

# **LAKE ARROWHEAD CONSERVATION COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**

**August 23, 2014 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 – Louanne Romaneck – Lynne Hawes – Kathy Hart

**ABSENT:** The following Board members were absent: John Manning

**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 24, 2013 were presented. Dave Sanfason presented a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on August 24, 2013, which was seconded by Kate Howard. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

1. The following Board members were up for re-election: Lynne Hawkes, Kathy Hart and Phil Oreto.
2. The Board accepted nominations from the floor. There were no nominations. There was a motion by Dave Sanfason to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers which was seconded by Kate Howard and unanimously passed. Lynne Hawkes, Kathy Hart and Phil Oreto were unanimously elected to a three-year term.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

1. The group recognized Dave Sanfason's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and sang to him.
2. We had a strong harvesting season and ran more shifts this year. We had to replace a motor on one of the DASH.
3. Because of the draw down last year, we had an issue with fragmentation this year. However, we were able to remove the growth before it had a chance to establish a root system. The positive side is the DEP gave us an extra \$7,500.
4. There was discussion about the new benthic barrier material, burlap.
5. Special recognition to the Careys and Gilchrests for their hard work with the CBI program. We led in catches.
6. Carol Carey has been testing the water quality regularly.
7. Doyle Cove was full of algae this year starting with ice out. The Doyles submitted samples to the DEP and they stated it was normal algae. We are now in a test pattern with the DEP for water testing.

8. We had our annual tour of the lake with the DEP. Chemicals are still under discussion and there is a concern with the water supply if we apply chemicals. If the DEP establishes a program, more testing will have to be done.
9. Limerick tax assessments this year lowered the value of properties and increased the mil rate.
10. Special thanks to the Board for their hard work.
11. Membership is down to 111 from 130. We need more members. Try to 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. The Treasurer's Report was as of August 21, 2014.
2. We currently have \$28,000 in the bank and we are projecting that we will end up with a higher balance this year. We like to keep a carryover balance in the bank around \$20,000.
3. The budgeted revenue for 2014 is: \$11,750 in membership dues, \$1,500 from the personal milfoil service, \$15,000 from LAC, \$6,000 from Waterboro and Limerick, \$10,250 from fundraising, \$50 from the bottle drive, \$21,750 from LEA grants, \$175 from LACC gear and \$1,200 in contributions for a total amount of \$67,675. Our total receipts year to date (8/21/14) are \$61,490.70
4. The budgeted operating expenses for one DASH for 5 days and the other for 6 days are \$67,946. Our total expenses year to date (8/21/14) are \$52,288.05.
5. There has been talk about investing money in new equipment; however, our budget runs very tight. A way to increase cash flow would be to increase the membership dues.
6. There was a motion presented by Phil Oreto to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Kate Howard and unanimously passed.

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

1. Dave Sanfason presented the suction harvester/courtesy boat inspection and benthic barrier report.
2. We had a lot of fragmentation from the spring 2013 draw down resulting in new growth. We were really able to work on these areas with the extra funding from the DEP.
3. We put a proposal into LACC and the DEP to put a fragment fence in the Brown Brook area.
4. Special thanks to the divers and boat captains for their hard work.
5. We hit the Brown Brook area hard with the DASH and sent twenty shifts there.
6. The new material being used for the benthic barriers is burlap with burlap sand bags. It is difficult to work with the tarps and rebar. Over time, the burlap decomposes and doesn't have to be removed. It kills everything, not just the milfoil. If there is enough interest, we could sell the burlap to members. Let's wait and see what it does.
7. Special thanks to the CBI program employees for their outstanding work.

8. Our catches this year are running less than half of the previous years.
9. There was a motion presented by Tracie Doyle to accept Dave's report which was seconded by Kate Howard and unanimously passed.

#### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

1. We had another great year of fundraising.
2. Louanne Romanek presented information on our first fall festival which was held on October 19, 2013 at Friendship Park which raised \$1,024.23. Even though it was a success because we raised money, attendance was low. At this time, there are no plans for another fall festival.
3. Louanne Romanek presented information on the LACC calendars for 2014 and 2015. This was a new fundraiser for LACC. For 2014, we raised \$1,000.23 from calendar sales. We sold around 100 calendars at \$20 each. In September, Louanne will start working on the calendars for 2015 with the hope of having the calendars the weekend after Thanksgiving. She is going to have a photo contest for the calendars and will have a committee of three judges to pick the photos.
4. Kathy Hart presented information on the annual Yard Sale which raised \$3,200. Kathy thanked everyone who participated in the yard sale. Even though donations are down from previous years, she has decided to continue with the yard sale for another year. Tentative plans are to have it the weekend after Memorial Day at the Maine Real Estate Network.
5. Phil Oreto presented a report on his golf tournament fundraiser that was held on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Naples Country Club which raised \$1,500. This year, we had many enhancements like trophies, logo golf balls and a beautiful perpetual plaque which will be displayed in Clubhouse 2 with the winners' names. Special thanks to the Lakeside Market, our first corporate sponsor. Next year's tournament is set for Friday, July 17, 2015 and the goal is to have enough teams to take over the entire golf course
6. Tracie Doyle presented the information on the Fishing Tournament that was hosted by the Arrowhead Prop Busters on August 16<sup>th</sup> and resulted in a donation of \$803 this year, which is \$120 more than last year. Special thanks to APB for their generosity. We hope that APB will have another tournament next year and we will keep you updated.
7. Tracie Doyle presented the information on the big 50/50 Cash Raffle. Tickets will be sold up until the end of the meeting when the drawing will take place. All 500 tickets have not been sold and the payout will be a straight 50/50 payout based upon ticket sales.
8. Elaine & Gerry Francis presented the information about the can and bottle drive at JDs Redemption Center in Waterboro. Year to date, we have collected \$81.65 which is a 250% increase over the previous year. We have had an increase in donations since June. The plan to put returnable barrels at the clubhouses did not work out because people disposed of trash. Please turn in your returnables to JDs and tell them that you would like to donate the money to LACC.
9. We still have the "pay to play" program, which we call PMS "personal milfoil service" 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.
10. Details for the 2015 fundraisers will be posted to our website [www.laccme.org](http://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.

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

There was a brief comment by the President. We still have LACC gear that we are selling.

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

There was a brief comment by the President. We need new members. Everyone needs to try to bring in one more neighbor to increase membership. Please spread the word.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Everyone took a moment to remember Tom Sotir, LAC board member and LACC member, who passed away this year from leukemia. This is a great loss for both organizations. Tom was a great person and huge proponent of the LAC/LACC relationship.

No other new business.

#### **MEMBERS CONCERNS:**

1. Phil Millstein, Leisure Lane – Does what we do affect the drinking water? Mike responded that if we didn't touch the milfoil we would have oxygen depletion and it would affect the water quality which would affect the fishing, swimming and drinking water. Phil stated that disclosing this might help with membership.
2. John Festa – We should pursue membership mailing. He also recommended posting signs at the beaches and mailbox area. Mike responded that he will ask the LAC board if we could post signs in these areas.
3. Kate Howard – Suggested posting signs at the playground as well and the clubhouses.
4. Gerry Francis – Crescent Drive – Suggested reducing the membership fee for non waterfront members. There was a discussion on this issue and whether LAC can put an LACC donation box on their forms.
5. Jean Burke – Began a discussion on increasing dues for waterfront members. Mary Singelais responded that she would rather get more members than raise dues.
6. Phil Millstein – Why can't the LAC dues cover us? Mike responded that LAC was organized under Chapter 37 of the Maine state laws which doesn't allow us to do it. That is why we formed LACC as a 501c3 charitable organization.
7. Mark Berry – Suggested recruiting members at the boat launch. Dave responded that most of the LAC members use the launch in Bay Cove and not at the dam. People at the dam are not LAC members and it will be difficult to recruit them.
8. Mike Fitzpatrick – There is talk about gating the dam unless a CBI is present because of the milfoil.
9. Phil Millstein – What is the rate of growth? Could be a geometric explosion.
10. Janet Legere – Commented that people feel like we are doing all of this for nothing and that we should just give it chemicals. Dave Sanfason responded stating it will cost \$25K

to treat Brown Brook alone and the chemicals have 24D in it. There is concern about chemicals and our water system and in lakes that have used chemicals, it doesn't work. Other lakes have reported that chemicals have affected their water.

11. Mike Fitzpatrick – LAC has 79 homes in foreclosure right now. It is difficult to get new members because people are just barely getting by right now.
12. Louanne Romanek – How about corporate members? Phil and Tracie responded about how hard it is to get money from local companies. Most companies are just getting by in this area. Mike mentioned that Frank Carroll, local business owner, has been very supportive of our group.
13. Tracie Doyle – Commented that the LAC welcome packet should have a LACC information sheet.
14. Mark Berry asked about the burlap. If there is enough interest Dave said we would get some, but let's wait and see how we do with it first. We don't know the cost off hand and will have to get back to him.
15. Dave mentioned that all members have access to the sand pile and milfoil compost pile.
16. Janet Legere – Mentioned that there is a cosmetic company that uses milfoil.
17. Steve Dawson and Dave discussed how we used the burlap right before Eastern Shores and we are waiting to see the results. The area is marked and is very shallow and weedy which is great for burlap. If anyone wanted to, they can put the burlap down themselves. They don't need to go through LACC.
18. Dave mentioned that people are confused by the yellow milfoil channel markers and we are going to get red and green markers.
19. Dave mentioned that the DEP was amazed about what we have accomplished.
20. Someone asked why we can't put sand down and Mike responded that the DEP said no. Janet Legere mentioned that there is a lot of silt and wanted to know if it keeps coming back in other areas.
21. Kate Howard asked if we could draw the raffle now.
22. John Festa asked about keeping the water level high post Labor Day. Mike responded that EPICO wanted money to keep the lake level high post Labor Day. After Labor Day, it will be lowered to the level allowed by regulations.
23. Mike stated that we have a great relationship with EPICO. They have done a good job. We have a better dam and they have fixed the cracks in the dam.

## **RAFFLE DRAWING:**

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

First prize \$2,190 – Bob and Pauline McAllister from N. Waterboro, ME

Second prize \$1,095 – Robert Hawes from Rockland, MA

Third prize \$365 – Dave DelloRusso from Tewksbury, MA

We sold 365 raffle tickets compared to 446 from last year. As a result, we raised \$3,650 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 9, 2014 by Tracie L. Doyle, Secretary/Clerk of LACC