



**SCHOODIC LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
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**ANNUAL MEETING**

MINUTES

August 4, 2018

- The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Tom Sherman at 8:30 AM. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.
- Charlie Weeks, Board Secretary, presented a summary of the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting. Minutes are posted on the SLA Website – [www.schoodiclake.me](http://www.schoodiclake.me)
- Fred Trask presented the Treasurer's Report with the following information:
  - Savings Account Balance at 7/31/2017 \$5,754.78
  - Savings Account Balance at 7/31/2018 \$6,107.27
  - Revenue – 8/1/17 – 7/31/18 \$1,982.50
  - Expenses for period 8/1/17 – 7/31/18 \$1,631.21
  - SLA Certificate of Deposit \$4,185.93
  - Total assets \$10,644.49
- It was moved and seconded to accept the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report as presented. All voted in favor.
- Election of Board members – The nominating committee presented nominations for 3-year terms for Tom Sherman, David Walker and Charlie Weeks. Nominations from the floor were Kim Stevens and Shawn Mitchell.
  - It was moved by Charlie Weeks, seconded by Peter Hamlin that nominations cease. Accepted.
  - Voting Results: David Walker, Tom Sherman and Charlie Weeks were elected to three-year terms ending at the Annual Meeting 2021.
- Sarah Haggerty of the Maine Audubon Society gave a presentation regarding Loons. Large bird – up to 15 pounds with wingspan of up to 46 inches. Loons are an aquatic species. Loons are fish eaters and require clear water in order to see fish. A loon family of four can eat 1000 pounds of fish per year. Loons migrate to coastal areas in winter and to Canada and northern US in summer breeding season. Loons return to similar territories year after year and to the area where hatched. Loons do not mate for life but do mate for periods of approximately seven years. They build nests on the shore close to the water's edge. After building their nest, it is important that water levels remains constant so not to flood the nest or leave them too far from shore and subject to predators. Loons lay 1 to 3 eggs and are incubated by both the male and female for about 30 days. By the end of summer, the parents migrate first and the juveniles migrate about 1 week later. Nesting loons are particularly



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susceptible to boats coming too close to nests, boat wakes and people approaching nests which will cause the loons to abandon the nest.

- The Maine Loon Project began in 1982. Loon counts occur on the third Saturday of July from 7:00 AM to 7:30 AM only. Since 1984, there has been a general population increase. There are 1400 volunteers to count the loons. Lead poisoning is the number one killer of loons from eating lead sinkers. People should only use lead-free fishing equipment. Loons reproduce from mid-May/June to mid-July/August and are disturbed by fireworks.
- Ms. Haggerty also discussed Lake Smart program, culverts which affect fish movement.
- Kevin Dunham, State Biologist of Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife presented information. Kevin works annually on Schoodic, Cold Stream Pond. Kevin trapped Togue eggs during the spawn period in the fall for the state fish nursery. Schoodic Lake is the best fishery in the state of Maine. MIF&W will be trap netting in the fall. They will also be conducting an ice fish survey. Brook trout stocking will continue at 1000 fish in the fall and 2000 fish in the spring. Also will continue stocking landlock salmon at rate of 500 to 700 per year.
- Tom presented information about the Lake View dock re-build which will close the boat launch in Lake View from August 28 through September 30.
- Tom reminded of the SLA Website – [www.schoodiclake.me](http://www.schoodiclake.me) Documents and information are posted on the site.
- Member involvement – you do not need to be a Board member to get involved. Myron Long needs help with the water clarity testing. Get in touch with Charlie Weeks.
- Update of the nav buoy program – SLA has requested that the lake be surveyed for nav buoys. We are on the list but there is no money to accomplish the survey or placement of buoys. Nav buoys are placed only outside the 200 feet from shore areas. Shawn Mitchell asked if there is a decline in the smelt population which affects the fish population and sizes.
- Tom asked folks to keep on look-out for crayfish.



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- The dam is in good shape although one board needs to be replaced and one wingwall will need resurfacing in the next few years.
- It was moved and seconded to adjourn. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Weeks, Secretary