



MEETING	2024 Bunganut Annual Membership Meeting
Date/Time	7/14/2024 @ 10:00am – 11:00am
Location	Camp Kerith
GUESTS	

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS/FOLLOW-UP	RESPONSIBILITY/ DUE DATE
OLD BUSINESS			
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order by Kathy Georgens, President @ 10:02am This is the 63 rd BPA Membership meeting since it's conception.		
MINUTES FROM 2022	Ed Sovetsky, Secretary Officer reviewed the 2023 Bunganut Annual Membership Meeting Minutes		
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	2023 Bunganut Annual Membership Meeting Minutes were accepted as presented.		
TREASURERS REPORT	Andrea King, Treasurer Officer, presented the following treasurer's report, and it was accepted as presented.		
	Total Dues/Donation Collected 2024 to present (includes gift donations) 82 paying members		
	\$6,980.00		
	Total Revenue \$6,980.00		
	Present Account Balances		
	(Money Market) \$53,388.70		
	(Share) \$50.00		
	(Share Draft) \$3,339.67		
	Total \$56,778.43		
	Transactions 2023-2024		
PO Box Rental \$78.00			
Oak Street Bistro Gift Certificates \$100.00			

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	<div> <div>Newsletter / Postage</div> <div>\$126.00</div> </div> <div> <div>DAM Liability Insurance</div> <div>\$508.00</div> </div> <div> <div>Maine Non-Profit Fee</div> <div><u>\$35.00</u></div> </div> <div> <div>Total Expenditures 2023-2024</div> <div>\$847.00</div> </div>		
DAM CONTROL/ACTIVITY REPORT	<p>Ed Sovetsky, Secretary, presented the following Dam Report 2023-2024, and it was accepted as presented.</p> <p>Bunganut Pond Association 2023-2024 DAM Report</p> <p>10/9/2023 @ 6:11pm Ed Sovetsky and Chad Hoyt opened the spillway via raising the spillway boards.</p> <p>10/13/2023 @ 5:35pm Ed Sovetsky opened the DAM gate.</p> <p>11/12/2023 @ 12:48pm Ed Sovetsky checked the DAM. Reinstalled the spillway boards. No issues to report.</p> <p>1/6/2024 @ 11:02am Ed Sovetsky closed the DAM gate.</p> <p>7/14/2024 @ 7:11am Ed Sovetsky checked the DAM.</p> <p>Here are a few items we need to address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove a couple of 2-3" tree branches and a snowmobile trail sign from the spillway. 2. Adjust the slipway mat in the back left. 3. Replace at least one deck board that has a small hole on the ramp edge. 4. Trim the water edge to prevent root undermining of the DAM structures. <p>Additionally, we have been monitoring a sinkhole that developed</p>		

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	<p>over the past year in front of the dam, towards Sanborn's property. The sinkhole is approximately 1'L x 1'W x 1'H and shows no signs of affecting the dam structure or leaking water. The board has decided to monitor it instead of filling it in immediately. A decision will need to be made on when to address and fill in the sinkhole.</p> <p>Kathy Georgen provided additional details and explained the board's position regarding the monitoring of the sinkhole. A member asked why the sinkhole isn't simply being filled. Kathy responded that the key issue is determining the appropriate material to use. A sand-based fill, for example, would not be suitable. It's important to ensure that any material used aligns with the original engineering of the dam, which was specifically designed for this lake. The board is committed to using the correct approach, and any changes or developments related to the sinkhole will be communicated to the membership.</p>		
WATER QUALITY REPORT	<p>Noah Miner, a director, presented the Water Quality Report, and it was accepted as presented.</p> <p>Noah Miner conducted a Secchi disk reading on June 24th at 1:00 PM, recording a depth of 5.2 meters. He also noted there was no presence of Gloeotrichia, which he attributes to the cooler weather we've experienced this season.</p> <p>A total phosphorus test was conducted two weeks ago, and results are pending from the State of Maine Lab.</p> <p>The Lake Association has purchased a new Dissolved Oxygen (DO) meter, which was received two weeks ago. Testing with the new meter will begin shortly. The device uses a probe that is lowered at set intervals to measure dissolved oxygen levels, which help indicate conditions within the lake. Noah also mentioned he has additional information about the DO meter available for anyone interested after the meeting.</p> <p>Noah emphasized the importance of avoiding the use of pesticides and fertilizers that can leach into the lake, leading to degraded water quality and increased plant and algae growth. He also reminded members to maintain their septic systems and have them pumped regularly, as failing systems can also contaminate the lake.</p> <p>In response to a member's question about where water quality information is posted, Noah explained that Ed Sovetsky includes the data in meeting</p>		

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	<p>minutes, and it can also be found on the Lake Stewards of Maine website. He noted that the information is typically a year behind, as data collected during the current year is submitted and reported in late fall.</p>		
<p>LOON NESTING – POSSIBLY POSTING SIGNS FOLLOW UP</p>	<p>Rob Keizer, a BPA member, spoke about contacting Maine Audubon to investigate historical loon nesting sites on the lake. It was determined that loons have previously nested in Scott’s Cove and at the opposite end of the lake. Rob shared that there were plans to place an artificial loon nest in Scott’s Cove, where loons have successfully nested in the past.</p> <p>Maine Audubon later installed an artificial nesting platform in the area. Interestingly, the loons chose to nest about 50 yards away from the platform, near their usual location. It appears they may have successfully hatched a chick, as Audubon surveyors found a single eggshell—believed to be from a hatched egg. Audubon has emphasized the importance of doing what we can to support loon nesting, as the survival rate of loon chicks remains low.</p> <p>Betsy Jackson, another BPA member, provided an update on the annual loon count. Volunteers will be conducting the count this Saturday, July 20th, from 7:00 to 7:30 AM. Informational signs have been posted around known nesting areas and will be removed once the nesting season concludes. It does not appear that there will be a second nesting attempt by the loons this year.</p> <p>Betsy also mentioned she has educational materials about loons available for anyone interested after the meeting. So far this year, between four and five loons have been observed on the lake, and a similar number is expected next year.</p>		
NEW BUSINESS			
<p>ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS</p>	<p>Kathy Georgens presented the officers and directors up for re-election.</p> <p>First 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>Up next was the re-election of the Vice President, Jay Van Tassell. No other nominations were made by the membership. Jay Van Tassell was accepted by the membership.</p>		

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	<p>Up next was the re-election of the President, Kathy Georgens. No other nominations were made by the membership. Kathy Georgens was accepted by the membership.</p> <p>Director(s) currently incumbent, not up for re-election until next year is Pat Giles, and Denis Delage.</p> <p>Director(s) currently up for re-election, Ken Anderson Jr. and Noah Miner. Ken Anderson Jr. and Noah Miner were accepted by the membership.</p>		
OTHER BUSINESS	<p>A BPA member suggested that meeting minutes be posted on the website in advance of the Annual Membership Meeting, rather than waiting for formal approval. Ed Sovetsky agreed to work on posting a draft version of the minutes to the website prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Another member asked if water quality testing results could be shared and updated on the website as they become available. Kathy Georgen responded that this is certainly something the board can consider, and she will bring the suggestion back for discussion.</p> <p>Dan Roy, a BPA member, raised concerns about fallen trees, broken docks, and similar debris around the lake. Property owners are encouraged to remove these items to prevent them from breaking loose, floating in the lake, and potentially causing injuries or damage to watercraft.</p> <p>Dan generously offered to assist with cleanup efforts and is willing to bring his chainsaw and help remove debris. If you're interested in taking him up on the offer, please see him after the meeting.</p> <p>Jay Van Tassel ask if you see a BPA poster in your area, please take those down, it would be appreciated.</p> <p>Andrea King mentioned the importance of being vigilant about invasive plants like milfoil. Please keep an eye out and make sure that anyone launching a boat has properly cleaned it. Milfoil and similar species are already present in other lakes, and we want to do everything we can to prevent them from entering ours.</p> <p>While it might seem like we have a healthy fund at \$53,000, that money can be depleted very quickly if we have to address an invasive plant issue. Our lake is shallow, which makes it especially vulnerable—if something like milfoil takes hold, it could spread rapidly.</p>		

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	Let's all do our part to protect our lake.		
	The meeting concluded with a drawing for the Oak Street Bistro gift card.		
adjourned	Meeting adjourned @ 10:38am.		
NEXT MEETING 07/13/2025	SCRIBE: Edward L Sovetsky		

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