

Bunganut Pond Association Annual Meeting July 8, 2012

President Ken Anderson called the annual meeting of the Bunganut Pond Association to order at 10:12 AM. Present were President Ken Anderson, Vice President Charlie Kokernak, Treasurer Andrea Pierce, Directors, Jan Van Tassell, Bruce Andrews and Ed Sandborn; recording secretary Kathleen Georgens.

Ken noted that this was the 29th yearly meeting held at New England Camp Cedarbrook. We appreciate the hospitality they continue to provide to the association.

Secretary's Report

Due to an oversight in the agenda, the secretary's report was not read at the meeting. It will be posted on the Association web site when the site becomes available.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Andrea Pierce and approved by the membership.

Total dues collected		\$ 2,850.00
Present Account Balances		
Money Market		\$ 14,328.00
Share Account		\$ 141.10
Share Draft		<u>\$ 152.56</u>
		\$14,621.66
Transactions 2010-2011		
PO Box Rental		\$ 46.00
Gift Certificates		\$ 100.00
Postage		\$ ***. **
Peerless Insurance		\$ 505.00
Non-Profit Fees		<u>\$ ***. **</u>
Total Expenditures 09-10		\$ 651.00
		** Tentative waiting for written treasurer's report, as of 7/11/12

Old Business

Dam Report – Chuck Shaw

Severe corrosion was identified in outlet pipe from mill pond while clearing a beaver dam prior to opening the gate in the fall of 2011. The culvert is located on or near the town line and was installed as a joint project when the original waterway to the Shaker's mill building gave out circa 1970. Alfred Road Commissioner, John Lord, has brokered an agreement that the Town of Alfred will do the work if the Town of Lyman buys the culvert.

Dam gate and rails were pulled and inspected in the late fall of 2011. The work was delayed by repeated late rains, which kept the water level too high to work safely in the fore bay. Several large rocks were removed from the fore bay and bay walls were inspected. The lower "floating" rail mounts are badly corroded. There is enough metal left so the problem is NOT immediate. The gate guides that engage the rails were rebuilt. The operating rod was de-scaled and painted and the rail fasteners were replaced with stainless steel bolts. Like the lower rail mounts, the rod is corroded to less than half its original thickness, but has plenty of metal left. Thanks to Mark Treaudeau for welding the gate guides. Thanks to Ed Sanborn and Tom Treaudeau for supplying a torch and tools and freezing their fingers getting the gate out and back in.

The dam was inspected on June 20th by Blaine Cardalli & Alexander Baily from State of Maine. They consider the condition of the dam very good. They are considering upgrading the dam's status as the dam is at the top of a flow path and could cause a chain reaction in case of catastrophic failure. This would improve the position of the Pond Association if we apply for grants to repair or refurbish the dam in the future.

Due to warm weather, minimal snowpack and small spring runoff, the water level was three to four feet below normal for the early spring of 2012, a time when the level is normally 6-10 inches over with the gate open. Back-to-back heavy rains brought the level up in April.

Opened Aug 26, 2011 1420 level -2" (Hurricane Irene Predicted)
Checked Aug 28, 2011 0900 level 0
Closed Aug 28, 2011 1300 Level +1/2"

Sept 18, 2011 (Sunday) Ed Sanborn spotted beaver sign and unusually high water in the mill pond. He confirmed beaver dam inside culvert.

Sept 19, 2011 Contacted John Lord (Alfred road commissioner) about beaver dam in culvert from the mill pond.

Sept 21, 2011 Culvert cleared and rods installed in front of culvert from mill pond. Condition of culvert was discussed. Bottom third of the culvert is corroded out and the culvert is flattening.

Oct 7, 2011 (date uncertain) Beaver dam partially restored. Called John Lord and the beaver dam was removed the same day.

Oct 10, 2011 Checked culvert outlet from the mill pond and appeared clear.

Dam opened October 10, 2011 1600

Oct 11-17, 2011 Culvert checked at least daily, did not exceed full (water level not over culvert) indicating culvert can still handle more flow than dam pipe delivers.

Dec 9-22, 2011 Fore bay rails and gate removed for refurbishing, fasteners replaced and equipment reassembled.

Jan 3, 2012 Dam Closed

May 3, 2012 1100 Heavy rain, level checked at +2.5"

May 4, 2012 1130 Level +6.5" Dam Opened

May 6, 2012 2030 level -2" Dam Closed

Water Quality Report

The water quality report was presented by Jay Van Tassell. His report indicated that this year we had a reading of 4.9 meters. Water quality monitoring data have been collected from Bunganut Pond since 1974. The reading averages are:

Min	** meters in depth
Average	4.9 meters
Maximum	** meters ** need to get actual from Jay

It was recommended to continue to be cautious of erosion and the use of fertilizers close to the water. This fine sediment washing into the pond has an adverse affect on the water quality. It is suggested to maintain vegetation as a buffer to the access to the water. The vegetation helps to keep the dust, dirt and pollen runoff from washing into the lake.

Member, Ken Vienneau, asked questions regarding the oxygen level of the lake. Is there a way to improve that current level? Jay explained that Bunganut is a spring fed lake that does not have actively flowing streams which would assist in clearing the accumulating decomposing debris from the bottom of the lake. The use of the dam to lower water level for a period of time helps to bring natural light closer to the actual bottom of the lake. (As well as previously mentioned, helping to keep ice levels low enough to not damage constructions currently located at the shore edge.)

Ken indicated that he was looking into trying to get a stocking program for Bunganut. The basic conditions required for stocking are: public access – Ken Vienneau indicated that a \$5.00 launch fee at Scotts Cove could be sufficient for “public access”; Oxygen level – currently is too low – is there a cost effective way to aerate the lake?

Jay Van Tassel said he would contact the volunteer lake monitoring association to see if they may have information which could help us to improve the oxygen level.

Ken Vienneau indicated that he would continue to look into ways that we could get Bunganut stocked. (He related a story that Sebago Lake was anonymously stocked with pike at some point – and that now they are breeding. Ken was quick to say, pike is not the kind of fish which we would like to stock, but rainbows or brownies might be nice.)

New Business

- Comment from the floor indicated that the annual Bunganut Camping 4th of July fireworks were WONDERFUL! This was met with much applause.
- Ed Sanborn, director, announced the formation of a Bunganut Pond Association website, www.bunganut.org

The site will be able to receive email, postings etc. The email address is info@bunganut.org and will be managed by the secretary of the Pond Association. The intent is to have postings of minutes and contact information for association officers.

The projected yearly costs for this site:

Domain name – Bunganut.org	
Yearly renewal fee	
Currently expires 8/9/12	9.95
Hosting – website and email forwarding	
Renewal fee. For 2 years at a time (214.80)	
Currently expires 6/30/14	107.40
Maintenance/management	
Uploading, general maintenance,	
Responsible for keeping all fees renewed	150.00
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Total	267.35 **

**** NOTE:**

Prices are based on current rates as of 7/7/2012. Domain renewal costs and hosting costs are subject to change by the time of their renewal. Maintenance rates are based on a minimum of 6 hours per year at \$25 per hour. Currently investigating the possibility of free hosting based on “not for profit” status of the Pond Association.

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Election of Officers

President, Ken Anderson, asked for a motion to approve the current officers and board of directors to continue for the coming year. It was so moved and seconded and approved.

Officers and Board Members

Ken Anderson, President
Charlie Kokernak, Vice President
Andrea Pierce, Treasurer
Ann Shaw, Secretary
Bruce Andrews, Director
Jay Van Tassel, Director (Selected at BOD meeting spring 2012)
Ed Sanborn, Director
Chuck Shaw, Director

Comments from the floor:

_____ won the raffle. (Need to get name from Andrea)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Kathleen Georgens, Recording Secretary
7/12/2012