



# Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association

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## 2018 Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association Annual Meeting Notes

July 14, 2018 • 9:00 – 11:00

The Loon Center and Markus Wildlife Sanctuary

Joan Izen, LKWA Secretary

1. Acting President, Kirk Meloney called the meeting to order at 9:05 and welcomed approximately 50 people to the Association's 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.

2. Kirk introduced the current Board and Committee Chairs

Acting President and Vice President - Kirk Meloney

Secretary - Joan Izen

Treasurer - Rob Baker

Media - John Scudder

Member at Large - Jane Nash

Water Quality Committee Chair: Lisa Hutchinson

Hospitality - Sandra and Kevin Kelly

Boat Parade - Rob Baker

Merchandise and Sales - Phyllis Komlos

LPC Loon Liaisons - Trish Townsend, Joan Izen

3. Minutes for approval

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. Minutes of the most recent Board meeting on 6/16/18 were deferred for approval.

4. Treasurer's report

Rob Baker reviewed the LKWA End of Year Financial Statement which is posted on the website [HERE](#). He reviewed the recurring expenses (donations, newsletter and UNH water monitoring and testing) and noted that savings account funds were spent this year to finance the White Mountains Survey report of the Maple Cottages area and to purchase water sampling equipment.

Rob made a motion that LKWA donate \$200.00 to each of the following non-profit agencies with missions complementary to LKWA: The Loon Preservation Committee, Lakes Region Conservation Trust and NH LAKES (total: \$600.00). Sandra Kelly seconded and all were in favor.

5. Loon Update

Kevin Kelly reported that there are 3 adult loons on the lake this year. Two eggs were laid end of June. On July 13<sup>th</sup> he observed that one egg hatched. The loon continues to sit on the nest with the second egg.

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## 6. Water Quality Report

Lisa Hutchinson provided a very detailed report; the PowerPoint of her presentation is posted on the website [HERE](#).

The water quality testing teams collect samples on a regular basis throughout the year.

West - Lisa and David Hutchinson

Animal Island - Carol and Rick Carlson

Deep Site - Sandra and Kevin Kelly

UNH water testing occurs annually and is scheduled this year for August 3<sup>rd</sup> (rain-date 8/13/18).

Lisa showed the new equipment purchased this year for water quality testing: conductivity and turbidity meters.

Her presentation provided in depth information regarding cyanobacteria since there has been increased interest and concern expressed. LKWA is adding a cyanobacteria component to our testing program and is establishing a protocol for suspected algae blooms. She identified some things we can do to manage cyanobacteria levels in our lake:

- Control runoff
- Educate members and neighbors
- Make improvements to our own property
- Influence local Board

Lisa ended her presentation with the following recommendations:

1. Storm water management
  - a. Ecologically friendly landscaping
  - b. Proper maintenance of septic systems
  - c. Limit/avoid fertilizer
2. Continue to monitor and collect data
3. Add cyanobacteria sampling
4. 10 recommendations for healthy lakeshore and streamside living
5. Online resources to improve runoff issues

## 7. Jane Nash presented the 2018-2020 LKWA Slate of Officers

President - Kirk Meloney

Vice President - Jane Nash

Secretary - Joan Izen

Treasurer - Rob Baker

At Large Member - Tim Baker

Media Specialist - John Scudder

Past President - Vacant

Discussion:

- Question asked: Does LKWA contact new property owners on the lake? It was acknowledged that we need to do a better job exposing new property owners to the Association. Kirk noted that this issue will be addressed by the Board at an upcoming meeting.
  - Consider developing a “door knocker or welcome kit” left with new owners to introduce them to LKWA

Jane made a motion that the presented slate of officers be accepted; Sandra Kelly seconded and all

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were in favor.

8. Other business

Kirk acknowledged the enormous effort that Kevin Kelly has made this year in support of our lake by awarding him the first annual “Keeper of the Lake Award”.

The LKWA Annual Picnic will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Kevin and Sandra 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.

Lisa Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn the business meeting at approximately 10:15; Sandra Kelly seconded and all were in favor.

9. “Lake Friendly Living: What You Can do Now to Keep Your Lake Clean and Healthy”

Tom O’Brien, President of NH LAKES provided a very informative presentation that addressed 4 topics:

- Aquatic invasive species: Clean, drain and dry boats before entering another lake or river
- Homes – impervious surfaces, including rooftops, decks and driveways can contribute to decreased water quality from polluted or heated runoff
- Landscaping – storm water runoff: water from rain or snow melt that does not sink into the ground may flow across the landscape picking up pollutants.
- Boating- motorboats operated improperly can negatively affect lake quality, plants and animals and the stability of the shoreline

Tom’s “big messages” were:

- “Mow less” – manicured lawns promote a direct flow of run-off into the lake
- Support your lake and NH Lakes
- Become a Lake Host
- Volunteer as a LAKES advocate
  - Write emails/letters to legislators, make phone calls and attend hearings
- Become a weed watcher:
  - [amy.Smagula@des.nh.gov](mailto:amy.Smagula@des.nh.gov)
- Participate in a water quality monitoring program

Kirk thanked Tom for his presentation and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He highlighted Tom’s message regarding the importance of the weed watcher program and encouraged anyone interested in volunteering to work on this to contact a Board member. The meeting closed at approximately 11:15.

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