

**LAE Association
Annual Meeting
July 11, 2015
Camp Morgan Lodge**

Call To Order: J. Bilski called meeting to order at 8:20 AM.

Approval of Minutes: J. Bilski made a **MOTION** to accept the July 12, 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes as written. P. Liotta seconded. Unanimous. Approved.

Special Motions and By-Law Change: After discussions each of the three a following motions were voted upon by paper ballot.

- **Motion** made by Rosie Downey: *“LAE members should be able to speak at our annual meeting without a prior approved motion in writing.”* P. DeMerchant seconded.
- **Motion** made by Tom Burt: *“I would like to present a motion to override the decision of the board of directors requiring motions to be in by May first for the annual members meeting in July. We should revert back to motions allowed from the floor during the meeting. The annual meeting in July is a members meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to review the last years business and vote the next years business. The board of directors is elected each year to run the business as set by the members at the annual meeting. The property owners in LAE having paid their dues of the prior year are members. The business voted on should be the only agenda the board has other than emergencies.”* N. Robert seconded.
 - **Amended** by D. Dickman: *“To allow all motions from the members attending the Annual Meeting and allow pre-submitted motions to be provided to the members by mail prior to the Annual Meeting. All Motions will be included.”* D. Nolan Seconded. Amendment passed 47 affirmative, 14 negative.

J. Bilski stated one reason for submitting motions ahead of time is to shorten meeting by having members already educated on what motions they will be voting on. After a lengthy discussion and a paper vote, R. Downey’s motion passed 51 affirmative, 22 negative. T. Burt’s motion passed 51 affirmative, 22 negative.

- **By-Law Change: Motion** made by C. Terwilliger to allow the President to be elected to hold office for more than three consecutive one year terms. *“I would like to propose a by-law change 5.1 where it says the President may serve no more than three consecutive years as President unless he is the only person eligible and willing to serve. We would like to propose that be removed and the new article to read the President may serve as many terms as the membership may vote him in for.”*
No discussion. Paper ballot, 24 affirmative, 49 negative, motion failed.

Reports:

Security: Chief S. Marshall submitted police stats for year. 14% of police calls are in LAE, including dog licensing, burn permits, and vacant house checks.

Budget and Finance: P. Liotta reviewed budget for 2014. We had a surplus of \$23,864.70.

Marina: R. Carroll reported that there are many unidentifiable canoes and kayaks stored on the racks at marina. Beginning 9/1, each one will need a boat sticker as a way to keep track of who owns them. After that date the Board will decide how to dispose of unclaimed canoes and kayaks. Marina work day was well attended but a complaint was made to NH DES about cutting down blueberry bushes too close to the water. DES sent a letter stating the violations of NH law on the cutting. R. Carroll resolved the matter with DES and must observe restrictions for any future cutting. Combo to boat launch and goose poop scooper is 0495.

Main Gate: M. Frost reported no change to main gate; she and other volunteers continue to water plants and pull weeds. Thank you to P. Liotta, K. Hunihan, and L. Green for their countless hours of help keeping the main gate beautiful.

Water Resources: D. Damm reviewed lake testing for last year and covered the hand-out in detail; our lake is in good shape.

LAE Website: P. Liotta reported that M. Dagesse will be taking over LAE website.

LAE Activities: N. Damm handed out copies of Summer Activities.

Tennis Court: N. Damm reported Pickleball lines have been added to tennis court.

Basketball Court: J. Bilski reported that C. Terwilliger painted board at court and G. Shepard added new basketball hoop to replace broken one.

Beach Area and Beach House: S. Villagio helped reinforce ladder on swim raft and repair the swing set late last summer; Phil Mills installed raft and swim lines this year with help from Mike Morin; a new water heater was installed by Mike Alleano; new rail fencing was installed on work day around beach house parking area with the assistance of many volunteers; J. Bilski and D. Damm will be working together on disposing of old fencing with coordination of the Washington Fire Chief. Faucets in bathroom are an ongoing problem, they are automatic and shut off by themselves, so **please do not shut off water valve under sink**. The next year that LAE will be eligible to file a permit to put new sand on beach will be 2017, if needed. Thank you to the many volunteers.

Roads and Grounds: J. Bilski reported it was a very tough winter. We put down 34 loads of sand, 28 loads the year prior. We had gone through the first 18 by January. 42 loads of gravel were added to roads also.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Approve Operating Budget for FY 2015:

- **Motion** by T. Taylor to add \$30,000 to Special Projects for tree removal and ditch upgrades, funds to be moved from Infrastructure Reserve Account. When it was explained that our Bylaws restrict any new allocation of funds to \$5,000 unless included in the Notice of the Annual Meeting, Tom changed his motion to \$5,000. B. Williams seconded. Unanimous. Approved.
- **Motion** by Dave Dickman to increase marina budget line item from \$500 to \$1000 so the lighthouse light could be replaced and the structure repainted. B. Williams seconded. Unanimous. Approved.
- **Motion** by Pat Liotta to approve the 15/16 budget of \$141,620. T. Burt seconded. Unanimous. Approved.

Disposition of Surplus Funds: **Motion** made by D. Damm to put the surplus of \$23,864 into three different accounts: \$2,500 to Lake Management; \$11,182 to Infrastructure; and \$11,182 to Equipment Repair. Adelle Evinson seconded. Unanimous. Approved.

Audit: When P. Liotta inquired about prices on audits for a budget such as LAE's, she was quoted a range of \$6000 to \$12,000, most likely for more than one year.

- **Motion** by P. Liotta to see if LAE membership would like the BOD to investigate the cost of and the procedure of an audit. J. MacDougall seconded. Approved. (*Note: This will be brought to the Annual Meeting in 2016 for a vote by the membership.*)

Financial and Voting Data Request: D. Damm led discussion on how to handle a request for financial data and member voting records. This request was made by three LAE members (T. Burt, B. Williams and Normand Robert) for three years of detailed financial data and two years of voting records. There are no provisions or guidelines in our Articles of Agreement or Bylaws or the N.H. Statutes for Voluntary Corporations (which is how LAE Association, Inc. is organized) to address this issue, and since there is no evidence that such a request had ever been made in the history of the Association, there are no procedures in place to deal with providing such data. To date this has involved a fair amount of legal expense for the Association as well as lengthy discussions and research among the officers and directors. Our response to this unprecedented request will set the stage for any future requests. Since neither the LAE Corporation Articles of Agreement nor By-Laws address this topic, we should consider a change to our bylaws.

- **Motion** prepared by BOD and made by D. Damm: *“Does membership want to have the BOD to construct a Bylaw change to address the research and copying of financial information requested by LAE members in good standing.”* C. Russell seconded. Unanimous. Approved.
 - **Amended** by J. Bilski *“to include with the financial data, names of members who voted by absentee ballot as well as members who attended the annual meeting.”* D. Kohn seconded.
 - **Amended** to change “BOD” to “Information Committee”.

Lengthy discussion followed. At least 3 members in attendance asked why B. Williams, T. Burt, and N. Robert wanted the information and they refused to give any reason for either the financial or the voting information. The BOD is uncertain that private member voting information can be disclosed without individual member permission. The BOD having taken considerable measures over the past several years to insure voter privacy is very leery about releasing this private voting information and would like to find out how the LAE members feel about this. Hand vote: 33 affirmative, 12 negative. Approved.

New Roads and Grounds Contract 2015/16: J. Bilski reported J. Antoniak was selected depending on references and background checks on contractors and subcontractors. His bid was \$34,500.

- **Motion** by B. Wright to establish a road maintenance committee who shall have oversight of the maintenance of the LAE roads within the limitations of the budget. No more than 1/3 of the members can be members of the BOD or an officer of the association. T. Burt Seconded.
- B. Wright amended **Motion** to be 50% BOD and 50% members for a total of 6 people on the committee. Gerry Rousseau seconded. Unanimous. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maintenance Garage: J. Bilski reported the maintenance garage was insulated for a cost of \$1,191. J. Bilski and G. Shepard continue to install plywood over insulation.

Weed Boat: D. Damm provided a detailed procedural and financial review of the Weed Boat. He thanked Frank Iosch for over 180 hours of volunteer work whose expertise and commitment brought the project to completion. Tom Burt questioned the permitting process to harvest bladderwort from the pond. Don told Tom that he was talking with the wrong department at DES and the correct department had informed LAE that no permit was required to remove bladderwort, a floating plant.

Equipment Maintenance: J. Bilski reviewed equipment maintenance for year. We spent a lot less this year as we had an experienced mechanic managing the equipment.

Grader: J. Bilski reported grader is working fine and not looking to replace it.

Dam Rights: D. Damm said study of flowage rights is still in progress.

Liquid Cacl Application: D. Damm reported it had been applied.

Motion made by J. Bilski to adjourn meeting at 1:48 PM. B. Williams seconded. Unanimous. Approved.

Respectfully,

Dawn Bilski
Asst. Treasurer/Secretary

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A brief BOD meeting was held immediately following the Annual Meeting for the purpose of setting the dues.

Present: Jonathan Bilski, Don Damm, Pat Liotta, Dawn Bilski, John Balliro, Marylou Frost, Lucy Green, Ingeborg Haug, Carolyn Russell, Jim Russell, Wayne Sanford.

Absent: Ron Carroll, Charline Kellerman, Rob Villanti.

Dues for FY2015: **Motion** made by P. Liotta that yearly dues will be set at \$400, with a \$10 discount if paid by August 31st. J. Bilski seconded. Unanimous. Approved.

LAKE ASHUELOT ESTATES 2015 ANNUAL MEETING
ELECTION RESULTS

President

Jon Bilski 86*
Bob Williams 50

Vice-President

Don Damm 101*

Secretary/Treasurer

Pat Liotta 110*

Asst. Sec./Treas.

Dawn Bilski 107*

Directors

John Balliro 89*
Mary Lou Frost 86*
Lucy Green 77*
Diane Belcastro 74*
Nancy Damm 74*
Charline Kellerman 66*
Ron Carroll 65
Rosemarie Downey 51
Jim MacDougall 51
Tom Burt 47
Normand Robert 47
Melissa Morin (write-in) 32
AnneMarie DeMerchant 24

*Elected