

**TACOMA LAKES IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2011**

The annual meeting was held at the Sportsman's Club, Litchfield, ME. The breakfast was served from 8:30 - 9:30 AM. A total of 65 adult and 3 child meals were served. The annual meeting followed the breakfast.

President Bruce Doyle called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. He thanked everyone who helped setup, prepare, serve and clean up the excellent meal. He also thanked everyone for attending.

The President declared a quorum present. The Secretary had posted the minutes from the 2010 Annual Meeting and the September 2010 Special Members Meeting on the website and distributed them to everyone on the TLIS e-mail list. Motion was made and seconded and unanimously voted to dispense of the reading of the minutes. The President asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. There were none. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the 2010 Annual Meeting and the 2010 Special Members Meeting minutes.

The President discussed the health challenges facing TLIS Vice President Charlie Manchester and his wife Bette. Motion was made by Dexter Earley, seconded by Paul Potvin and unanimously voted to spend up to \$50.00 to provide flowers or other recognition to the Manchester's.

Bruce Doyle presented the audit committee report. Board members Kurt Bechtel and Pat Soboleski conducted a comprehensive review of the treasurer's records for 2010. The records from the previous treasurer were incomplete, but the current treasurer has maintained appropriate records of all financial transactions since he was elected to the position. The audit committee found the current treasurer's records to be complete and accurate. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the audit committee report.

Buddy Potts presented the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer noted that TLIS financial records are now kept on accounting software and that he presents monthly financial statements to all the board members. Income and expenses are carefully tracked. A budget for the current year was approved by the board. The summary income statement for 2010 was as follows:

Income:	\$10,298.00
Expenses:	<u>8,988.76</u>
Surplus:	1,309.24

The summary balance sheet for December 31, 2010 is as follows:

Checking:	\$ 6,937.28
CD #1:	12,520.88
CD #2:	<u>11,034.62</u>
TOTAL:	30,492.78

The Treasurer noted that it was a successful financial year for the Society. He expects 2011 to be more challenging as some expenses will likely increase, and last year's sports tickets are not available this year to use as a fundraiser. The rain this spring may have reduced the cost of the inspectors. No questions were asked by the membership.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the Treasurer's report.

Terry Averill gave the Dam Keeper's Report. 5 new dam panels were constructed and installed. Considerable adjustment to the panels was made by the Dam Keeper to get them to fit properly. The old panels were soft and ready for replacement. The dam was inspected last fall by the state dam keeper and received a low risk rating. The President and Dam Keeper are working closely with the Town of Litchfield to ensure all necessary maintenance and improvements are done. The lakes are currently at their designated summer level, 7.5 feet. The dam keeper noted that this spring loon nesting was very successful. The President thanked the dam keeper and presented him with a \$100 gift certificate as a token of the membership's appreciation of his hard work. There were no questions asked by the membership. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the Dam Keeper's report.

Kurt Bechtel presented the nominating committee report. He noted that the new bylaws now required staggered terms for board members. The nominations are as follows, with the year their term expires noted:

Buffy DeMatteis: 2012
Nelly Gamage: 2012
Karen Smith-Ahern: 2012

Pat Gagnon: 2013
Charlie Manchester: 2013
Buddy Potts: 2013

Kurt Bechtel: 2014
Bruce Doyle: 2014
Pat Soboleski: 2014

The President asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the nominating committee report and elect the directors so nominated.

President Bruce Doyle made the President's report. He thanked Buddy Potts for his work on behalf of the Society. He acknowledged the contributions of all the board members. He expressed concern for the Manchester's health on behalf of the board and the members. He thanked the membership for their support of the Society.

The President spoke of the continuing property tax issues in the Town of Litchfield. He continues discussions with town leaders on behalf of lakefront owners. The town is currently having actual physical measurements conducted on all buildings in the town to correct discrepancies on the tax cards. He will continue to monitor the situation.

The President stated he has a good relationship with Litchfield town officials. They have been supportive of keeping the dam in good condition. They have supported the annual grant to the Society and have provided significant funding to the new DASH unit which will be used by the Friends of Cobbossee to remove exotic plants from Pleasant Pond. He went on to thank Buffy DeMatteis and Diane Clay for coordinating the recent Invasive Plant Patrol Workshop. He emphasized the importance of e-mail addresses from members in order to keep them informed of Society activities on their behalf. He continues to monitor building activity and permits on the lakefront.

The President asked the members if they would support e-mail advertising from our sponsors. The Secretary noted that the Society would do the e-mail, and that we would never disclose our e-mail address list to any other entity. The idea of the advertising is to offer discounts and sales to members, while acting as a fund raiser for the Society. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve selected e-mail advertising from our sponsors.

Buffy DeMatteis discussed the variable leaf milfoil in Purgatory Stream. Evaluation of the infestation this spring has been delayed by frequent rainfall. She expects that a combination of barriers to smother the plants and hand harvesting of the plants will be used to remediate the infestation. Further details will be provided to the membership when available.

President Bruce Doyle introduced the keynote speaker Keith Smith from the Maine Forest Service. Keith described in detail the risk fires pose to lakes in Maine and the FireWise program. Dangerous chemicals and phosphorous enter the water during and after a fire. Fire equipment damages camp roads, and this damage also harms water quality. Maine now offers a program in conjunction with lake associations to evaluate fire risk and assist in implementing programs to help owners to reduce fire risk. Local fire departments also assist with the program. There is no cost to lake associations to join this program. Questions were asked by members and there was great enthusiasm to join the FireWise program. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve The Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society joining the FireWise program.

President Bruce Doyle asked if there was any additional business. Paul Potvin asked if the DASH boat could be setup at the Litchfield Fair. Bruce indicated he would contact the Friends of Cobbossee.

Secretary/Treasurer Buddy Potts thanked local businesses for their generous donations for door prizes. He stated that some of these gifts are unavailable due to Charlie Manchester's illness. These will be distributed to members by random lottery at a later date. Buddy distributed the gifts while Karen Smith-Ahern picked the lucky winners.

Motion made by Kurt Bechtel, seconded by Karen Smith-Ahern and unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:45 AM.

A true record, attest,

Harold F Potts, Jr (Buddy)
Treasurer