

TACOMA LAKES IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2010

The annual meeting was held at the Sportsman's Club, Litchfield, ME. The breakfast was from 8:00 - 9:30 AM, annual meeting followed. Both the breakfast and the meeting were well attended.

President, Buddy Potts, called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM, welcoming all who attended. Officers and Directors introduced themselves. Volunteers preparing and cleaning up the breakfast were thanked and complimented on a job well done.

The minutes from last years' annual meeting were read and approved unanimously as read.

Buddy Potts thanked the retiring board members Judy Bourget, Roger Champagne and Dian White for their years of service to the Society.

Buddy Potts gave an update on the website. There is more activity (more hits) this year. The website and emails will be used to inform members of activities and current events. Use of email will reduce the cost of postage, while efficiently contacting or members. Every effort will be made to make available our newsletters, in print, for our members that do not have access to a computer. We are also in the process of updating mailing lists.

Buddy Potts made the treasurer's report.

Checking:	\$ 8,055.95
CD #1:	\$12,332.96
CD#2:	<u>\$10,844.36</u>
TOTAL:	\$31,233.28

Motion was made, and passed unanimously, to accept the treasurer's report.

Buddy discussed the fund raising efforts of last year. Disappointedly, though much effort was put forth, we didn't even cover the cost to the donors of some of the tickets. This year we have teamed up with the Friends of Cobbossee Watershed. The tickets donated to TLIS this year will be added to their annual auction, and the proceeds from these tickets will be split 50/50 with the Friends of Cobbossee Watershed. Buddy believes this will improve our fund raising proceeds.

Motion was made and passed unanimously to keep dues at \$15.00/year.

Buddy read the nominating committee's report. The following were nominated:

Bruce Doyle - President
Charlie Manchester - Vice President
Buddy Potts - Secretary/Treasure
Karen Smith-Ahern - Director
Kurt Bechtel - Director
Buffy DeMatteis - Director
Pat Gagnon - Director
Nelly Gamage - Director
Patricia Soboleski - Director
Terry Averill - Dam Keeper

Buddy explained the benefits of having a Litchfield resident stand as President. He thanked the members for allowing him to serve as President the last 2 years.

The motion was made to accept the nominating committee's recommendations. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Nelly Gamage asked for the floor. He talked about the many years of service to the Society by Romeo and Judy Bourget and thanked them for all they had done for the Society.

The meeting was then turned over to Bruce Doyle, newly elected President.

Bruce Doyle accepted the nomination and thanked Buddy for his hard work and dedication over the last few years.

Bruce reminded everyone to be sure the returnable containers that are donated at the redemption center are Maine returnable containers. Containers from other states cannot be returned in Maine.

Bruce discussed the goals of TLIS. Invasive plant monitoring is a top priority, followed closely by erosion control and new development on the lakes. Buffy DeMatteis will be taking over the organization of the volunteers for milfoil inspectors. If anyone is interested, please contact Buffy at 268-4962.

Bruce Doyle introduced Bob Moore from Friends of Cobbossee. Bob gave a brief but comprehensive overview of the Friends of Cobbossee, including the activities of their full-time educator touching nearly 1400 school-aged children in their school programs. Multiple summer programs have been set up for youth education. Several successful fundraisers have been performed over the last few months, with the silent auction coming up next month. These fund raisers help defer the cost of the plant patrol and education.

The second speaker, Robert Van Riper, from Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, was introduced. Robert gave an overview of the health of the area lakes, the native fish to the lakes and the dangers of introducing non-native fish to the environment.

Door prizes were awarded by lottery. Bruce thanked the local businesses for their generous donations.

Motion made by Bruce Doyle, seconded by Charlie Manchester and unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Harold F Potts Jr (Buddy)
TLIS Secretary/Treasurer