that areas that have been harvested may have significant re-growth next year as a result of the draw down.
3. The Town of Limerick supported us this year and placed us on the annual town meeting ballot. The voters supported us and Limerick gave us \$3,000. Special thank you to Larry Singelais for his efforts in campaigning to get the vote for our cause.

4. The Town of Waterboro continues to see the value in our actions and also granted us funding through the normal town meeting warrant article.
5. Shortly before the meeting, the DEP visited to tour the lake with Mike and Dave. There were discussions about the possible effects of the spring drawn down and the concern about the milfoil that has sunk to the bottom by the shorelines. There were also discussions of the possibility of chemical applications in areas that are difficult, if not impossible to work in with currently approved methods. The DEP stated it would be looking into what we would need to do to treat areas with an approved chemical treatment plan. The DEP has never chemically treated a water body with an existing VLM infestation so they need to develop permitting and financial regulations to do this. So, we got a promise that they will look into it over the winter time. Many issues need to be resolved before chemicals could be used and one major concern is to make sure that the LAC drinking wells would not be impacted by chemical application.
6. We had problems with the divers and benthic barriers in the Brown Brook area. Our divers developed severe skin rashes. As a result, we started testing the water and the water tested well. It appears that methane gas was released from the breakdown under the barriers. Because of this, we are spreading the barriers out more to avoid this issue.
7. Brown Brook may be a good pilot case for the herbicidal treatment.
8. We would never be where we are today without the help from the LAC community.
9. Without the dedication of the LACC board and its volunteers, the lake would be overcome with milfoil. Fundraising is very important to our survival. We have fundraising to avoid raising membership dues. It cannot always be the same people volunteering or doing all of the work. So please help.
10. There was a motion presented by Phil Oreto to accept the President's Report which was seconded by Dave Sanfason and unanimously passed.

#### **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. The Treasurer's Report was as of August 24, 2013, and the remaining reports were as of August 22, 2013.
2. We currently have \$33,500 in the bank and we are 2/3 through our season.
3. We will have overspent about \$2,700 this year based upon a budget for two boats operating 5 days per week.
4. We have had a \$20,000 carry over each year since we have been in existence.
5. We have 120 members in good standing, down slightly from last year. We need to work on building up our membership.
6. We did not raise any money from "pay to play" this year.
7. The funds we received from Limerick offset the loss from the MMI funding.
8. We received \$240 less this year than last from the DEP.
9. We were very successful thanks to the financial help from LAC.
10. There was a comment by Bob Carriere stating that he cannot believe how we operate on such low funds.

11. There was a motion presented by Phil Oreto to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Dave Sanfason and unanimously passed.

### **MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

1. We invested \$888 on new LACC gear. We ordered 100 plastic mugs with our logo and 62 t-shirts. For the men, we got tank tops and sleeveless and for the women, we got tank top and v-neck.
2. The mugs are \$3 each and the t-shirt is \$14. We also offer a mug and t-shirt for \$15. So far, we have collected \$561 toward our total investment.
3. There was a discussion on re-ordering sweatshirts.
4. Tracie Doyle had ordered the sweatshirts last time.
5. The board voted to approve a budget of \$500 for sweatshirts for the fall festival.
6. There was a motion presented by Mike Fitzpatrick to accept the Marketing Report which was seconded by Dave Sanfason and unanimously passed.

### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

1. We had another great year of fundraising.
2. Kathy Hart and Tracie Doyle presented information on the annual Yard Sale which was held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Gross receipts from the sale were \$3,630 and we sold \$286 in LACC gear. Neal Costello and his family donated their time to sell popcorn and cotton candy at the yard sale. Thank you to them. Kathy Hart will be in charge of the yard sale next year. The yard sale is scheduled to take place on May 31, 2014. If you are interested in donating items or volunteering your time to prepare items for the sale or to store them, please contact Kathy Hart at [kathleenah@myfairpoint.net](mailto:kathleenah@myfairpoint.net).
4. Tracie Doyle presented the information on the 50/50 Cash Raffle. Tickets will be sold up until the end of the meeting when the drawing will take place. The board voted to payout the full prizes of \$3,000, \$1,500 and \$500 despite the fact that all 500 tickets have not been sold and it is a 50/50 raffle.
8. The Fishing Tournament in August hosted by the Arrowhead Prop Busters resulted in a donation of \$683 this 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 \$1,100, which was more than last year. He had 31 golfers turnout for the event and a BBQ was held afterwards at his home and was catered by The Peppermill. The golf tournament is a growing event. The costs are now fixed, so the more golfers we get, the more money for LACC. Preparation for the next annual golf tournament has already begun. Please notify us if you are interested.
10. We have a new fundraiser this year. Louanne Romaneck is the event coordinator for a Fall Festival that will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Friendship Park in Waterboro from 10am-2pm. Louanne presented the information for her fundraiser. There will be crafters and vendors, a kid's craft table, food and baked items for sale, a minute to win it game etc. and much more. The rain date for the event is October 20<sup>th</sup>.

11. We have reactivated an old fundraiser...the can and bottle drive at JDs Redemption Center in Waterboro. Shannon Doyle started this fundraiser years ago, but we never really pursued it. We have collected \$34.50 from JDs. They have been holding onto the money for years. If you bring your returnables to JDs, just tell them that you want to apply your return money to the Lake Arrowhead Conservation Council's account. We will periodically send someone down to collect the money. If requested with proper documentation, tax donation receipts can be provided for your donations. We are looking for someone to run this program. If you are interested, please notify us.
12. We still have the "pay to play" program for the DASH if anyone is interested. You can rent a DASH on an hourly or daily basis to clean your waterfront. If you are interested, you must contact Dave Sanfason.
13. Details for the 2014 fundraisers will be posted to our website [www.laccme.org](http://www.laccme.org).
14. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to help please let us know.
15. 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. We are anticipating problems for next year as a result of all the fragments from the spring draw down.
3. We had a diver get very sick while removing milfoil. The diver started vomiting blood. We are assuming someone used a chemical in the water that created this problem. As a result, we have purchased environmentally sealed masks for the divers. The divers who have been with us since the beginning got these masks, and they paid for 50% of the cost since they are custom made. It costs LACC \$750 each for its portion of the expense.
4. Dave would like to get the diver to boat electronics in the future.
5. Special thanks to our ground crew. Our season will conclude on Labor Day, unless we have excess money to run one boat for two more weeks.
6. We ran two DASH for a total of 10 shifts per week for 11 weeks. We removed over 30 tons of VLM. We have 6 coves that are about 90% clear. We have concentrated heavily on the Ossipee Lake feed in the area between Ridgeway Beach and Easter Shores. We have also cleared the boat ramps and heavy boat traffic areas.
7. We have moved 150 benthic triangles in the Brown Brook area twice.
8. Our CBI program checked over 600 boats entering and leaving the lake. They work 7 days per week. Michelle Sanfason works 10 hours per day both Saturday and Sunday. There are 40 boat inspection programs in the State of Maine. Our program has the most catches.
9. Our entire crew deserves tremendous praise for the job they performed.
10. Dave is very proud of our program. People come to see how we do it.
11. If you see a bloom in the main area of the lake, please let us know so that we can harvest it.
12. Mark Harris is still doing the GPS monitoring for milfoil removal. There is a link on our website which shows when, how much and when we harvested milfoil this season.

13. A special thank you to Jean Burke for conducting our payroll.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:**

1. Lynne Hawkes presented this report.
2. There is nothing new to report at this time. She will be working on this over the winter with others.
3. Tracie Doyle expressed a concern about the lack of correct email addresses and how it is important to stay on top of our member's current information since we send most notices out by email.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

#### **MEMBERS CONCERNS:**

1. Bob Marrow wanted to know how to reach Dave. We gave him the LACC website information.
2. Neil Michaud asked a question about the DEP response. Mike informed him that the rapid response team only deals with new found infestation. They don't have a program to go in and remove milfoil for places that already have an infestation. There is no funding for this. The milfoil sticker program gives \$10 per sticker to invasives. There has been legislation that would require non-motorized motorcraft to buy a sticker, but this did not pass.
3. Steve Harlow pointed out that Balch Lake and Pickerel Pond have had multiple applications of herbicides. Will we have to do treatments over and over if we get approved for chemicals? Herbicides are a tool to treat milfoil. Balch Lake has reported that it comes back which is why they need to treat again.
4. John Festa provided information on how we can save money on our mailings.
5. John Festa presented a discussion on a possible dam draw down. He believes it is the biggest impact on milfoil removal. Mike explained how he and Dave sat down with EPICO last September regarding a drawn down and everyone was on board. EPICO was to fix the dam at the same time. The DEP said that they couldn't get their studies done in time. LAC was behind it because they could run the water line from Bay Cove to Beach 13. Because EPICO was going to fix the dam at the same time, no problem with the drawn down so there were no fees. They repaired the dam this past spring which messed up our drawn down discussions for this year. The dam owners must keep the dam at one foot above sea level unless it is for repairs. There were discussions of a waiver from FERC. Even if we got this waiver, we would need to pay EPICO for the loss of use for the hydrostation.  
Dave stated that we need to keep in mind that there are a lot of issues for a drawn down. In order for it to work, we need perfect weather conditions and money. We need to consider the following:

- a. Impoundment – if we ask for a drawn down, there are groups out there that will argue for our dam to come down.
  - b. Frigid weather – the conditions must be perfect for the drawn down to work. There must be no snow and how often does that occur.
  - c. EPICO will need compensation for their lost revenues. The DEP would prefer a draw down over herbicidal treatment. The dam generates 10k-15k per month. You would need to draw down from the middle of October until ice out which is about 6 months. The weed needs to be exposed. So for 6 month, EPICO doesn't produce electricity.
6. Bob Carriere made a comment that he has faith in the LACC board.
  7. Don Gladden asked if the earthquake was responsible for the damage to the dam.
  8. Steve Harlow asked if we could have done something in retrospect if the lake goes down again – what could we do as an association? Dave discussed how there is a new technique called burlapping. If it happens again, you can burlap the mud. The burlap kills everything and then dissolves. The LAC crew would help with the burlapping. LACC will order some burlap and keep it on hand.
  9. Bob Marrow asked what would be the price on a roll of burlap for individual homeowners to apply.
  10. When we had the spring draw down, we obtained a two year permit to dredge in the Brown Brook area. We were about to use it at one of the beaches when the water levels started to rise. We have up to two years to use this.
  11. Dave Cheney asked what would we have done with the dredged material. Mike told him that we would have taken it to the compost area.
  12. With no more questions, Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Jean Burke and unanimously approved.

### **RAFFLE DRAWING:**

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

First prize \$3,000 – Mark and Dina Benson from Limerick, ME  
Second prize \$1,500 – Diane Shaughnessy from Melrose, MA  
Third prize \$500 – Kurt Bauknecht from Hamden, CT

We sold 446 raffle tickets. As a result, we raised \$3,920 from the raffle.

**CONCLUSION OF MEETING:** There was a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at appx. 12:25 pm.

Submitted on October 7, 2013 by Tracie L. Doyle, Secretary/Clerk of LACC