

Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association

July 10, 2010

MINUTES

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The annual meeting of 2010 for the Lake Kanasatka Water Shed Association (LKWA) was held on July 10, 2010, at 9:30 am at the Loon Center. The President welcomed the members, reintroduced the officers and introduced and thanked the committees.

Jane Fairchild, Vice President / Past Secretary, read the minutes of the August, 2009, meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Laurie Whitley presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Doug Whitley (attached below). The income from dues and hats and vests has covered the expenses and donations. Donations are made to four non-profit organizations: the Loon Center; the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, the NH Lakes Association; and the Squam Lakes Association. In addition LKWA made a \$200 donation to the cost of the Loon Cam on the lake. Postage and printing is quite expensive so the question of whether to email the newsletter was discussed. However, there was a concern that many people do not use or else "lose" email and so the decision was made to continue to mail the newsletter. If anyone would like to receive the newsletter electronically, they should let Doug know. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Fairchild, Lay Monitor, gave the water quality report from the UNH Water Quality Monitoring Program. There are 3 teams monitoring water quality into 3 locations: deep end; west end; animal island site. Data is sent to UNH and UNH also visits once a year to take additional samples. The most recent report did not see signs of increased or decreased water quality. Lake Kanasatka remains an unproductive, pristine lake that borders on conditions seen in more nutrient-rich lakes (greener, less clear water). However, there is increased weed growth.

Jane Fairchild, Boat Parade Coordinator, reported that the 2010 July 4th Boat Parade was a great success with a large number of participants.

Mark Whary reported that a pair of loons had nested on the raft and one chick was born on 7/3 and a second on 7/5. In 2009, the LKWA voted to donate \$200 to the webcam in years 2009 and 2010 so the 2010 donation will be made this year.

Old Business: None

New Business:

There has been no Secretary since August 2009. No-one at the meeting volunteered to take on this role. After the meeting Ted Hilton volunteered to be Secretary and has been

appointed by the officers.

Jane and Peter Fairchild have been water monitors for many years, and would like to step down due to their other commitments. No-one volunteered to take over from them.

A motion was made and seconded to approve donations to the following organizations:

Squam Lake Association	\$200
Loon Preservation Committee	200
NH Lakes Association	200
Lakes Region Conservation Trust	200
Loon Center 50 (for use of meeting room)	

Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Fairchild requested that guests and visitors be reminded to keep watercraft far away from the shore. Boats need to be 150 feet out from the shore to avoid the wake hitting the shore; jet skis need 300 feet. Swimmers should swim parallel to the shore to avoid being hit.

John Cooley, biologist from the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) gave a brief report on the history of loons and loon nesting on the lake. On Kanasatka, there is a tendency for a third, rogue loon, to appear. This week a rogue loon appeared, and this can be a threat to the chicks. The LPC has been monitoring the lake since 1975. There have been ten years where there were successful nestings and ten chicks successfully fledged. Nesting success and chick survival is lower when there is a third loon present on the lake.

The meeting was ended at 10:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted.

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President LKWA