



MEETING	2017 Bunganut Annual Membership Meeting
Date/Time	7/9/2017 @ 10:00am - 11:00am
Location	Camp Berea
GUESTS	

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS/FOLLOW-UP	RESPONSIBILITY/ DUE DATE
OLD BUSINESS			
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Chuck Shaw, President @ 10:07am		
MINUTES FROM 2016	Ed Sovetsky, Secretary Officer reviewed the 2016 Bunganut Annual Membership Meeting Minutes		
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	2016 Bunganut Annual Membership Meeting Minutes were accepted as presented.		
TREASURERS REPORT	<p>Andrea King, Treasurer Officer, presented the following treasurer's report, and it was accepted as presented.</p> <p>Total Dues/Donation Collected 2016 to present: \$4,300.00</p> <p>Number of Dues-paying Members: 74</p> <p>Present Account Balances:</p> <p>(Money Market) \$24,723.32 (Share) \$50.00 (Share Draft) <u>\$3016.20</u></p> <p>Total: \$27,789.52</p> <p>Transaction 2016-2017</p> <p>P.O. Box Rental \$62.00 Oak Street Bistro Gift Certificates \$100.00 Newsletter Postage/mailings \$75.20 Dam Liability Insurance \$640.00 Maine Non-Profit Fee \$35.00 Padlock, Sign Prep and Mailing/Postage <u>\$147.27</u></p> <p>Total Expenditures 2015-2016 \$1,059.47</p>		

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DAM CONTROL/ACTIVITY REPORT	<p>Dam Report 2017.</p> <p>Chuck Shaw, President, presented the following Dam Report 2016-2017, and it was accepted as presented.</p> <p>The Dam was only opened once this spring, from 1:00 PM on April 26th to 11:00 AM on the 27th. The outflow developed a strong grey tint, which may indicate erosion in the clay layer somewhere between the gate and the pond. I believe that water is passing through the clay layer into the gate bay, which we believed was completely sealed last year. Our water supply seems (this is Maine) to be back to normal, with good groundwater and regular rains to add to the winter runoff. Also the "free ride" dry weather gave us with the ticks, mosquitoes and horseflies is over, a sure sign the drought recovery is complete.</p> <p>I can only repeat my recommendation that the system of buried pipes and a gated fore bay installed by the guard in the sixties be replaced with a channel and exposed gate system similar to the original Shaker construction using concrete instead of stone and reusing the current gate mechanism to raise and lower a simple rectangular gate. A 12" to 18" channel would suffice, and the entire system would be exposed and accessible for inspection or repair. Multiple gate slots in the channel would allow temporary gates to be used for repair or replacement of the primary gate mechanism without waiting for fall and draining down the lake.</p> <p>As stated last year, the association does not buoy rocks due to liability issues, but if an anchored milk jug appears mysteriously over a rock near your camp, we will all be grateful.</p>		
WATER QUALITY REPORT	<p>Jay VanTassel, a Director, presented the Water Quality Report, and it was accepted as presented.</p> <p>Last secchi reading was 5.9 meters. Clarity depth level is still good within the lake and has increased over the past couple years.</p> <p>Jay reminded the membership that at this time of year the biggest pollutant is from dirt and dust (from driveways, walkways, yards, etc.). Run off from these areas can enter into the lake. Jay stressed the importance of having good vegetation to help filter these types of contaminants.</p> <p>Jay addressed a concern about anyone blowing leaves into the lake. We want to avoid doing this since decay from the leaves reduces lake water quality and</p>		

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	<p>oxygen levels. With the trees around the lake, fall leaf drop already puts a large amount of leaves into water.</p> <p>A question was asked about burning leaves down on the beach areas. Jay stressed that this is probably not a good idea and to avoid this too.</p> <p>It was asked if cleaning up leaves in front of your camp is okay during the fall when the lake is drained. Jay stated this certainly would help and if everyone cleaned up leaves, branches and other debris this would only help the lake.</p>		
NEW BUSINESS			
ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS	<p>Chuck Shaw is stepping down from his position as President. He is in the process of selling his lake property and will no longer be qualified for membership. Therefore the President's position is open. The board suggested Kathy Georgens as a nominee for this position. Nomination was made by the membership to elect Kathy Georgens as the President. No other nominations were made. Kathy was voted in by the membership. Chuck Shaw turned over the remainder of the meeting to Kathy Georgens.</p> <p>Kathy Georgens stated now that she is president, the vice president position is up for nominations. The board recommended Jay VanTassell for Vice-President. A motion was made by the membership to nominate Jay VanTassell and it was seconded. No other nominations were made. Jay VanTassell was accepted by the membership as the Vice President.</p> <p>Up next was the re-election of the Secretary, Ed Sovetsky. No other nominations were made by the membership. Ed Sovetsky was accepted by the membership.</p> <p>Up next was the re-election of the Treasurer, Andrea King. No other nominations were made by the membership. Andrea King was accepted by the membership.</p> <p>Directors currently incumbent, not up for election until next year is Bruce Andrews and Ken Anderson Jr.</p> <p>Up next was the re-election of a Director, Pat Giles. No other nominations were made by the membership. Pat Giles was accepted by the membership.</p> <p>The Director's position held by Jay VanTassell was up for nominations. The membership nominated Denis Delage for this position. No other nominations were made by the membership. Denis Delage was accepted by the</p>		

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Dam Concerns	<p>membership.</p> <p>Kathy Georgens told the membership about the issue with the failing Dam Gate and the need to replace the unit. After the 2017 Board of Directors Meeting, the group reconvened at the dam so that Chuck Shaw could provide details on how to operate the Dam Gate. During the demonstration, it was discovered that the gate was severely degraded. It took about a couple hours to get the gate closed again. Concerns were expressed about the ability to open/close the gate in the fall in its current condition.</p> <p>Chuck Shaw spoke to the membership on a replacement solution using a trough arrangement similar to what the Shakers have used on other lakes. Further discussion continued.</p> <p>It's was recommended that the board be allowed to hire an engineer to assess the current state of the Dam and make any recommendations on how best to fix the dam.</p> <p>A motion was made by the membership to allow the investigation & any necessary repairs of the Dam up to 90% of the available funds, and to open the dam early, October 1, 2017 for the repairs. This was accepted by the membership.</p>	<p>Obtain an engineering assessment, open the Dam October 1, 2017 and perform any necessary repairs up to 90% of the BPA Funds if necessary.</p>	<p>BPA Board</p>
BPA SIGNS	<p>A concern was brought up by the membership about the BPA Signs; they don't appear to be displayed much around the lake in support of the BPA. Further discussion occurred and it was noted that some signs are being hung on driveway entrances, boats and other locations.</p> <p>Kathy Georgens mentioned to the membership that if anyone wants to donate money or materials for the upcoming year's signs, please reach out to Ed Sovetsky, Secretary. We welcome any donations.</p>		
OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Kathy Georgens opened the floor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emily Cook asked if there was going to be another invasive species survey. Howard Dupee (York County Soil and Water Conservation District) spoke up and stated there is limited funding by the states for these activities. Emily Cook mentioned that there might be grants out there to help with lake activities. She also presented other possible fund raising options. Emily Cook stated that she has some training in New England invasive species identification and proposed putting together a group and sharing educational materials. - Emily Cook also addressed her concerns about loons and their nest. She 	<p>Kathy Georgens asked Emily Cook to see her after the meeting to have further discussions on her propose invasive species group and educational materials.</p>	

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	<p>noticed boats getting close and taking pictures. This may or may not have caused the nest to be abandoned.</p> <p>- A member brought up the issue of seeing boats moored near John Crowley's property and asked for an update. This issue was addressed last year by the board (Chuck Shaw), John Crowley and Lt. William Ross (Maine State Police). The word did get out about the concern from last year's BPA meeting and John Crowley stated that the issue has greatly improved and is no longer a concern at this time. Further discussion occurred by the membership.</p> <p>- Bill Wallace brought his concerns about the town park and their tree cutting to the membership. A discussion ensued. Marty and Bruce Andrews noted that they had talked to the town about the tree cutting. The town stated to them that they can't clear cut up to 275' from the high water mark, but can do selective cutting. Also the company doing the cutting is from Buxton, ME and you may want to reach out to them if you have any further questions. At this time no action will be taken by the board.</p> <p>- Oak Street Bistro gift card drawing occurred and an additional gift certificate was presented to Paul Morrison for the use of Camp Cedarbrook (now Camp Berea) facility for the BPA annual meeting.</p> <p>- Paul Morrison from Camp Berea read the letter from Nate Park (President and CEO of Berea) to the membership. BEREA will continue to support the Bunganut Pond Associate and activities. This includes hosting the annual meeting and any other meetings.</p> <p>-Kathy Georgens extended a thank you to Jay VanTassel and Ed Sovetsky for producing and sending out 2017's mailers to the membership.</p> <p>- Jay VanTassel extended a thank you out to the Bunganut Lake Campground for the wonderful fireworks this year.</p> <p>-Membership thanked the BPA board for all the hard work they do.</p> <p>-Kathy Georgens presented Chuck Shaw a picture of a plaque being made for his service to the BPA and membership.</p> <p>-Kathy Georgens also mentioned we have 2017 BPA T-Shirt and order forms for anyone that wants to purchase one or more.</p>		
adjourned	Meeting adjourned @ 11:18am.		

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NEXT MEETING 07/08/2018	SCRIBE: Edward L Sovetsky		