

SCHOODIC LAKE ASSOCIATION
"TO PRESERVE, ENHANCE AND PROTECT"

ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2016
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. at the Milo Town Hall by SLA Board of Directors President Tom Sherman. Directors present were introduced: David Walker, Fred Trask Charlie Weeks, Denis Poulin and Peter Hamlin. Approximately 32 members were present.

Nels Kramer of the Maine Inland Fisheries presented the following information:

- Trap netting continues to check on Salmon and Lake Trout populations. Salmon stocking occurs at the rate 500 to 700 per year. Rate of growth of salmon is as good as any lake in Maine. The lake trout population is healthy and no stocking has occurred in the past 30 years. The problem is a high population of small fish. To increase the size of lake trout, the daily limit was increased in 2015 to 6 fish at least 14 inches in length with 1 over 23 inches.
- The Lake View boat dock reconstruction will not take place this year.
- The impact of the Howland Dam bypass on Schoodic is, practically speaking, the passing of Atlantic Salmon if Schoodic Stream is high and the dam gate(s) are open. They can pass under the dam.
- In response to a question, trapping or netting of Smelts is illegal. They may be taken by hook & line only. To report illegal taking of Smelts, call 732-4131, ext. 4003.

The Secretary's report for the 2015 Annual Meeting was presented and are posted on the SLA website. Minutes were pre

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Fred Trask. The following summary was presented:

- Checking Account Balance at 7/31/2015 \$7,644.83
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- Revenue for period 8/1/2015 – 7/27/2016: \$2,530.00
- Expenses for period 8/1/2015 – 7/27/2016: \$1,046.00

SLA has a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$4,172.36 for total assets of \$9,216.25.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as present. All voted in favor.

President Tom explained that three directors are elected each year for three year terms. Ballots were distributed showing the names of nominations for terms as Directors with the opportunity for additional names to be added to the ballot.

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There were no write-in votes. Elected to three year terms expiring at the Annual Meeting 2019 were Andrew Walker, Denis Poulin and Fred Trask.

Questions regarding control of the water levels of the lake were asked. Peter explained the water level control plan which is posted on the Schoodic Lake Association website, as amended. The website address is www.schoodiclakeassoc.org. The goal of the Water Control Plan is to reduce the shore erosion, damage to the dam from ice and protection of the lake trout spawn.

Tom updated the Navigation Buoy project. We are registered with the State requesting a study of the lake for placing nav buoys. All work by the state in this regard is on hold. The lake association does have the option to provide nav buoys which must meet specification and criteria for placing buoys.

Tom pleaded with the audience regarding member involvement. Please contact Tom to become involved in projects that will enhance the quality of the lake.

- Programs such as the Loon Count project held between 7:30 and 8:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of July each year.
- Another is the Lake Smart program.
- Another is the water clarity program which has long been done by Myron Long.
- Lake Crayfish are an invasive species which are already found in lakes in southern Maine.
- Invasive plants are an issue which requires constant monitoring. Sebec Lake is involved in a plan to identify plant species within the first 20 feet of the shoreline.
- Camp roads should be constructed with crowns and so that water runoff does not directly enter the lake. Peter indicated that steep driveways should be constructed with water diversions which prevent water from running into the lake. We will attempt to obtain an electronic version of "Gravel Road Maintenance Manual, a Guide for Landowners on Camp and other Gravel Roads" published by the Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District and post it on the Website.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Charles R. Weeks

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Recording Secretary