

Minutes of Bunganut Pond Association's Annual Meeting

Thirty-five people attended the annual meeting on July 13, 2014. The following Board of Directors were present:

Chuck Shaw, President

Ed Sanborn, Vice President

Andrea Pierce, Treasurer

Pat Giles, Board Member,

Bruce Andrews, Board Member

Charlie Kokernak, Board Member

Chuck Shaw presided over the meeting. Andrea Pierce gave the financial report. Dues collected last year amounted to \$2,800. The total in the BPA account is \$18,035.28 at this time. The report was accepted as presented.

The two main topics of discussion during the meeting were:

- The failing condition of the dam
- The need to encourage more property owners to become members of the Bunganut Pond Association.

Old Business:

Dam Control Report

Chuck Shaw provided a thorough report, summarized here.

Although melt-off was gradual this spring, a severe problem with the dam became apparent in early July. Severe thunderstorms with flood warnings (associated with Hurricane Andrew) were predicted on July 2nd. Chuck opened the dam that night as the water was just over the boards. He closed the dam on July 5th when the water was ½" below the boards. He noticed the water coming out of the outflow pipe was gray, indicating a washout. The following day, this was investigated further and a dimple in the rip-rap was discovered. A 4" X 6" hole was located in the dam face at the waterline. The outflow was much greater than water flowing into the hole. As Chuck and Tom further investigated the water flow, the hole rapidly expanded to 10" X 6". A ten-foot 2X4 was pushed into the opening, in an attempt to establish the extent of the washout.

On July 7th, the Dam Inspector was contacted, as required for a potential dam failure. The hole was re-examined. It was determined to have opened further during the night and the rip-rap was unstable for several feet each side of the opening, indicating washout under the fabric.

In the process of making a temporary repair to the dam, the collapsed area was dug out. The area in front of the fore bay was badly washed out. Concrete blocks were stacked across the opening, the rip-rap was replaced. A layer of heavy canvas was put in-between to minimize washout. Clay was then packed behind the blocks, the hole was backfilled, and concrete plates were used to cap the filled area. This should hold until fall.

The Dam Inspector approved the temporary repairs and requested input on the permanent work to be done.

Summary of the Dam Control Report:

1. Opening the gate creates a real risk of washing out the front of the dam and a risk of catastrophic failure. If we have heavy rain, we may have to tolerate higher than usual water levels this summer.
2. The dam needs substantial repair this fall.
3. It is anticipated that the lake will be drained down early and fast this year, probably around October 1st.

Discussion ensued following the Dam Control Report. Ed Sanborn is currently looking at options for the permanent repair. One option is a new pipe to replace the rusted, collapsed pipe. Another option is creation of a concrete channel. Cost, efficiency, and durability will be considered in determining how to make the permanent repair.

There was considerable discussion about how to raise more money for such urgent needs. Two ideas were suggested and are being considered. The first is to sell T-shirts (Save Bunganut, Save the Dam). The second suggestion was to create posters to be purchased and placed by homeowners on docks that indicate "Helping to save the dam by being a member of the Bunganut Pond Association". Ed Sanborn offered to check into the T-shirts. Chuck Shaw offered to talk to Jay Van Tassell about the posters.

Water Quality

Jay Van Tassell was unable to attend the meeting, but Chuck reported that the water quality remains the same as usual. Algae and erosion is under control. The Maine Lakes Association will train people to do lake quality monitoring. If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Lake Quality Monitor, please contact Chuck Shaw chs@shawco.net for more details or <http://www.mainevlmp.org>

Monument

Last year the membership voted to install a monument to Ken Anderson, a long-time Bunganut Pond property owner to pay tribute to his work with the Association, his work protecting the water quality, and as acknowledgement of his generous financial support over many years. The monument is a stone monolith, one of the old spillway slabs with a bronze plaque inset. It is installed at the dam.

New Business:

Election of Board of Directors

The existing slate of officers was re-elected for the upcoming year, with one exception. Charlie Kokernak is retiring from the Board after many years of dedicated involvement. Christine Chamberlain was elected to the Board to replace Charlie.

The Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 year:

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1962 Map

Howard Dupee showed an interesting 1962 aerial map of Bunganut Pond.

Stocking the Lake

In the '80s, the lake was stocked with trout. It is no longer legal for Bunganut Pond to be stocked because there is no public boat launch.

More Members Needed

The second major topic of discussion at the meeting was the need to encourage more property owners to become members of the Bunganut Pond Association. Over the past couple of years, the organization has lost 1/3 of its dues paying members. Far fewer than half of the property owners on Bunganut are members of the Association. It was suggested that every member talk to his/her lake neighbors to encourage them to join and participate. A membership form will be included in the next newsletter. It was suggested that we set-up a PayPal option on the website to make it easier for people to send in their membership dues. Ed offered to talk to Brian Johnson, the Webmaster. It was suggested that we need an advertising campaign so that property owners know about the Association and the work it does to maintain the quality of the lake.

Thanks

Special thanks were given to Camp Cedarbrook for hosting the annual meeting again this year.

Many thanks to Chuck Shaw for his diligence in monitoring the dam and reporting on its current state.

Many people expressed appreciation to Ed Sanborn and the Bunganut Lake Camping Area for the wonderful display of fireworks.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.