

Friends of Lake Winnecook

Summer 2004

Notes From The President

I certainly hope all of you are enjoying your summer at our Lake. It certainly seems like it was a long time coming.

Just a few words of thanks to all for new memberships coming in, membership renewals and particular thanks to all the directors and officers this past year who have put in so much time and work as volunteers to continue many efforts in the area of membership and community involvement, alewives, invasive plant patrol monitoring, buoys, water monitoring, working with Waldo County Soil and Conservation District Project Coordinator, Shawn Biello, regarding watershed improvement programs etc., etc. .

The FOLW Lake Association hopes to work with Shawn on the Unity Pond Watershed Restoration Plan by recruiting volunteers interested in a Road Rep/Neighborhood Stewardship Program whereby we hope to set up workshops to be presented by Shawn and FOLW, which would include providing these stewards with materials and information which can be made available to all interested property owners on their roads who would like to install BMP'S (best management practices) vegetated buffer strips, contact information, assistance with installation (also need volunteers for this work) and also much work needs to be done to set up road associations etc. We will have sign-up sheets available at annual meeting and lots of informational materials for you. I sincerely hope to generate a lot of energy in getting all of membership involved in lake restoration project and do not require that you show up at annual meeting with notebook, pick and shovel but we will will have lots of sign-up sheets for those wishing to get involved. If you are not able to attend annual meeting and want more information please contact either myself via phone or web site or contact Shawn as most of you should have her brochure.

The following is a list of roads on which we do not presently have road reps - Cherry , Dogwood , Elm , Juniper, Locust, Maple , Pillsbury, Natures, Spruce, Edmunds, Hawthorn, Schneider, Oakwood, Barak Point, Meadow, Lester and Tamarack. If anyone is interested please contact one of officers or directors.

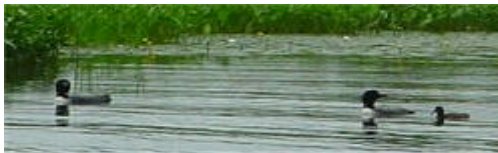
We hope to see lots of you at our Annual Meeting on August 4th We will have lake maps and hats available for you to purchase and an opportunity to enjoy some great refreshments and lots of extra time to sign up and meet your neighbors and your Lake Association officers and directors.

Pamela Dyer, President

A Perfect Maine Day greeted the paddlers for Loon Count 2004 on Lake Winnecook Saturday July 17. The water was calm with a sunny haze at 7 am as the 20 counters took to the waters or shoreline. A total of 14 adults, 2 chicks and one nest were tallied by the quiet but enthusiastic group of watchers.

The loon counters gathered at the Unity Community Center during Market Day to tally, share stories and enjoy the annual loon count breakfast. Thanks to all who participated:

Larry and Vicki Neese
Andi and Nicole Bellerose
Fred and Erika Diemer
Melissa Bastien and Jean Bourg
Bill and Susan Russell
Annette, Elizabeth, and Hannah Walsh
Arlene Schaefer
Dave Adams
Dave and Lonnie Potter
Pam Proulx-Curry
Deborah Walters and Chris Percival



Mark your calendars for next year and come join the fun. This is an annual event held on the third Saturday of July from 7 to 7:30 am.

www.unitymaine.org/orgs/folw

email: folw@unitymaine.org

Annual Meeting will convene at 6 pm on Wednesday August 4 at the Unity Community Center

Proposed Agenda for Annual Meeting

Social Time - 6:00 P.M.
Call to Order - 6:30 P.M. by President
Minutes of 17th Annual Meeting read by Secretary and approved by membership.
Treasurer's Report

PROGRAM:

President's Report - Pamela Dyer to present overview of past years accomplishments, Volunteer Courtesy Boat and IPP Inspector at Unity boat launch, new projects to be organized, fund raising, recruitment of Road Reps and Road Stewardship Program, volunteers, extend welcome to membership to be included in monthly meetings, etc.

Melissa Bastien - Loon Count Report - July 2004

Nominations and Election of Officers for 2004 - 2005.

Mark Huard - Discuss latest buoy purchase and placement of same, discuss display donated to Unity College and need for FOLW members assistance for installing and maintaining buoys for Spring and Fall.

Dave Potter - Annual update on lake research.

Max Gillette - Secchi Disk Measurements

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

Shawn Biello - Project Coordinator for Unity Pond Watershed Restoration Project Phase 1 - Progress report and update on grants.

Adrianna Bellerose and Walter Edgecomb - Presentation of proposed By-Law changes, discussion and vote to adopt as presented or returned to committee for presentation at special fall meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open forum discussion on issues and programs which membership feels should be addressed and which are important for FOLW to address during upcoming year.

Meeting Surveys.

Adjournment.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2004-2005

PRESIDENT - PAMELA DYER
VICE-PRES. - MICAH THURSTON
SECRETARY - ADRIANNA BELLEROSE
TREASURER - JOSEPH FOLEY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS -
BURNHAM - WALTER EDGECOMB
TROY - RAE JEAN MIVILLE
UNITY - ANNI ROMING

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE
RICK KERSBERGEN
JOSEPH LOUREY

SHOULD YOU WISH TO ADD A NAME TO THE BALLOT PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

DAVE POTTER, 568-3797
MARY ANN HAYES, 948-5671
PAMELA DYER, 948-5311
OR ADRIANNA BELLEROSE, 948-2335

Summary of Proposed By-Laws Changes

The Board of Directors presents the attached proposed amendments to the FOLW By-Laws for discussion and potential adoption on August 4, 2004. The proposed changes aim to accomplish the following:

- ? Remove age barriers to voting membership eligibility
- ? Clarify family membership eligibility and voting rights
- ? Add non-voting junior and college student memberships
- ? Authorize the Board of Directors to set annual dues levels
- ? Require that all directors must be current voting members of the Association
- ? Clarify that the officers are voting members of the Board of Directors
- ? Require that directors representing specific towns either reside or own property in that town
- ? Add language to prohibit conflict of interest
- ? Expand the eligible time to hold the Annual Meeting to anytime during August
- ? Expand responsibility for preparing the annual meeting from Executive Committee to entire Board
- ? Make it easier for members to propose agenda items
- ? Increase the time needed for mailing notification for meetings and by-laws amendments from 72 hours to 7 days and allow for email notification
- ? Clarify quorum requirements of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee and allow attendance by telecommunication

Friends of Lake Winnecook Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Permanent home address

Street: _____

Town: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Seasonal lake address

Street _____

Town: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Number of members joining _____ x \$10.00 per member = \$_____.
(under 18 years no membership fee.)

Additional donations encouraged:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General donation | <input type="checkbox"/> Eagles | <input type="checkbox"/> Other lake associations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loon preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Research or monitoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth and education | <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisitions | <input type="checkbox"/> College Work Study |

Notes From Dave Potter

**Invasive Aquatic Plant Patrol
at Lake Winnecook**

Harry Watson and Dave Potter completed Courtesy Boat Inspection training (2 hours + travel) with the Friends of Cobossee at Maranacook Community School on June 17. Then during the late afternoon and early evening of 29 JUN (4 hours + travel) Harry and Dave were certified by Maine Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants (MCIAP) in the invasive plant patrol program at a workshop at Ellsworth City Hall.

Harry is prepared to continue his good work at the Unity Boat launch site with courtesy boat inspections of all boats and trailers launched or loaded during his work hours. Harry also confirms that each boat has a current 2004 resident or non-resident plant sticker attached. Harry and Dave will conduct Level 1 invasive plant surveys near the Kanokolus launch ramp during the summer. Volunteers are invited to record survey information. Please contact Dave for a schedule of surveys.

Dave invited Scott Williams and Roberta Hill of MCIAP to present an Invasive Plant Patrol workshop at Unity College on a yet to be determined Tuesday or Thursday late afternoon/evening in late September or October. Contact Dave at lsdj@uninets.net if you wish further details and information.

Alewives at Lake Winnecook

The Maine Department of Marine Resources stocking truck delivered 15,310 adult, sea-run alewives to Lake Winnecook on Monday 24 JUNE 2004 almost immediately after the agency met with FOLW representatives and concluded that the association request to prevent alewife stocking in 2004 lacked merit.

The stocked fish did successfully spawn. Participants in the adventure camp at Unity College collected hundreds of juvenile alewives not quite 1 inch in length along the Kanokolus shore on 1 JULY.

Watch for feeding alewives to dimple the lake surface each evening until they emigrate from the lake in late summer.

Shawn Biello and Dave Potter are conducting weekly water quality monitoring at 4 lake stations, 2 sites on 25 Mile Stream, and 1 location at the mouth of Sandy Stream. The project is funded through the generosity of MBNA. Anticipate a display at the annual meeting.

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2004 Summer Newsletter

FOLW Annual Meeting will convene
Wednesday August 4 at 6:00 pm at
the Unity Community Center

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