

July 6, 2013 @ 4:00p.m.
Loon Lake Association (LLA)
Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting
Hosts Robert and Nancy Ludwig

Membership Dues are due by August 10 for fiscal year 2013-2014 (proposed dues amount \$20, to be voted on at August 10th meeting)

Welcome and attendance/contact info update. Thank you Nancy and Robert for opening your beautiful home to the meeting!

LLA members in attendance at the meeting were, Dolly Allemann, Steve Austerer, Stokes Baker, Bonnie Black, Peter and Evelia Black, Ray Pape and Suzanne Clerkin, Doug and Mimi Covell, Jim and Ann Donovan, Betty Dowse, Bill and Barbara Doyle, Don Eskdale, Donald and Rose Fraipont. Alan and Deb Russell, John and Claudia Scholz, Lynda Onthank Sullivan, Tony and Bridgette Touchette, Sidney Wade, Pam Wegman, Fran York, and welcome Pat and Gerry Robinson to Loon Lake.

Minutes misplaced for August , 2012 potluck meeting.

Treasurer's Report since July 1, 2012 through July 1, 2013. An oversight on the report is the accounting of the line \$125.00 paid to the State of Maine for an agent's fee. The \$125.00 was the cost incurred to do water quality tests.

New Business: Margaret and Chip Liversidge have moved from Loon Lake. As a result, Margaret resigned as a board member. The Liversidges will be missed.

Margaret's resignation means that another board member must be appointed. A nominating sub-committee (Peter Black, John Scholz, and Sidney Wade) will meet to help locate a member to be nominated for the position.

Current secretary/treasurer, Suzanne Clerkin, proposed to split the position into two separate jobs. Peter Black will review language of bylaws to determine what changes in language need to occur to do this.

Dolly Allemann courageously volunteered to take over the position of treasurer and fill Margaret's vacant board seat. This was voted on and passed. Suzanne Clerkin will remain as secretary/clerk.

It was unclear which director seats were expiring this year. Doug Covell suggested tabling any further elections until the August special meeting, after leadership has an opportunity to review the bylaws for clear direction.

With Dolly's election, the nominating sub-committee no longer has to find a prospective candidate for Margaret's seat, but they will remain in force to find nominees for the board seats expiring this year.

Old business focused on two related items: raising dues and the amount of money to donate to Rangeley Lake Heritage Trust (RLHT). The proposed increase was raising dues from \$15.00 to \$25.00. This would be the first time in forty years that dues have been raised. Concerns were voiced about the impact this raise will have on people on a fixed-income. Others proposed that LLA should raise dues to contribute

more to the agency RLHT that protects the western end of LL. The past two years LLA has donated \$500.00/year to RLHT.

The vote to increase dues to \$25 passed. **NOTE: It was later determined that this vote did not meet the requirements of the bylaws, which state that a change in dues requires a majority of the TOTAL membership, not just a majority of a quorum. Since the July meeting, a proposed budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year has been put together. This budget shows that a \$20 annual dues amount is required to meet our goals. This issue is on the agenda for the August 10th special meeting. If you cannot attend the August meeting, please submit a proxy vote on this issue. For more info and a proxy ballot, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/maineloonlakeassociation/events/upcoming-meeting-documentation>**

It was agreed to contribute \$300.00 this year to RLHT, and vote on how much to donate each subsequent year to remain within LLA budget. A note will accompany the current contribution explaining the reason for decrease in contribution. There is a completely new administration in place at RLHT. Steve Austerer said that he would go over and introduce himself on behalf of Loon Lake.

The discussion also included looking at donating more to Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (MVLMP) who invests approximately \$100.00/year in free trainings to volunteers who monitor our lake for invasive plants. LLA has contributed only \$25.00/year for a long time. It was agreed that contributing more to that agency would be discussed before the 2014 donation was sent in.

Also, Doug Covell reported on testing he had done in last fall. The water quality for the most part was very good. It is expensive to have various tests done as there is a cost per site per test type. Doug would like to see money put aside each year to be able to test the quality of LL water every 3 to 5 years. Presence of phosphates from run-off from fertilized lawns has not yet been tested. Doug encouraged and reminded camp owners that to prevent seepage into the lake from septic tanks if they are pumped regularly. Also, please do not fertilize a lawn if you have one.

Finally, it was voted to have LLA dues paid by first meeting (in July) of fiscal year. If one cannot make the meeting, dues can be sent to our new treasurer, Dolly Allemann at the address below.

Dolly Allemann
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Next meeting is the August pot-luck on the 10th @ 4:00p.m. @ Wegman's Lodge on Loon Lake Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Clerkin

Note: these minutes are also posted on the Loon Lake Association website (<https://sites.google.com/site/maineloonlakeassociation>)