



MEETING	2025 Bunganut Annual Membership Meeting
Date/Time	7/13/2025 @ 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 64 th BPA Membership meeting since it's conception. The president welcomed attendees and emphasized a goal to keep the meeting efficient and limited to one hour.																
MINUTES FROM 2024	Ed Sovetsky, Secretary Officer reviewed the 2024 Bunganut Annual Membership Meeting Minutes																
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	2024 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.																
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<p>DAM CONTROL/ACTIVITY REPORT</p>	<p>Ed Sovetsky, Secretary, presented the following Dam Report 2024-2025, and it was accepted as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bunganut Pond Association 2024-2025 DAM Report</p> <p>10/14/2024 @ 5:30pm Ed Sovetsky and Chad Hoyt opened the spillway by raising the spillway boards. It was also noted that the sinkhole previously being monitored by the Bunganut Board had been filled in—apparently by someone using a gravel and ground-up tar mixture. The repair appears solid, and no additional issues were observed. Additionally, there is some vegetation growth along the shoreline that will need to be addressed. It is recommended that this be handled during another dam cleanup event, ideally scheduled for next year.</p> <p>10/17/2024 @ 6:09pm Ed Sovetsky opened the DAM gate.</p> <p>11/9/2024 @ 9:42am Ed Sovetsky checked the DAM. Reinstalled the spillway boards. No issues to report.</p> <p>1/10/2025 @ 5:05pm Ed Sovetsky closed the DAM gate.</p> <hr/> <p>Maintenance & Repairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sinkhole previously monitored near the Sanborn property was filled in by Mr. Sanborn using a small/large gravel and ground-up tar mixture. The repair appears solid. 														

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Board Note:</i> The board reminded members that because the dam property is owned and maintained by the Pond Association, any intended adjustments or repairs should be coordinated with the board first. Shoreline vegetation growth needs to be addressed during a future dam cleanup event planned for next year. <p>Water Levels & Weather: The unusually low water levels over the fall and early winter were attributed to a localized moderate drought in Southern Maine and a light, fluffy snowpack lacking a dense ice base. The dam structural integrity is confirmed strong, and water levels recovered over the spring without causing ice damage to docks or shorelines.</p>		
<p>WATER QUALITY REPORT</p>	<p>Noah Minor, a director, presented the Water Quality Report, and it was accepted as presented.</p> <p>Clarity Testing (Secchi Disk): Conducted on June 25 at the deepest hole in the lake (approximately 44 feet deep, southwest of the shoal/rises). Clarity measured 4.9 meters (historical average ranges between 4.5 and 6 meters).</p> <p>Gloeotrichia (Algae): Levels were slightly elevated at a category 3 rating (historically 1 or 2), likely exacerbated by a recent 90-degree day and warmer surface water temperatures.</p> <p>Dissolved Oxygen: Consistent with prior years. Oxygen is sustained down to roughly 5 meters before dropping to zero, confirming Bunganut as a warm-water lake.</p> <p>Phosphorus (Phosphates): Samples are currently at the state lab in Augusta awaiting processing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Historical Context:</i> 2023 spring levels were high at 10 (due to runoff) but dropped to 4 by July. 2024 began at 9. <i>Runoff Mitigation:</i> Members were strongly reminded to entirely avoid fertilizers, pesticides, and manure—even far back from the shoreline—as runoff easily carries phosphates into the lake. Planting/landscaping to prevent runoff is ideally done in the drier fall season (September). <p>Action Items: All water testing trends and spreadsheets have been uploaded to the association website. The association is currently completely out of testing kits and needs to order more.</p>	<p>The association is currently completely out of testing kits and needs to order more.</p>	<p>As soon as possible.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>			

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS	<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> <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 Ken Anderson Jr. and Noah Minor.</p> <p>Director(s) currently up for re-election, Pat Giles, and Denis Delage. Pat Giles, and Denis Delage were accepted by the membership.</p>		
LOON RESTORATION PROJECT & AUBUBON UPDATES	<p>Presented by Betsy Jackson.</p> <p>Project Status: 2025 marks the final year of the 5-year Maine Audubon Loon Restoration grant program. Responsibility for deploying, maintaining, and storing the nesting rafts and seasonal floating signs will transition fully to the association's volunteers.</p> <p>Nesting Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two pairs are tracking on the lake (Scott's Cove and the South End). The South End pair has not established a nest this season. • At Scott's Cove, an egg successfully hatched on a raft, but the chick only survived 3-4 days before disappearing, likely due to predators. <p>Statewide Context: Last year, Maine had 84 rafts deployed resulting in 22 successful hatches. Rafts were scaled up to 91 across the state this year.</p> <p>Loon Protection Best Practices:</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a safe distance of at least 150 feet from loons. • Switch entirely to non-lead fishing tackle; lead poisoning accounts for roughly 28% of documented loon deaths (with an additional 5% caused by fishing line entanglement). Boat strikes have also surpassed lead poisoning as a primary cause of death. • The annual Audubon Loon Count is scheduled for the upcoming Saturday morning from 7:00 AM to 7:30 AM. • Educational handouts, including a helpline matrix for reporting dead loons or abandoned eggs, were made available at the back of the room. Interested volunteers were asked to leave their contact information. 		
OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Fish Stocking Exploratory Subcommittee: A member raised concerns regarding a perceived decline in the game fish population (specifically white perch) and noted that the state does not currently stock Bunganut Pond. A request was made to form an exploratory group to investigate the legal, financial, and environmental pathways for private or self-funded stocking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Outcome:</i> The board approved looking into the matter and creating a subcommittee to explore the feasibility and regulations surrounding lake stocking. <p>The meeting concluded with a drawing for the Oak Street Bistro gift card.</p>		
adjourned	Meeting adjourned @ 11:07am.		
NEXT MEETING 07/12/2026	SCRIBE: Edward L Sovetsky		

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