

**Swan Lake Association Minutes**  
**12 June 2017**

The Swan Lake Association met on the above date at the Nickerson School for a potluck supper and its first meeting of the 2017 season. There were 39 in attendance. In President Marty Stout's absence (due to ill health), Vice President Jeff Pearson opened the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

In Treasurer Bill Baxter's absence, Peggy Stout summarized the Treasurer's Report: \$780 Membership Dues received to date; \$540 CBI donations received to date; partial disbursement of grants received \$2,025; current balance in checking account \$2,234; \$2,938 in a CD, and an amount in a savings account which this secretary didn't catch.

Peggy announced the following activities/Association needs:

- 4th of July Boat Parade
- Book Club, 6/28/17, 2:00 P.M., at Nancy Baxter's camp, Nancy is leading the discussion of *Great Small Things*, by Jodi Picoult.. All welcome
- Fundraiser ideas needed; also volunteers (this is an off-year for the garden tour)

Secretary Charlotte Kerrigan read abbreviated minutes, due to our having two speakers for the evening. They will be available on the Association web page, and were accepted.

Our first speaker was Bruce Mailloux, past President of the SLA, and current member of the Swan Lake Committee, aka the Dam Committee. Weekly water levels have been sent to Goose River Hydro. There was severe leakage on the lower level of the dam, which was fixed by expanding concrete. The left gate was in very bad repair – there was no water retention all winter. A repair has been made. Only one generator in the Goose River Hydro system is now on-line. Two more need expensive repairs. The application for the 40 year FERC license is in process, but it is unlikely that any money is currently being made. The Agreement with the Town of Swanville, now in draft form, regulates the water level; the spillway (an emergency relief valve) clause remains in the Agreement (will address flood insurance concerns for lakefront property owners). Ann Hooper requested that names of dam committee contact people be published, to clear up confusion between the Swan Lake Association and the Swan Lake Committee (the dam committee). Bruce agreed. Bruce reported that water clarity is at 8.4 meters, and oxygen is at good levels from the surface down to the bottom (105 feet). It will continue to be checked every two weeks throughout the season. A concern voiced from the floor about firework debris elicited the information that this is regulated by Town ordinance – the Lake Association has no authority.

Peggy introduced Carl Goodwin-Moore, our Courtesy Boat Inspector. He passed out handouts given to boaters launching into Swan Lake, noting the \$500 fine for introducing any plant life from one body of water into another. We have no known invasive species yet, but they are as close as the Belgrade Lakes, and all boat owners are responsible to check boats and trailers, both before entering and after leaving any body of water. The CBI is an educator, not an enforcer, and Carl has found boat owners both cooperative and increasingly informed. The State is going to replace the vandalized boat launch sign. Carl also passed out copies of the form he fills out to send to Maine Volunteer Lake Protection. These are now sent via internet rather than hand copied, reducing labor hours and errors resulting from copying. Carl works weekend mornings only.

Both speakers were accorded a round of applause. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Kerrigan, Secretary