

2017 Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association Annual Meeting Notes

July 8, 2017 at the Loon Center • 9:00

Joan Izen, LKWA Secretary

1. Call to Order: Welcome: Acting President/Vice President comments

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 by Acting President and Vice President, Kirk Meloney; approximately 40 in attendance.

- This is the 45th year of LKWA
- Kirk stressed the need for volunteers to support LKWA; encouraged anyone interested in becoming an officer or working on a committee to contact him or any Board member
- Kirk shared that Joan Izen had contacted him this spring about observing an individual hitting golf balls into the lake; Kirk explained why this practice is harmful to the lake and encouraged LKWA members to promote good stewardship of our lake
- This year's boat parade was very successful; 25-30 boats participated
 - It was suggested by Valerie Gerard that Lake Kanasatka be represented at the annual Moultonborough 4th of July parade ("Miss Kanasatka")
 - Valerie offered to head up a sub-committee
 - It was also suggested that the boat parade alternate routes each year so that all coves get to view and experience it.
 - Valerie further suggested that the boat parade designate a "grand marshal" each year.

2. 2017 Board and Committee Members introductions

Kirk introduced the current Board and Committee members:

- Acting President: Kirk Meloney
- Vice President: Kirk Meloney
- Secretary: Joan Izen
- Treasurer: Rob Baker
- Media: John Scudder
- Member at Large: Jane Nash

- Water Quality Committee: Lisa Hutchinson, Chair
 - Carol & Rick Carlson
 - Kevin & Sandra Kelly
 - Alex & Andy Hutchinson
- Hospitality Committee: Kevin & Sandra Kelly
- Merchandise & Sales: Phyllis Komlos
- Boat Parade: Rob Baker
- LPC Loon Liaisons: Trish Townsend and Joan Izen

3. Minutes - LKWA meeting minutes are posted on the Association's website. Kirk encouraged members to visit the site to review the minutes and waived the reading at today's meeting.

4. Treasurers Report - Rob Baker reported that 2016 was the best year ever for membership (113 total). He reviewed the end of year (2017) financial statement:

- Total income: \$3,798.29 (dues, merchandise, interest)
- Total expenses: \$3,109.44
 - Lake monitoring/testing-UNH is the largest expense
 - Includes annual donations
- Checking account balance: \$2,820.99

- Grand total LKWA (checking, petty cash, savings): \$16,084.45

Rob made a motion that LKWA make donations to the three organizations as we have in years past: Loon Preservation, Lake Region Conservation Trust and NH Lakes Association (\$200.00 each organization). Sandra Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

5. Loon Update - Joan read a July 7th email from our lake's field biologist Lindsay Moulton updating Lakes Region "Loon Watchers" on the field season:

- Currently 39 paired adults (78 loons) and 8 single loons in the Lakes Region
- Of those 39 pairs, 10 are currently nesting
- 9 chicks in the region

Joan also read from a letter Lindsay wrote to her with information to share at today's meeting:

- 4 loons have been sited on our lake; none have nested
- Lindsay attributes the lack of nesting to the death of the male loon last season
- It appears there may be 2 pairs on the lake (the female may have a new mate)
- Kanasatka is large enough to sustain 2 pairs

6. Water Quality Update - Lisa Hutchinson provided an update on water quality testing. 2016 was a really good year – dry winter and summer; less run off; less associated nutrient loading in the lake.

- Positive Key indicators: excellent quality water
 - Water transparency - increasing clarity since 1983
 - Chlorophyll - decreasing concentrations since 1983
 - Total phosphorus - increasing concentrations since 1985
 - Dissolved oxygen - deep spot late summer
- Other
 - Color – increasing concentrations since 1985
 - Alkinity - low vulnerability
 - Ph – optimal for fish growth/reproduction
 - Conductivity – average; some human influence

She reviewed the 2016 UNH report recommendations:

- Minimize road run off; encourage/protect shoreland vegetation; avoid impervious surfaces
- Limit fertilizer; safely store pesticides, fuel, toxic substances
- Prevent dumping or raking of leaves, grass, clippings into lake
- Divert runoff from driveways, roofs, gutters
- Stabilize waterfront with perched beaches
- Discourage feeding ducks and geese
- Maintain your septic system (every 3-5 years, pump and inspect)

Lisa discussed the new equipment LKWA purchased this spring, recommended to us by the UNH team led by Bob Craycraft. The objective of this equipment use is *to collect data on factors that directly impact water quality.*

- Focus on preservation, sampling over time
- Not on engaging in policing

The two pieces of equipment are:

- Turbidity Meter – measure particulate matter in the water; gives immediate results
- Conductivity meter-measures contaminants in the water (i.e. road salt, waste)

Trends will be reported to the Board. A formal protocol for equipment usage will be written and shared with the Board.

Training in equipment use is scheduled for July 26th at 9:00; an August date will be added. Lisa welcomed others to join in; contact her if interested in learning about the equipment or joining a water testing team at: Lisahutch@comcast.net

7. **Annual picnic meeting:** Kirk announced that our next meeting, the LKWA Annual Picnic will be held on August 12th at Kevin and Sandy Kelly's residence, 68 Glidden Road. A brief business meeting will start at 11:30 to be followed by a cookout/picnic. Members are encouraged to come and share luncheon dishes, salad or desert; adult beverages are allowed.
8. **Other business:** Question was raised: "What should we do if we see something that is hurting our lake?"
 - Kirk suggested respectfully talking to the owner or renter possibly educating them about why their actions could be detrimental to the lake
 - People were encouraged to use the LKWA website to learn more about lake stewardship and for resources (phone numbers and websites).

At 10:00 Kirk asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting; Lisa Hutchinson made the motion and Joel Schwelling seconded it.

PROGRAM: New Hampshire Lakes Association, "Lake Stewardship in NH: It's what we do"
Stuart Lord, NH LAKES Board Chair joined us to discuss the mission and vision of NH Lakes Association and answered participants' questions.

- The Association works to protect NH's (approximately) 1,000 lakes.
 - Dedicated to inspiring responsible care and use of NH Lakes for the benefit of current and future generations
- Primary mission is to educate and advocate for greater understanding and appreciation, protection and stewardship of our lakes.
- Protect from:
 - Aquatic invasive plants and animals
 - Polluted runoff (stormwater)
 - Increased frequency of more intense precipitation events
 - Warming water temperatures
 - Other people

The program ended at 10:35 and the 2017 LKWA Annual Meeting was adjourned.