

LAKE KANASATKA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Loon Center, Moultonborough, New Hampshire

July 24, 2004

President John Scudder opened the meeting and welcomed the new members, Charles and Lillian Annis and Karen Sousa.

He introduced the LKWA officers:

Vice President - Laurie Whitley

Secretary - Barbara Lauterwasser

Treasurer - Bob Brennan

Hospitality - Mary Anne McRae, Fox Smith and Jill Anderson.

Barbara Lauterwasser read the minutes of the August 16, 2003 meeting, which were approved as presented.

Bob Brennan presented the Treasurer's report.

The balance at present is \$3895.51.

55 members of the LKWA have paid dues and more were added this morning.

Expense items the past year included:

\$200 - Lakes Region Conservation Trust

\$140 - Registration for 5 year period for John Scudder's LKWA website.

\$125 - Newsletter cost

\$112.89 - To Bill Smith for expenses for the August picnic

\$110. - Postmaster for box rental.

Bob Brennan suggested the following monetary amounts be sent to:

Loon Center - \$200

Lakes Region Conservation Trust - \$200

New Hampshire Lakes Association - \$200

A motion was made and passed for the support of these groups.

Laurie Whitley moved that we also send \$50 to the Loon Center for the use of the building. This was seconded and passed.

It was moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Doug Whitley reported on the quality of the lake water. The past year was some of the highest ever on Lake Kanasatka but this year it is not as clear, possibly due to excessive rainfall. Three points for maintaining high lake water quality are: maintaining a vegetation barrier, reducing fertilizing and maintaining septic systems.

Rachel Brooker, speaking for the Loon Center, reported that there had been 2 new chicks in the Kilnwood area, but there are pictures of only one chick. LPC has biologists monitoring the lakes. John Scudder had a picture of the loon chick and parents.

John Scudder had pictures of the July 4th boat parade organized by Jane Fairchild. He also had a picture of a snapping turtle in his yard which is supposedly not a danger for swimmers.

People are concerned about the amount of vegetation coming in from Wakondah Pond as well as the increase in the Kilnwood area. There is also a concern about the area around the beaver dam.

Sue Schmidt asked if we could have a new brochure with a list of suggestions concerning laws about boats and jet skis, and matters relating to the safety and welfare of the lake.

Jerry Littlefield, the Marine Patrol officer, has been in the area but has difficulty getting his heavy boat in and out of the lake as he does not have a four-wheel drive vehicle. He needs a dock. He has been checking license verification for jet skiers attempting to use the lake. There has been an influx of jet skis on the lake this summer.

The subject of the sewer lagoons off Kanasatka Road was discussed. They are tested twice a year and are reported to be no danger to Lake Kanasatka.

John Scudder introduced Nancy McGrath from the Department of Environmental Services Water Division (DES) in charge of inspecting all dams in the state, which by reason of their physical condition, height, and location may be a threat to the public safety. Presently there are over 4400 registered dams through the state. The Kanasatka dam is 240 feet long and 17 feet high and is frequently inspected. Nancy McGrath had some interesting pictures of dams throughout the state and gave an informative talk about the care and regulation of dams. She can be reached at 603-271-3406. Website: <http://www.des.state.nh.us/dam/>

John Scudder discussed the amount of information to be found on the Kanasatka website from reports to weather information and pictures. It is www.kanasatka.org. The next meeting of the LKWA will be August 21st at 11:00 a.m. at Vonhurst Beach. Following a short business meeting, there will be a cookout.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Lauterwasser
Secretary