

Basin David Tilton Pond Association
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
August 7, 2020

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, our annual meeting was held on a Friday via Zoom with technical support from Drew Morris at Maine Lakes Society and Richard Hicks from BDTPA. Voting was completed online; results given online and verbalized.

BDTPA Members total=42

Required quorum=14

16 (households) present

Members present as attendees or panelist:

John and Lisa Andrews; Patricia DeGrinney (Mo Longtin appointed as proxy); Deb Cayer and Bill Dunham; Joe Fitzpatrick; Mike and Carole Hicks; Candace and Fred Jackman, Tom Jenkins; Daniel and Sarah Lafond, Joe and Monique Longtin, Kirstie Ludwig, John and Diedre Richardson, Gail Rioux, Charlie Smith and Sue French Smith, Ellen Smith-Erb, Linda Stanton, Frank Donlon

- President Liz Hicks started the meeting.

Reports of Officers and liaisons:

- Treasurer's Report was read by Monique Longtin. Please see details on BDTA website.

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| Starting Balance 5/31/19 | 4,945.59 |
| Dues/Donations | +1,210.00 |
| Expenses | - 894.55 |
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| New Balance | 5,261.04 |

Treasurer's report was voted on and approved.

Please forward your annual membership dues of \$25 to Monique Longtin or go to <http://bdtpa.org/join-bdtpa.html>

- Minutes of the 2019 meeting were voted on and approved.

Nominations of Officers for 2020-2021

President Joe Fitzpatrick
Vice President Tom Jenkins
Secretary Ellen Smith-Erb
Treasurer Monique Longtin
Trustee John Andrews-one year
Gail Rioux-two years
Sue French Smith-three years

Slate of officers was voted upon and approved.

- Joe Longtin has been Coordinator for the plant invasive patrol for the Lake Stewards of Maine-Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program for many years. He reported no invasive plants have been identified but we continue to need to be careful.
- Joe reported Steve Smith-Erb has taken on Coordinator position. Please contact Steve at scse@maine.rr.com if you are interested in helping out with identification of invasive plants or want more information.

President Tom Jenkins gave an overview of the water levels and history of the dam on David Pond, including a review and approval by the Department of Environmental Protection. Please see BDTPA website for graphs and reports <http://bdtpa.org/meetings.html>, and for updated data go to <http://bdtpa.org/water-level-data.html>. Tom cited fluctuations of the water level will normally vary up to 30” in part due to amount of rainfall and the condition of ground cover/foilage. Additionally, the town of Fayette released a beaver dam at Tilton Pond 11/05/2019, which impacted water level.

- There was much discussion on the continued vandalism of the dam.
 - a) There needs to be an Emergency Response Team to rebuild as quickly as possible after the dam is vandalized. There is concern for the team’s well being with heavy sandbag lifting.
 - b) Prevention and peaceful resolution are preferred.
 - c) Legal recourse including civil suit and criminal conduct are being considered.
 - d) There was support for the land owners to file complaints with backing from the majority of the members present at the meeting.
- 30 Mile River Watershed Association Liaison, Linda Stanton, requested a contribution of \$500 to the 30 Mile Watershed. \$500 was a match from last year. Linda’s internet connection was not good and she was not able to give full report.
Donation voted on and approved.
- Liz Hicks will take over the liaison position of the 30 Mile River Watershed Assoc. FMI on the 30 Mile Watershed Association, go to <http://30mileriver.org/>
- Monique Longtin requested donation to the Maine Lakes Society, \$2 per person.
Donation voted on and approved. FMI on Maine Lakes Society, go to <https://www.lakes.me/>

- Monique Longtin requested a donation of \$100 to the Lake Stewards of Maine. Donation was voted on and approved. FMI on Lake Stewards of Maine, go to <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/>
- Water Quality Officer Deb Cayer reported on water clarity in Basin and David Ponds. She reported that the Lake Smart Evaluation Team is still functioning during the pandemic. The team can either assess property for protecting lake quality or give information to interested people if they have concerns with social distancing. This is free; non-regulatory recommendations are given. FMI on Lake Smart Evaluations, go to <https://mainelakessociety.org/lakesmart/>. Please contact Deb at dcayer@bdtpa.org for a Lake Smart evaluation, or go to <http://bdtpa.org/bdtpa-lake-smart-signup.html>.
- Linda Stanton and Liz Hicks reported on the annual loon count.

Ellen Smith-Erb raised concern about people going over to the north and south loon islands on David Pond and disturbing loon nests. There was discussion on how to educate people and keep them off the islands. Drew Morris of Maine Lake Society will request Susan Gallo of Maine Lake Society to contact BDTPA.

New Business

- Tom Jenkins raised concerns about trash and the excess of boats, many of which appear in disrepair and out of use, on Basin Pond. Lake Estates Home Association is the steward of Basin Pond. Tom will talk with the Fayette town manager to plan how to notify owners the need to remove their boats.
- John Andrews reported there are no restrictions of motorboats on Basin Pond. Currently there seems to be infrequent usage of motorboats on Basin.
- Deb Cayer reported Erica Diller would like to sell land across the bog on David Pond (which holds the easement on that side of the impoundment.)
- John Andrews reported that the culvert on Sandy River Road will be replaced.
- Deb Cayer talked about the possibility of the removal of the historical mill foundation on Sandy River Rd.
- Joe Fitzpatrick, our new BDTPA president, introduced himself.

Motion approved for next annual meeting for BDTPA on August 7, 2021 at 10:00am with the great plan to meet in person.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith-Erb, BDTPA secretary