

Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association (LKWA)
August Picnic Meeting Notes
August 9, 2014
Minutes submitted by Joan Izen, Interim Secretary

There were approximately 25 people attending today's annual picnic and business meeting. President Jane Fairchild called the meeting to order at 11:45. She introduced Board members Kirk Meloney, Vice President, Rob Baker, Treasurer, John Scudder Media Specialist and Joan Izen, At-Large Member; she announced that Joan will serve as Interim Secretary for the coming year. She also introduced Committee members Kevin and Sandra Kelly, Water Quality and Hospitality, Phyllis Komlos, Merchandising and Trish Townsend and Joan Izen, Loon Monitors.

The minutes from the July 12, 2014 Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was waived as Rob Baker presented a comprehensive report at last month's meeting.

Water Quality Update:

Kevin Kelly provided an update to the Water Quality report he presented last month. He referenced the water quality survey conducted during summer 2013 by the UNH Center for Freshwater Biology noting that the lake quality continues to be considered "pristine". The report of this survey's findings is posted on the LKWA website. Kevin cautioned that rainwater runoff could have a negative impact on lake water quality and encouraged all residents to take personal responsibility at their property to prevent runoff into the lake if possible.

Two questions were raised during today's meeting with regards to impact on water quality:

- What is the safest detergent to use in my washing machine?
- What is the best ice melt product to use?

Loon Report:

Trish Townsend reported that the loon chick is thriving; she shared multiple pictures of the loon family taken from her dock. These can also be viewed on the website.

Old Business:

Jane announced that the application to the Moultonborough Planning Board to build a Family Dollar Store has been withdrawn. The store will not be built. The project was planned for a lot at the west end of the lake (across Route 25), next to Tedeschis Convenience Store. LKWA had taken a position in opposition to the store after surveying it's membership nearly one year ago and finding that 93% of respondents were opposed to the project, with many expressing concerns about drainage and runoff into Lake Kanasatka. Members of LKWA had testified at several hearings, sent e-mails to the Planning Board and otherwise actively opposed the project. These activities were in part responsible for the withdrawal of the application.

Jane requested volunteers for a nominating committee and chair. She explained that the Board discussed a recommendation made at last year's Picnic to institute a succession plan for Board positions and after much deliberation decided to continue with its current practice of having a nominating committee prepare a slate of officers to present at the Annual Meeting.

New Business

LKWA merchandise was available for purchase at today's meeting including tee shirts (both old and new design), fleece vests, hats and LKWA patches. Those interested in purchasing tee shirts (new design only) and vests will now be able to do so from the LKWA website. John Scudder has created a new page on the website, "LKWA Store" with pictures of the available shirts and vests for sale. Rob Baker has volunteered to coordinate the packaging and mailing of those purchases made online.

Jane announced another new addition to the LKWA website. "Kanasatka Memories Parts 1 and 2" have been posted to the "Remember When" page as streaming audio. These memories were recorded fourteen years ago by a few long-time summer residents (Lee Sharp Hart, Retie Sharp Johnson, Elinor Jenkins Charles, Lynn Jenkins Youtz, Ted and Helen Hilton, Barbara Bates Lauterwasser and Herb Lauterwasser) who gathered at the Hilton's Deer Hill Camp to reminisce about what fun it was to summer on Kanasatka starting in the 1920's. Jane thanked those present (Retie Johnson and Ted Hilton) for preserving their memories, Joel Schwelling for his work improving the quality and providing LKWA with the audio and John Scudder for posting it to the website. Jane stressed the importance of preserving the history of our lake and asked for volunteers for the LKWA History Project.

Special Stewardship Recognition

LKWA Founder Ted Hilton was presented with a New Hampshire shaped clock by President Jane Fairchild. The inscription read: Ted Hilton, In Appreciation for Founding the Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association (LKWA) and for Over Forty Years of Leadership and Faithful Stewardship of Our Lake. The commemorative clock was a gift from the LKWA Advisory Board and Members to recognize Mr. Hilton's unique contributions to Lake Kanasatka. Jane also presented Ted with a LKWA tee shirt, expressing the Association's appreciation for his years of dedication and stewardship. Ted, the former director of Deer Hill Camp on Red Hill and a true founding father of the Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association, has been a faithful friend of the lake for over 40 years.

The business meeting ended and participants enjoyed a picnic lunch served (with appreciation) by Sandy and Kevin Kelly.

*These minutes will not become official until accepted by voting members at the next business meeting in July of 2014.