

**TACOMA LAKES IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 2012**

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 70 adult 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 set up, 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 2011 Annual Meeting minutes on the website. 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 2011 Annual Meeting.

Bruce Doyle requested the audit committee report. Board members Kurt Bechtel and Pat Soboleski conducted a comprehensive review of the treasurer's records for 2011. They reported the treasurer has maintained appropriate records of all financial transactions during 2011. 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 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 2011 was as follows:

Income:	\$11,233.24
Expenses:	<u>7,763.28</u>
Surplus:	3,469.96

The summary balance sheet for December 31, 2011 is as follows:

Checking:	\$ 9,829.38
CD #1:	12,901.13
CD #2:	<u>11,232.23</u>
TOTAL:	33,962.74

The Treasurer noted that 2011 was a successful financial year for the Society. He expects 2012 to be successful as well as our donations and memberships have both increased. He thanked the donors for their incredible support of the organization. No questions were asked by the membership.

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

Mr. Potts also gave a brief secretary's report. 2011 final membership was 208, an increase of 14 over 2010. We have about 160 e-mail addresses. The website has been very active this year with a total of 6000 visits since it first went on-line.

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

Kurt Bechtel and Bruce Doyle presented the nominating committee report. The nominations are as follows, with the year their term expires noted:

Diane Clay: 2013
Charlie Manchester: 2013
Buddy Potts: 2013

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

Buffy DeMatteis: 2015
Joline Bell 2015
Karen Smith-Ahern: 2015
Bill Gartley 2015

Dam Keeper Terry Averill is also a member of the board. His term is continuous so long as the holds the position.

Pat Gagnon retired from the board. Diane Clay was nominated to replace him for the remainder of his term. Nelly Gamage retired after many years of service to the Society.

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. After the board was approved Bruce Doyle reported that the officers for the next year are as follows:

President: Bruce Doyle
Vice President: Bill Gartley
Treasurer: Buddy Potts
Secretary: Karen Smith-Ahern

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 thanked the membership for their support of the Society. In particular he thanked L-A Harley Davidson for their very generous donation to the society.

Bruce spoke of the now legal fireworks in Maine. The board is conducting a survey of our members to determine the issues and take them to the select boards in Litchfield and Monmouth. He asked everyone to fill out the survey form and return it before they leave.

The President spoke of the efforts to remove the milfoil in Purgatory Stream and the risk of invasive weeds to our lakes. He gave examples of the extraordinary costs other lake associations have paid to control weeds. He thanked the Friends of Cobbossee Watershed for their leadership in this area and their help with the Purgatory stream infestation.

The President spoke of the efforts to keep our members informed including several e-mail letters a year from him to the members. He also mentioned the website is kept up to date.

The President has spoken to the game warden about issues on our lakes. The wardens are patrolling our lakes and would like residents to contact them when they see problems.

The President has received permission to remove the beaver dam on Jimmy Stream. The dam has been partially removed. 5 large beavers were trapped last fall, but more have appeared. Volunteers will be needed to complete the dam removal.

The President concluded his remarks by asking "how are we doing?" A warm round of applause followed.

President Bruce Doyle introduced the keynote speaker John Blouin, Executive Director of the Friends of Cobbossee Watershed. John spoke of the DASH boat used to remove invasive weeds. The boat was on display at this meeting. He spoke of the continuing efforts to control the milfoil in Purgatory Stream and the battle against milfoil in Pleasant Pond and the Cobbossee Stream system. The cost of this battle is very high. For example the DASH boat costs about \$500 per hour to operate.

Mr. Blouin presented a video which graphically showed the damage done by invasive plants in other water systems and the difficulty to remove them. The message was clear, prevention is preferable to control.

Our second speaker was Kent Nelson of the Maine Forest Service. Last year the Society approved participating in the Firewise program. TLIS board members and local fire officials assisted Forest Service staff to survey the Tacoma Lakes region for wildfire risk. Mr. Nelson presented the results of the survey. The full report has been presented to local officials and is available to Society members on our website. After the presentation Bruce Doyle thanked everyone involved for their assistance and promised the Society will work with local officials to help implement the recommendations.

President Doyle mentioned that everyone who was a successful bidder in the silent auction should see Buddy Potts and Pat Soboleski on the way out to pay for their items. He thanked all the bidders for supporting the Society.

President Bruce Doyle asked if there was any additional business. There was none. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM.

A true record, attest,

Karen Smith-Ahern
Secretary