

Bunganut Pond Association Minutes - July 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Shaw, President of the Board of Directors, at 10 am. Kathy Georgens, BOD Secretary, provided a synopsis of the minutes from 2014 which was accepted as presented.

Andrea Pierce, BOD Treasurer, presented the following treasurers report which was approved by the membership:

Total Dues/Donations Collected 2014 to present:	\$ 9,326.00	
Number of Dues-paying Members:		69

Present Account Balances:

Money Market	\$18,877.22
Share	\$ 50.00
Share Draft	<u>\$ 3,309.66</u>
TOTAL	\$ 21,875.68

Transactions 2014-2015

PO Box Rental	\$ 58.00
Oak Street Bistro Gift Certificates	\$ 100.00
Newsletter Postage/mailings	\$ 179.34
Dam Liability Insurance	\$ 609.00
Dam Repairs (George Trudeau)	\$ 4,294.95
Web Hosting/Domain	\$ 214.80
Funeral Flowers (R. Ferguson)	<u>\$ 48.20</u>

TOTAL Expenditures: \$ 5,504.29

OLD BUSINESS:

DAM REPORT – Chuck Shaw

“As the members know, we had a serious issue with the inlet pipe last summer. We were able to get Mark Trudeau in to do a temporary repair that kept the water level up for the summer and the State Dam Inspector satisfied we weren’t about to wash out anybody downstream. It was late fall before the water level was low enough to tear out the old pipe and we discovered that the top of the gate is not an apron on top of the gate box, but the actual gate box itself and solid all the way down. Mark removed the old pipe with considerable difficulty. It was a metal culvert which had rusted into a colander. A new plastic pipe with a cast iron beehive-type filter on the end was installed and cemented into place. By the time the job was done the weather had turned cold. Mark came back this spring to level and seed the top.”

We have seen no signs of weepage, so this part of the structure, like the spillway, should be good for several decades.

The dam was checked daily from July 14th to October 1st IAW the state dam inspector’s direction. The dam was opened on October 1, 2014. It remained opened until March 30th.

Opened 4-18-15 due to predicted rain and flood warnings.

Closed 4-21-15 (Less than one inch of rain).

There has been no visible weepage around the gate and the observed water level has not exceeded 4" over the boards since 4-19-15.

Much discussion followed regarding the likelihood of additional repairs needed in the future based on composition of various parts of the dam. The parts which are cast iron will need replacement some point in the future. There are parts which have been replaced with stainless steel. Those parts should not require replacement for quite some time.

The discussion then lead to water levels which were perceived to be high for the early spring. The ice went out around April 13 and the higher than normal levels of snow melt added to the seemingly elevated level of the lake. Residents indicated that they experienced damage to their docks which were normally safe when left in. They also noted a large amount of debris, i.e., tree stumps and partial trees. The board suggested that folks should not leave docks in the lake if they could be removed. Potentially changing weather patterns and varying snow levels are among several factors that complicate attempts to predict what water levels will do.

WATER QUALITY REPORT – Jay VanTassel

Testing was conducted on August 24, 2014 at 5.46 meters, and the secchi disk reading was normal. Testing on September 27, 2014 was at 5.5 meters. The lake is staying clear and clean however Jay reminded all members to use fertilizer sparingly; erosion control is very important to limit what gets thru to the lake; be also aware of fuel and oils.

Jay indicated that he would welcome anyone who would like to help or take over the testing of the lake water. The most accurate readings are done at 11:45 am and 12:15pm. Andrea indicated that she would help out with testing.

Water quality report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board President, Chuck Shaw, indicated that the current Vice President, Ed Sanborn is retiring from his position. Ed has been instrumental in many projects which have come to the board, most importantly is the dam. Ann Shaw nominated Kathy Georgens as the new Vice President.

Andrea Pierce was nominated to continue on as Treasurer.

As Kathy Georgens had been Secretary, Ed Sovetsky, was nominated for that position.

All officers were voted into their positions by the membership.

Christine Chamberlain is stepping down as Director. Ken Anderson Jr. was nominated to fill the remainder of her term which is one more year. All other Directors remain the same, and were voted in as such.

The BPA Board of Directors for 2015 – 2016:

President:	Chuck Shaw	207-459-8614	chs@shawco.net
Vice President:	Kathy Georgens	925-785-2026	kgeorgens@gmail.com
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Director:	Bruce Andrews	207-324-8480	martigandrews@yahoo.com
Director:	Pat Giles	781-893-3296	
Director:	Jay VanTassel		
Director:	Ken Anderson Jr.	201-214-8311	ken@unionsportsarena.com

MEETING INFO

Chuck talked about the need to increase membership as well as ways to get members to know each other. At this meeting name tags were available upon check in to help owners from different parts of the lake get to know each other. Also with paid membership you received a laminated sign indicating you are a member of the BPA for 2015. He asked the membership to display these signs visibly such that other owners may see them and join next year.

Lastly, we have BPA t-shirts for sale at \$10.00 each. There are size Large and Medium left. Contact any board member if you are interested in a shirt. There were requests for XXL, and XXXL, as well as possibly youth sizes. This will be discussed by the board.

INVASIVE PLANTS DISCUSSION

Chuck Shaw provided two handouts regarding current status on invasive plants in our area as well as an invasive snail. These are attached to this document.

STOCKING THE LAKE

Once again the question of stocking the lake was raised. Could this be done privately? It could be done privately only if the whole lake were owned privately, which is not the case. To get the state to approve or supply the stocking would require us to have a public boat launch, which the majority of the lake property owners would not want to happen. Chuck agreed to pursue enquiries to confirm this information with the state.

WATER SAFETY

The membership raised a serious concern for the lack of water safety being observed on the lake. Wake speed laws within 200' of the shores are being ignored. Jet Skis are going too close to shore. It seems that there are a number of persons who enjoy wake boarding on the lake. The concern is that the boats towing the boarder are purposefully generating larger than normal wakes by the use of additional weight in the rear of the boat which then creates a large wake behind the boat. These wakes are disrupting other boats on the lake. What can be done?

A discussion followed which included suggestions to: get the wardens service here by request; contact the state to limit the HP on the lake; limit the number of boats on the lake. These suggestions

for State involvement prompted concerns from others about too much State oversight and loss of the ability to self-police.

After considerable discussion, it was suggested that we self-police and become more considerate of each other while enjoying our lake. We should all demonstrate good boating manners. It was also suggested that if you observe dangerous boating actions, you note the registration number of the boat and perhaps even use your cell phone to video the actions. Then this information could be reported to the wardens.

STEW WON THE RAFFLE

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:59AM

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Georgens, Recording Secretary
7/19/15

Invasive Aquatic Plants

Infested Maine Public Waters, January 2015

www.maine.gov/dep/water/invasives/

○ Dots Represent Individual Infested Waterbodies

● Variable Leaf Milfoil (VLM) ● Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)

● Hydrilla (HYD) ● Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)

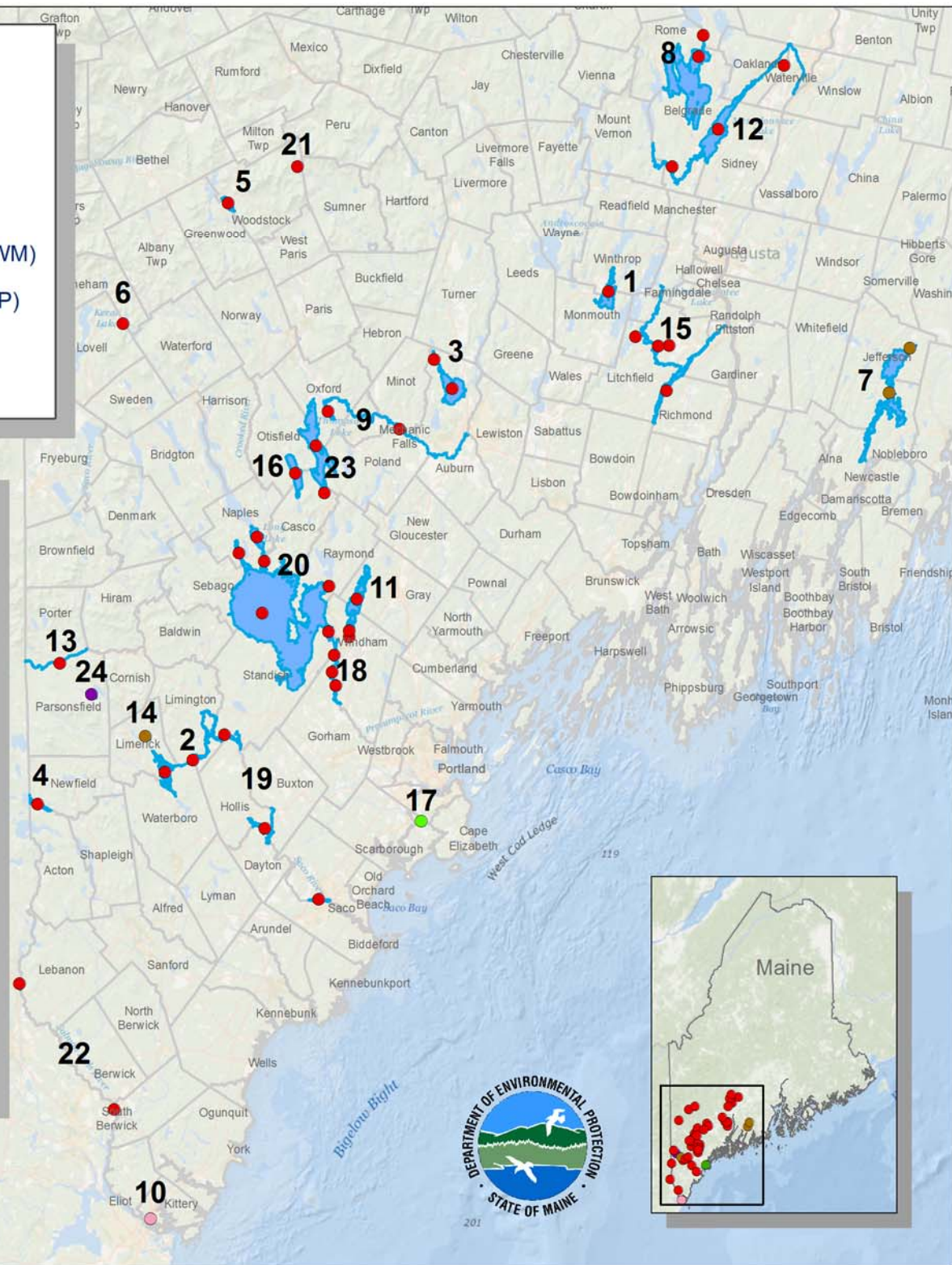
● European Naiad (EN) and Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)

— Town Boundaries

Infested Systems

1 Annabessacook Lake Annabessacook Lake	VLM	14 Pickerel Pond Pickerel Pond	HYD
2 Arrowhead Lake Arrowhead and Little Ossipee River	VLM	15 Pleasant/Cobbossee Pleasant Pond, Cobbossee Stream, Horseshoe Pond and Purgatory Stream	VLM
3 Lake Auburn Lake Auburn and The Basin	VLM	16 Pleasant Lake Pleasant Lake	VLM
4 Balch Pond Balch Pond	VLM	17 Pleasant Hill Pond Pleasant Hill Pond	EWM
5 Bryant Pond Bryant Pond	VLM	18 Presumpscot Presumpscot River, Dundee Pond and North Gorham Pond	VLM
6 Cushman Pond Cushman Pond	VLM	19 Saco River Limington Rips to Bonney Eagle Dam, Skelton Flowage and Biddeford	VLM
7 Damariscotta Damariscotta Lake and Davis Stream	HYD	20 Sebago/Brandy Pond Brandy Pond, Songo River, Sebago Cove, Panther Run, Sebago Lake, and Sebago Basin	VLM
8 Great Pond Great Pond and Great Meadow Stream	VLM	21 Shagg Pond Shagg Pond	VLM
9 Hogan Hogan Pond and Little Androscoggin River	VLM	22 Spaulding Pond Spaulding Pond and Salmon Falls River	VLM
10 Legion Pond Legion Pond	EN, CLP	23 Thompson Thompson Lake and The Heath	VLM
11 Little Sebago Little Sebago Lake, Collins Pond and Mill Pond	VLM	24 West Pond West Pond	CLP
12 Messalonskee Messalonskee Lake, Belgrade Stream and Messalonskee Stream	VLM		
13 Ossipee Ossipee River in Porter and Parsonsfield	VLM		

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The **Chinese mystery snail**, **black snail**, or **trapdoor snail**, scientific name *Bellamyia chinensis*, or *Cipangopaludina chinensis*, is a large freshwater mollusk with gills in the family Viviparidae. The name, "trapdoor snail" refers the operculum, an oval shell plate that most snails in this class possess. When the soft parts of the snail are fully retracted, the operculum seals the aperture of the shell, providing some protection against drying out and predation



The species can be identified by their relatively large globose shells and concentrically marked opercula. The shell is conical and thin but solid, with a sharp apex and relatively higher spire and distinct body whorl. The spire is produced at an angle of 65–80°. *Cipangopaludina chinensis* exhibits light coloration as a juvenile and olive green, greenish brown, brown, or reddish brown pigmentation as an adult. The inner coloration is white to pale blue. The surface of the shell is smooth with clear growth lines. The *Chinensis* shell is generally 1 ½" high and 1 ¼" wide, the largest being 2-2 ½" in height and 1 ¼" to 1 ½" wide.

Identified in York County, Maine in Horn Pond (Acton), Mousam Lake (Acton), Bauneg Beg Pond (Sanford) (unconfirmed), Swan Pond (Lyman)

More data is available from <http://www.lakesofmaine.org>

Note: There are no currently reported environmental problems associated with this snail, but it is an indicator that invasive species can get to a body of water.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zLgiduqhF8xk.kBykrnWDg2YY> lists american eel, banded killifish, brown bullhead, chain pickerel, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, rainbow smelt, redbreast sunfish, smallmouth bass, white perch, and yellow perch as the current species in Bunganut Pond.