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| **Meeting:** | MLRA 63nd Annual Meeting | |
| **Location/Date/**  **Time:** | **Sat. June 29, 2019 9:00AM** | |
| **Recorder:** |  | |
| **Board of Directors** | **Mark Rousseau (President)**  **Skip Bartosch (Vice President)**  **James Verity (Treasurer)**  **Gary Thibodeaux (Secretary)**  **Glenn Baxter** | **Jack Kelley**  **David Landry**  **James Gilbert**  **Rebecca Talley**  **Rich Eagleston** |
| **Guest Speakers** | Roy Lambert – Maine Lakes Society, Laurie Callahan – IPP Coordinator, Gary Brown – Springvale Fish and Game Club, Kent Haake and Betty Smith - ASYCC | |

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| **Agenda Item** | **Desired Outcomes** | **Presenter/Facilitator** | **Scheduled time** |
| **Call Meeting to Order** |  | **M. Rousseau** | **Requested Attendees** |
| **Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes** | **Approval** | **M. Rousseau** | **Requested Attendees** |
| **Treasurer's Report** | **Approval** | **J. Verity** | **Requested Attendees** |
| **Membership and Outreach Report** | **Information** | **J. Verity** | **Requested Attendees** |
| **Guest Speakers**  **Springvale Fish and Game**  **Acton Shapleigh YCC**  **Maine Lake Smart**  **Emery Mills Dam Update**  **Water Quality Sampling Update**  **Invasive Plant Monitoring**  **Three Rivers Land Trust** | **Information** | 1. **Gary Brown** 2. **K. Haake/B. Smith** 3. **Roy Lambert** 4. **Roland Legere** 5. **D. Landry (MLRA)** 6. **Laurie Callahan** 7. **Martha DoByns** | **Requested Attendees** |
| **Report on Water Quality** | **Information** | **S. Bartosch** | **Requested Attendees** |
| **Report on Beach** | **Information** | **J. Kelley** | **Requested Attendees** |
| **Report on Website** | **Update** | **M. Rousseau** | **Requested Attendees** |
| **Nominate/Elect Board of Directors** | **Election** | **M. Rousseau** | **Requested Attendees** |
| **All other Business**  **Comments/New Business from the floor**  **Raffle/Door Prizes**  **Summer Schedule Announcement** |  | **All** | **Requested Attendees** |
| **Adjourn** | **11:00am** | **All** |  |

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| **Minutes** |
| Call to order: at 9:00AM by Mark Rousseau. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Skip Bartosch. Mark Rousseau welcomed all attendees to the annual meeting, introduced the MLRA Board of Directors, covered the planned agenda, and recognized new members to the MLRA. Six members indicated this was their first MLRA Annual meeting. Seventy-six (76) members representing 42 different properties were in attendance.  Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes: 2018 Annual meeting minutes were provided to members at the meeting. A motion was made to approve 2018 annual meeting minutes, approved by the membership.  Treasurer's Report: James Verity presented the Treasurer’s Report. The report was approved by membership.  Balances as of 6/20/19:  Checking : $12,357.45  Savings : $300.07  Total : $12,657.52  Water Quality Emergency Fund : $50,028.45  Total Assets: $$62,250.97  Net Worth: $$62,250.97  All of the information included in the treasurer’s report was made available to the membership.  Membership Report: James Verity presented the reported on membership. Winter 2019 Membership Drive: Mailed out 245 pamphlets to property owners on Mousam, Lower Mousam and Goose Pond. If you have a new neighbor, please walk over and bring them a new member pamphlet. There are copies at the check - in table.  Welcome to our 13 new members of 2019. Membership is at 462. 370 members Paid their Dues to date (June 2019). Membership is working to reduce the need for costly 2nd and 3rd mailings. Thank you! (162 families) 35% gave a donation to water quality beyond their dues. (93 families) 20% gave a donation to CBI.  Dues collected = $11,100.00  Donations = $5,595.00  CBI = $1,945.00  MLRA Registration forms are available on the website for download.  Guest Speakers:  Gary Brown, representing the Springvale Fish and Game Club thanked the MLRA for allowing use of the beach for their annual ice fishing derby. In appreciation, the Club donated $200 to MLRA.  Kent Haake, representing ASYCC summarized ongoing work of the YCC on erosion projects for the summer and on Courtesy Boat Inspections. If you are interested in having conservation work done on your property, contact the ASYCC. Property owners pay for materials and all labor is provided by ASYCC. Courtesy Boat Inspectors: The season starts at ice out and ends Columbus Day. During the summer, the boat ramp on Mousam Lake and Square Pond continues to be manned 7 days a week. Mousam Lake is surrounded by Lakes with documented invasive plants and has one of the best CBI programs in the State.  Betty Smith continues her involvement with the Watershed survey / 319 grant. Betty introduced Jen Harris of York County Soil and Water (and formerly of ME DEP) as the lead on the Mousam 319 grant. The 319 partnership received $95,000 for 2019 and 2020 to address priority erosion areas identified in the 2017 watershed survey. Efforts are ongoing.  Roy Lambert, representing Maine Lakes Society was the Keynote speaker, giving a presentation on their Lake Smart Program, an effort that involves rewarding conservation-minded landowners for measures taken to improve controlling erosion on property. His presentation provided examples of suitable and simple projects homeowners could do on their own properties.  Roland Legere, representing the committee overseeing the Emery Mills Dam provided an update on dam repair schedule and activities. The dam committee comprised of representatives from the towns of Sanford, Acton and Shapleigh. The dam is owned by the Town of Sanford and was built in 1889.  It has been categorized as “high risk” – if it fails, there will be catastrophic results downstream.  Sanford received a $100,000.00 interest free loan to fund dam repairs. Bids went out soliciting costs for repairs. The town will improve access to the dam from RTE 109. Right now there is only access to the west side of the dam. The town received a Right-of-Way to construct a 570 foot road to access the work area around dam. Plant growth will be removed on upstream side and a membrane and rip rap will be installed to prevent regrowth. Each town contributes a set amount for the repairs. Sanford contributes 50%, Acton and Shapleigh contribute 25% each.  David Landry representing MLRA reported his collaborative work with ASYCC and YC Soil and Water in selecting erosion control projects to address through the 319 grant. David also provided an update on the water quality sampling to be conducted by MLRA weekly throughout the summer at five locations on the lake; beach, Ash Cove, Hubbard’s Cove, Lower Mousam Ramp, and (Ham’s Cove? .– check this).  Laurie Callahan, representing York County Aquatic Invasive Species Project provided an update on Invasive monitoring of Mousam. Laurie emphasized Mousam Lake is very vulnerable to invasive species. The Invasive Plant Patrol training was held the day before, with several MLRA members in attendance. The key to limiting invasive species infestation is to catch it early! Laurie recognized Denis Roberge as a local resource for the IPP. Laurie patrolled most of Mousam’s priority plant areas in 2018 and is continuing efforts in 2019, focusing on Goose Pond and areas of lower Mousam in 2019.  Martha DoByns, representing Three Rivers Land Trust discussed Three Rivers efforts to purchase and protect lands in the Alfred/Acton/Shapleigh Region, reminding membership that protecting the watershed also includes protecting the land around the water bodies.  Report on Water Quality: Skip Bartosch reported. Mousam Lake is above average water quality for the state. There are 5 testing station on the lake. Wardens Concerns: Many boaters not aware of the 200’ headway speed only rule. Hazard Bouys: Can’t move bouys. The Lake Watch boat is good for the year. All marker buoys are in. Please notify MLRA if you know of buoys that are out of place. Lake Levels: Same since 1957 – 30 inches below spillway. There was some late winter / spring variability in water levels this year. Some of this can be attributed to a wet spring season. The MLRA can’t control lake levels.  Report on Beach: Jack Kelley reported. The porta-potty is at the beach. The MLRA cleanup occurred earlier in the week. Jack walks the beach every morning and picks up trash. Swim markers and floating lines were added last summer to keep boats away from beach. ASYCC will be conducting some additional extensive landscaping this coming season. MLRA BOD Member will assume Jacks beach oversight responsibilities as Jack is completing his current MLRA BOD term and not renewing.  Report on Website: Mark Rousseau reported. MyLakeTown, MLRA website host shut down operations, giving 90 days’ notice to MLRA to find a different host. BOD worked on this in the spring and landed a new host, ISADEX.  The MLRA website is a work in progress and is expected to go live in mid-July. Content will be updated and managed by MLRA. Facebook page is updated frequently. Check often.  Nominate/Elect Board of Directors: Three, 3-year term BOD seats occupied at the time of the meeting by Jack Kelley, Skip Bartosch, and Glenn Baxter need to be filled. Jack Kelley and Skip Bartosch indicated they were not interested in staying on for another term. Glenn Baxter expressed interest if the membership was willing to keep him on. Mark Rousseau solicited nominations for BOD candidates from the floor. Current BOD member Glenn Baxter, member Gary Brown, and member Dick Jagger all expressed interest in filling the available positions. All were nominated by membership and unanimously approved.  All other business: Jack Kelly was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the BOD in recognition of 13 years of service as a Director for MLRA. Skip Bartosch was also recognized for his many years of service with the BOD, most notably as the Vice President of MLRA for the last 8-10 years. Beach safety – Norman Baker is still working on having a crosswalk installed near the beach at the foot of the lake for safety. Has made some progress with some ME State contacts.  Meeting Adjourned at 11:10am  NOTE: Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the 2019 MLRA meeting a success including, Judy Verity, Claudette Bartosch, Joe Fields. |