

# SCHOODIC LAKE ASSOCIATION

“TO PRESERVE, ENHANCE AND PROTECT”

## ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 5, 2017

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. at the Milo Town Hall by SLA Board of Directors President David Walker. Directors present were introduced: David Walker, Fred Trask, Charlie Weeks, Denis Poulin, Andrew Walker and Peter Hamlin. Approximately 32 members were present.

The Secretary provided a summary of minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting. Minutes are posted on the SLA website.

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

- Savings Account Balance at 7/31/2016 \$4,835.89
- Savings Account Balance at 7/27/2017 \$5,696.66
- Revenue for period 8/1/2016 – 7/27/2017: \$1,947.50
- Expenses for period 8/1/2016– 7/27/2017: \$ 960.07
- SLA Certificate of Deposit: \$4,172.36
- Total assets: \$9,995.68

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

President David explained that three directors are elected each year for three-year terms. Ballots were distributed showing the names of nominations for terms as Directors 2017 - 2020 with the opportunity for additional names to be added to the ballot. Nominations for Directors are: Robin Mayo, Peter Hamlin (by the nominating committee), Mike Bennett and Gary Proehl from the floor. Elected to three-year terms expiring at the Annual Meeting 2020 were Peter Hamlin, Robin Mayo and Mike Bennett.

Questions regarding control of the water levels of the lake were asked and statements made that water levels are maintained too low which increases shore erosion. Peter explained the water level control plan which is posted on the Schoodic Lake Association website - [www.schoodiclake.me](http://www.schoodiclake.me). The goal of the Water Control Plan is to maintain the water level from spring to September as close to 6 feet as measured at the dam and to lower it to approximately 4 feet to allow for space for winter/spring precipitation storage, to minimize shore erosion, to prevent damage to the dam from ice and to protect the lake trout spawn. A statement was made that lowering the water level during the late-fall and winter increases shore erosion and damages tree roots. This theory is not supported by environmental evidence.

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David 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.

David pleaded with the audience regarding member involvement. Please contact David 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of July each year.
- Another is the Lake Smart program.
- 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 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Charles R. Weeks*

Charles R. Weeks  
Secretary