

**Sebec Lake Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2024, 9:30 AM  
Central Hall, Dover Foxcroft**

**Board members in attendance:** Directors - Rudy Davis, Drew Daubenspeck, Brian Woodworth, Cindy Woodworth, Ellen McDermott, Norm Hill, Hugh Johnston, Steve Robinson, Brian Hall

**Absent:** Janet Hall, Nick Swett (input received from both electronically)

A Quorum having been established; President Rudy Davis called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

**Announcements by the President:**

- Rudy announced that the minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board electronically on July 21, 2023.
- Current communications with Relevate Power (Dam Operators) regarding the ongoing major flooding event were reviewed. Rudy shared that per the US Geological Survey, the flow at the dam was running at ~4,000 cubic feet per second, nearly 4 times the prior record high. He shared that the company had advised that the gates were wide open to help achieve this flow, dispelling the info on social media that the gates were closed. He indicated that he was working with the dam operators to design a protocol that would be proactive as opposed to reactive, to such events.
- It was announced that Steve Robinson will be retiring as treasurer and will be replaced on an interim basis by Hugh Johnston while a permanent treasurer, hopefully who lives in D-F year-round, will be looked for.
- The timing of today's special presentations (Lake Smart Program) was perfect relative to the impact such a flooding event may have on the health of the lake.
- A quick update on the Member Emailing program was provided. Members were advised to look in their spam folders if they haven't received the email from [sebeclakeassoc@gmail.com](mailto:sebeclakeassoc@gmail.com). A second message will go out about the upcoming Plant Paddle event.
- The attendees were informed that there were two candidates for board positions, Ian White and Dave McDermott, MD.
- In October, the Board will review the meeting minutes as approved and consider suggestions presented at this meeting.
- The new law regarding wake boats was reviewed.
- Rudy then introduced the guest speakers.

**Guest Speaker Presentation:** Kasey Weber from Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District and Caroline Murray from Maine Lakes gave a presentation about the Lake Smart Program, educating attendees about the risks of run-off to lake health, and methods to mitigate run-off. There were many questions from members. Their slides will be made available to the SLA and will be posted on the website and the Association's website.

### **Treasurers Report:**

- Steve presented the financial position of the association as of July 1, 2024, noting that the only current outstanding expense is for Website Management and D&O insurance payment
- Net Income year to date is \$3,966.01.
- Steve reported that the SLA had renewed its CD with Bangor savings and recommended continuing to do so as the renewal / expiration date approaches (August 1...renewal authorized post meeting by Pres and VP)).

### **Election of Board and Officers:**

- Rudy announced that Steve is resigning as Treasurer & Board member effective Sept 1, but will continue to volunteer and help with the transition to a new treasurer. Rudy also announced that this would be his last year as President.
- Brian Woodworth also announced his retirement from the Vice President's position, and that he will also be staying on the board.
- Ian White, and Dave McDermott, after introducing themselves and their reasons for wanting to serve on the board, were officially nominated for election to the board. The vote was unanimous in favor of their joining.
- The balance of the current Board was re-elected to another term.
- Dave McDermott was nominated to become Vice President, Hugh was officially nominated as interim Treasurer, and joined Rudy in re-election: The slate was unanimously elected to their respective officer positions: Rudy Davis, President; Dave McDermott, Vice President; Hugh Johnston, Interim Treasurer.

### **Old Business:**

### **Committee Reports**

- IPP: Hugh presented an excellent session on the goals and role of the IPP Program. He highlighted the educational sessions attended by SLA BOD members, the completion of the IPP boat, additional signage efforts, boat wash station options, methods and costs associated with Courtesy Boat Inspectors, and the upcoming Plant Paddle. He suggested all camp owners learn to identify invasive versus healthy species so that we can create 'a thousand eyes' watching the lake. The IPP program is the centerpiece of the Association's efforts to protect and preserve.
- Membership: Steve and Janet reported that we had 164 'camp' members in 2023. In 2024, there are 191 year to date. While the gain is admirable, all agreed that additional efforts are needed to further increase membership as 191 is about 20% of camp owners. Attendees were encouraged to recruit their neighbors. It was noted that some members ask regular visitors to their camp to join.
- Newsletter Update: Deferred due to time constraints. The Current remains the primary communication vehicle with all area camp owners and notes were made about some

topics that could be in next year's edition, based on discussions and presentations made today.

- Advertising: Short report...Advertisers increased from 35 last year to 44 for 2024.
- Website/social media: The first email blast to members from the newly minted SLA gmail account went out in late June reminding all about the annual meeting. Of the members in attendance, a quick show of hands indicated that only 10% recalled getting the email. Rudy asked members to check their spam / junk folders for an email from [sebeclakeassoc@gmail.com](mailto:sebeclakeassoc@gmail.com), and add it to their contacts list. SLA continues to use and respond to Facebook discussions where appropriate, both to educate and to correct misinformation / rumor.
- New member recruitment: Additional exposure of SLA continues with hats, shirts, decals and planned presence at community events. Next up is Bowerbank Days at which SLA will have an information table. Plans are in the works to enter the IPP boat in the B'bank Days on-water Boat parade. Other recruitment ideas were suggested by attendees in the open session and will be discussed at future board meetings.

### **New Business:**

- Proposed 2025 budget: In the interest of time, full discussion of the 2025 proposed budget was deferred. A draft budget is close to completion, may need some edits based on the annual meeting, and will be reviewed and approved by the Board at their next meeting (Tentatively October 16, 2024)
- Next Annual Meeting: Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 9:30 am. Location TBD

### **Q&A with Members:**

Several members asked questions and volunteered suggestions ranging from proposing an increase in dues, revisiting the boat wash idea, to interacting with state agencies to further enforcement of boating regulations. Many interesting ideas were shared.

**Adjournment:** At ~ 11:40 AM per unanimous vote.