

Basin David Tilton Pond Association Annual Meeting
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 12:00pm @ Starling Hall, Fayette

BDTPA Members total=28

Required quorum=25% of members in good standing, having paid dues

28 household voting units present

1) Call to Order

2) Vote to approve 2024 minutes
Accepted

3) President's Comments

4) Reports from Officers, Liaisons, and Partners

a. Treasurer's Report – Gail Rioux, treasurer. Please see details on BDTPA website.

Starting balance	6,260.32
Dues/donations	+1,110.00
Expenses	-1,100.00
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New balance	6,270.32

Vote to approve 2024 treasury report
Accepted

You can still mail in your \$30 dues.

Please forward your annual membership dues of \$30 to Sue French Smith @
PO Box 305, Tabernash, CO 80478. Checks payable to BDTPA.

b. Invasive Bladderwort in Tilton Pond –Presentation by John McPhedran, Denise Blanchette, and Chris Riley (Maine Department of Environmental Protection) / Silas Mohlar (30-Mile River Watershed Association) -Reported on recent history of invasive bladderwort on Tilton Pond and other state ponds, types of removal and management strategies, time lines, costs.

Discussion from membership. Twelve BDTPA members signed up to join a task force to consider the BDTPA's options in response to the invasive bladderwort, possibilities including working with other local pond associations, talking with town and state representatives, fundraising, seeking grants and determining what kind of research has been effective outside New England. BDTPA President Steve Smith-Erb will initiate the first meeting.

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c. Water Quality on Basin, David and Tilton Ponds – Sara York (30 MRWA)

Sarah reported on water quality and monitoring including phosphorous updates, reporting very good water quality in all three ponds. She also reported on volunteer opportunities. FMI including the annual report, go to: <https://30mileriver.org>

d. David Pond Impoundment and Water Level – John Andrews and Bob Harradon

John reported on cleaning out beaver debris, trapper taking out two beavers and question of someone else trapping, beaver activity not as severe and not affecting level of water.

Bob reported he's in his 9th year of recording water levels, has recorded over 500 times.

e. LakeSmart – Deb Cayer: Reported on free and educational evaluation of lakefront homeowner's property to help protect water quality and to keep run off from entering ponds, with non-regulatory recommendations. FMI, write to Deb Cayer at debbiecayer@gmail.com or b

5) New Bylaws

a. Steve Melchiskey, BDTPA Vice President, reported on update and modernization of the by-laws.

Vote to approve new by-laws

Accepted

b. Discussion regarding the bylaws raised the issue of multiple votes per membership. Concerns raised included whether one family should get one vote or more, whether the number of lots a family owns makes a difference in the number of its votes. See current bylaws, Article IV on membership.

Vote to approve the Board exploring and clarifying how to handle multiple votes per membership.

Accepted

6) Regular Business (under new bylaws)

a. Dues to affiliate organizations

- i. 30 Mile River Watershed Association (\$700 listed in agenda, but donated \$900 in 2024, as listed in Treasure's Report)

Discussion on 30 MRWA's sources of income

- ii. Lake Stewards of Maine (\$100 recommended)
- iii. Maine Lakes Society (\$100 is recommended)

Vote to raise donation to 30 MRWA from \$900 to \$1000 and other organizations as is

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b. Election of Executive Board (nominations from floor welcome)

Slate of Candidates for 2025-2026

1. Officers:

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| a. President | Stephen Smith-Erb |
| b. Vice-President | Steve Melchiskey |
| c. Treasurer | Sue French Smith |
| d. Secretary | Carlene Hempel |

2. Executive Board Members:

- a. Fred Jackman
- b. Lori Beaulieu
- c. Bill Dunham

Vote to accept slate of candidates

Accepted

7) New business

- a. Dead loon found on basin pond and game warden contacted. Please report to game warden if you see dead loon. No loon chicks reported this year.
- b. Committee to work on invasive plants.
- c. Floating raft found next to common lot.
- d. 30 MWRA having open house at new office in Mount Vernon 8/10/2025.
- e. Plant survey- should be recorded with Lake Stewards of Maine, put in data even if nothing found.
- f. Funding for committee members to consider re: invasive bladderwort including the schedule of grants and approaching the town.

8) Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Smith-Erb, outgoing BDTPA secretary