

Little Ossipee Lake Association Annual meeting
Saturday August 10, 2024
Meeting @ Camp Laughing Loon

Officers present: Lindsay Taflas, Karen Albert, Dan Albert, Peter Schild

Directors present: Molly Taflas, Bob LaBelle, Sandy LaBelle, Mark Houk, Linda Presby, Bruce Church, Bob Maxfield

Time started: 9:45 AM

President Lindsay Taflas opened the meeting by introducing Board members.

2023 annual meeting minutes were distributed at the entrance, VP Peter Schild provided a brief overview of them, and a motion was made by Bob Maxfield to accept them as written. The motion was seconded, and the vote passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was also available, and Lindsay reviewed them; a motion was made to accept, motion was seconded and the vote passed unanimously. There was brief discussion about low membership.

The next item was the election of Directors. Four were up for re-election, all of whom indicated willingness to serve again, and a motion was made to nominate the slate as presented. The motion was seconded, and the vote carried unanimously.

Lindsay advised that three board members – Dan Albert (officer), Molly Taflas (director), & Jim Chrzan (director) - had recently decided to step down from their positions this year.

Lindsay turned the meeting over to Bob Maxfield as Parliamentarian to run the election of board members for the next year. Bob M made a motion; it was seconded and the vote passed unanimously. Bob made an appeal for new Directors, saying that the Board always encourages members to attend monthly meetings and consider serving elected positions.

The next agenda item was an update regarding Swollen Bladderwort provided by Bruce Church. Bruce explained the first step in tackling the invasive was to do a survey of the lake. Step two included a group of 22 volunteers who tried to manually pull the plant from EON's Cove, where the invasive had most heavily invaded. The volunteers quickly realized this was a much bigger invasion than initially thought. Step three required Bruce & Lindsay to work with the Maine DEP through their Rapid Response program in which a DASH boat would be sent to LOL to suck the plant out. Bruce then explained he was submitting a proposal to the Maine DEP to shut down EON's Cove for 6 weeks so the DASH boat could remove as much of the invasive as possible.

As part of the Board's effort to elicit a better percentage of dues-paying members, Lindsay offered information on the various projects and programs LOLA maintains and conducts on behalf of the lake:

The formal CBI Program was implemented in 2023 in partnership with the town of Waterboro. The Town has continued to reiterate how difficult it is to hire for the boat inspector position, but LOLA is extremely grateful for their efforts.

Water testing continues each month as it has been since 1977! Bob & Sandy Labelle collect data for the State of Maine and noted that we are in the top 10% for water quality in the State. Oxygen levels and phosphorus samples are also taken monthly.

There was a question regarding personal well water testing and if there have been any water testing trends over the years.

The meeting concluded with a wrap up of a few various topics:

- The boat parade turnout was the best in years!
- Hackett wedding donated \$1,300 to LOLA
- Game warden's # was provided along with a reminder that LOLA does not enforce laws
- The kiosk will be updated

Bob Maxfield made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Tafas

Secretary