



ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2024 9:00 a.m

Location: McLean's

Opening statements were made by Roy.

* President's Opening Statements:

Sokokis Lake Association has been a non-profit corporation in the state of Maine for the past 68 years. I would take a minute or three and talk about the state of the organization.

1. The lake has changed over the past 68 years, growing almost 50 acres with boards added to the dam.
2. The ski show is scheduled to happen again for the 68th time, with only one year needing to reschedule because of weather.
3. The horseshoe has been continuing for more than 40 years
4. The Association has consistently marked hazards and headway speed zones prior to the state assisting with standardized buoys, and we are part of that network.
5. We have for the past 16 years conducted a Courtesy Boat Inspection starting with the Association funding the program to one that has town and state funds to continue the program.
6. We have conducted surveys and plant patrols to identify any invasive plants.
7. We have revised and updated the lake map to include recommended guidelines for safe use of the lake by all interested users,
8. We have raised funds to support special events and programs, starting with the first-year dues of \$2.00 per camp to this year a bargain at \$75.
9. We have had many slalom courses over the years sponsored by different individuals and sometimes the ski club; today, thanks to Dan Cole, skiers have the opportunity to improve their skills.
10. We have had two different ski jumps over the years and used in many ski shows
11. We have had volunteers who served our organization in many ways including organizing Massachusetts winter get-togethers, July 4th Association gatherings, traveling water ski shows to other lakes, a light (Flare) show that lit up the shore line, conducting experiments on methods to reduce weeds, including an oxygen plumbing system on the bottom of the lake, removal of stumps, and testing clarity of the water as well as testing the lake for contaminants.
12. We have used directors to expand your Boards communication effort.
13. We have had committees plan and manage events and projects including the transfer of water rights to the Association in our continued effort to maintaining safe lake levels as well as maintain the mechanics of the dam. It was a committee that revised the by-laws, designed our first web site, designed our written newsletters and distributed them camp to camp, designed and revised events.
14. We have maintained a full board of volunteers to actively monitor the lake and provide services to our membership
15. We have expanded our Board to include a second Vice President who focuses on programs and event planning

16. We have had one very special officer for the past four years who has demonstrated a commitment far beyond any job description or expectation of the position to cause, contribute, guide, make happen programs, organized our association, maintained and created a new web site, improved communication to you our members, and on and on, she has done this with grace, friendliness, professionalism, and a commitment to quality. Diane Shepherd has done so much for the Sokokis Family Community; she is a superstar and someone I am so grateful, to know, worked with, and learned from, and so proud to call her my friend! Please recognize a very special member of our family, let us show her our gratitude.

Call to Order: 9:15

Attendees

- There were approximately 56 people in attendance.
- All present gave their names and location on the lake, thank you to Deb Sheehan for microphone management!

Reports

- **Secretary's Report** – Diane reviewed a few highlights from last year's meeting; motion was made by Roy Bagley, seconded by Dottie Richards and approved unanimously; last year's minutes approved as emailed and posted.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Presented by Brenda; motion was made by Calece, and seconded by Kelly; Treasurer's Report unanimously approved as presented.

Historian Report – EJ Murphy spoke about four long-time lake camp owners who passed during the year:

Jacqueline Rae Griffiths of South Natick, MA, Sokokis Lake location in Public Beach cove
Dorothy Porcella of Winsor, VA, Sokokis Lake location Emery Corner road
Carla Olson Johnson of Swampscott MA Sokokis Lake location in Public Beach cove
Madeline Fitzgerald of Sebastian, FL Sokokis Lake location North Shore drive

EJ reminded us of how many generations have enjoyed so much time on Sokokis. He also gave a brief history of the Ski Club from it's inception to today.

Additions to Agenda – There were none.

Old Business

- Courtesy Boat Inspection Report 2023** – Roy advised 846 boats were inspected last year, with a total of 551 hours worked by CBI's. Total funding to run the program in 2023 was \$9,777.
- Water Hazard Markers** – Two new water hazard markers have been obtained from the State. One will be placed near Eric Olsen's and the other near the narrows.
- Cornhole Tournament 2024** – Guy Cefalo advised that there were approximately 100 in attendance, with 72 players. A great success and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Cefalo's for holding the event, and to all of those who volunteered with set-up, cooking, scorekeeping, etc.

- d) **Labor Day 2023** – Janet thanked all of the volunteers who coordinated last year’s activities, and reminded all that there is still a need for this year.
- e) **Water Clarity Report** – Peter Cummings explained that clarity reports are done regularly throughout the year, and the data is sent to the Lake Stewards of Maine to be included in their database.
- f) **Water Quality Report** – Donna Nelson advised that 9 tests were done last year, and another 4 so far in 2024. Another test will be done in August. All looked good, but some tests were sent in for cyanobacteria testing, the results were all negative.
- g) **Water Level /Dam Report**– Dave McLean spoke about the 10 new boards, currently in the dam, which were prepped by the Dam Committee, discussed the opening of the middle spillway, and the new method that will be used to raise/lower boards. He also advised that the water level is currently where it should be for this time of year.
- h) **SLA Ski Club** – Calece reminded the members of the can/bottle drop-offs on East Shore Drive, and advised folks to make sure not to include any other trash in the drop-offs. She advised that the team now has an air chair and a swivel ski, and practice is in process.
- i) **Sokokis Lake Memorabilia** – The Association is currently in need of a volunteer to chair this program; Brenda and Alyson offered their past experience to anyone willing to take this on.
- j) **Corporate Annual Filing** – Roy advised that the filing’s have been completed/renewed and made copies available to all interested.

New Business

- a) **By-laws Revision** – Brenda Bussey recognized the Bylaw Committee, and made a motion that the revised bylaws be accepted with a change of the fiscal year to July1 through June 30. Motion was seconded by Dottie and approved with no objections.
- b) **CBI 2024** – Roy advised that the CBI’s are providing coverage 7 days a week now; with longer days on the weekends. He also advised a new CBI position of Intern; this individual assists with scheduling, has attended an invasives workshop and will be doing occasional invasive surveys in the ramp area.
- c) **Invasive Plant Patrol** – Diane reminded members of the Informational Presentation to be held July 20 and of an upcoming paddle/training survey.
- d) **Labor Day 2024** – Janet advised that she has volunteers for the Canoe race but still needs volunteers for many of the other activities. The location of the Ski Team Show is tbd, as Carroll’s Meadow is not available this year. She also talked about the Fishing Tournament, running through Labor Day, and using the “honor system” in submitting entries. There will be awards for Adult, Teens, Youth and those under 7. Also, she advised that the parade of lights will be held August 10.
- e) **Ski Club** – Evan was unable to attend as he was at the Ski Team practice.

f) **2024 Budget** – Brenda Bussey presented the 2024 Budget, motion to accept was made by Calece and seconded by John.

g) **Special Project Survey Volunteers**

Election of Officers

The following were approved as Officers:

- **President** – Roy Bagley
- **Vice President** – Calece Johnson
- **Secretary** – Alyson Irvin
- **Treasurer** – Brenda Bussey

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.