



ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2025 9:00 a.m

Location: McLean's

Call to Order: 9:07

Agenda

1. President's Welcome:

Welcome to our annual meeting this June 28, 2025. I wanted to welcome each of you and extend our appreciation for you being in attendance today. We have a lot to report on and please share with your neighbors some of this critical information when you get home. This is a critical time for our lake and for the future of Sokokis Lake with all of the evasive issues including treatment but also prevention. I must assure you that your board has consistently focuses on the needs of our membership and protecting our lake from all predators natural as well as man-made.

I am pleased to report over the past few years we have benefited from committed volunteers taking on many responsibilities to make our life more enriched. We all have many dimensions or demands in our lives and individual priorities keep us healthy.

We need to stop and recognize three volunteers who have exemplified this commitment and now moved on to other adventures, Brenda Bussey served as treasurer for the past couple of years, chaired our by-laws committee, and worked diligently on the memorabilia committee, she has made a positive difference for our association we wish her well.

Alyson Irving designed and implemented one of the most successful fundraising efforts while providing many of us with memorabilia that we can enjoy for many years, she also served as secretary this past year, her contributions will have long term benefit to our organization, her hard work has made a difference. We wish her well.

EJ Murphy is a young man who took on a very special project of historian of our association. His interest and commitment enriched our members with stories and facts that stimulated our memories. Please join with me to show our appreciation for their service.

I want to now introduce two new members of our board. Ted Baltas has assumed the position of Secretary, and Sharon Johnson has assumed the position of Treasurer. Timing was a bit off this year and both Ted and Sharon had planned cruises this week but I want you to know they have already attended a couple of board meetings as we prepared for this annual meeting. Diane Shepherd, our past secretary, has agreed to be a non-voting member of the board and our corresponding secretary, welcome back and thank you.

We have two very special vice presidents with different responsibilities, Calece Johnson and Janet Cefalo, who continue to serve this organization with enthusiasm.

We are honored to have so many volunteers managing the many responsibilities of our organization, you will hear some reports in this meeting, but remember buoys are removed in

winter and replaced in the spring, board are maintained over the winter and installed or removed to maintain the proper water level during the summer season, water clarity is tested on a regular basis as well as quality of water is tested, the social events are planned, organized, and enjoyed by many, the Courtesy Boat Inspection program is managed, records are maintained, our history is recorded, and much more happens because of dedicated volunteers. Remember, you are invited to join in the fun, just let one of your board members know you are interested in getting in on all the fun.

2. Introduction of members and location on the lake:

There were approximately 43 members in attendance. Each gave their name and location on the lake.

3. Secretary's Report:

In Ted's absence, Roy recapped the report which was originally distributed on July 30, 2024 and called for a motion to accept as published. Bonnie Bagley made the motion, seconded by Deb Sheehan. Vote passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report:

In Sharon's absence, Roy reviewed the 2024-2025 actual and the proposed 2025-2026 Budget. Joe Vinard made motion to accept as presented, Sharon Cross seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

5. Historian's Report:

In EJ Murphy's absence, Diane shared his report by reading his History Minute and tribute to Dave Crandall, who passed away in January. Diane added that this would be EJ's last history report as he is currently interning at a medical center and will then return to his senior year at college before applying to med school. The members wished him well. A member advised that Mike Towle had also passed this year. A moment of silence was then held.

6. Additions to Agenda:

None recorded.

7. Old Business:

- **Courtesy Boat Inspection Report 2024 – Roy**

Roy reported that a total of 629 boats were inspected last year, with 532 man-hours utilized. The total cost of the operation in 2024 was \$11,750.

- **Water Hazard Markers – Roy**

Roy advised that 1 marker had been replaced and two new added; one at the area where the large mud island forms on the NE side of the upper basin, the other near the narrows. Now each potentially dangerous area is marked at both ends. Roy added that the no-wake buoys are paid for by the State; hazard markers are paid for by the lake.

- **Cornhole Tournament 2025 – Guy Cefalo**

Guy reported there were 72 players at the tournament, and a great time was had by all.

- **Labor Day 2025 – Janet Cefalo**

Janet was pleased with the large amount of participation, and advised members to visit the website for award winners and pictures.

- **Water Clarity Report – Peter Cummings**

Peter outlined his testing process, adding it is one of a number of tests used to determine overall water quality. He explained how rain impacts the clarity of the water, and that his data is reported to Lake Stewards of Maine, who monitor many aspects of water quality in Maine lakes.

- **Water Quality Report – Donna Nelson**

As Donna was not able to be present, her report will be posted to the website when submitted.

- **Water Level – Dave McLean**

Dave advised how and why the water level is maintained, with an eye on protecting shorelines from erosion or flooding.

- **Report on Dam Project – Dave McLean**

Dave reported that the Dam project is progressing, and currently on hold until October, when the conditions will be better for another effort to remove the concrete in the middle sluiceway. He advised that previous work on the removal was unsuccessful, with many drill bits worn out. Not all funds were used. Guy Cefalo is assisting the Dam Committee by providing insight on the methods and equipment used to remove the concrete, and general timing of the work involved. Dave explained that he had been able to secure \$6,000 in funding from the Town, provided the project is completed by December. He also advised that plans for hydraulics (to raise/lower the boards) are in process; he has spoken with Senator Libby who can assist in looking for additional grant monies and working with other government agencies.

- **SLA Ski Club – Melissa Hall**

Melissa advised that she is overseeing the Treasurer responsibilities and that the team will be meeting next weekend to elect officers. Practices will thereafter be held Saturday mornings.

- **Sokokis Lake Memorabilia**

Roy asked for a volunteer to chair this program. Limited supplies were on sale before and after the meeting.

- **Corporate Annual Filing**

Roy advised the paperwork had been filed.

8. New Business:

- **Lighted Boat Parade** will be held August 9th. The original time was 8:00 p.m., after some discussion, it was decided to change the time to 8:30 p.m. to allow for better viewing. Terri O'Brien is chairing.

- **CBI 2025 – Roy**

Roy advised of cost increases due to salaries; new CBI interns receive state minimum wage compensation.

- **Invasive Plants and Plans for Summer – Diane Shepherd**

- **Survey July 16:** In conjunction with the DEP and Lake Stewards of Maine, a level 3 survey for invasive plants will be done on the lake, both basins. The search will focus primarily on the European/brittle naiad, to ensure there are no other areas needing attention before the herbicide treatment is done. The surveyors, all volunteers, include counterparts from many area lakes, including Arrowhead, Mousam and Lovell. Any one interested in participating should contact Diane.

- **Treatment of Invasive July 28:** On or about July 28, the DEP will be overseeing the herbicide treatment of two areas which currently have the naiad, both in the lower basin. The notice of caution was read, and is posted on the website for review.

- **Notifications:** The DEP has already held the public meeting, which is available on-line for viewing, and will be sending notifications of the treatment to all within 1,000' of the lake just prior to the treatment. Members were encouraged to "stay tuned" by checking the website periodically for updates.

- **Labor Day Activities 2025– Janet Cefalo**

Janet advised that the Dough Boy has generously agreed to let members use their waterfront for the swim meet and for Ski Show viewing, asking only that members do NOT park in their lot, but leave that for customers. She advised that the Cramers will again be chairing the canoe/kayak races, and the Morley's will host the horseshoe tournament Labor Day weekend.

- **Ski Club – Melissa Hall**

As mentioned previously, the team will have their first meeting next weekend; practices will be held on Saturday mornings.

- **2025 Budget**

Sharon Johnson needs vote of membership. Motion made by Jeff Connell, seconded by Dave McLean.

- **Liaisons**

Roy advised the By-law requires the Board to appoint five (5) Liaison representatives to help with membership communication. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, or just have a suggestion, please let any Board member know as soon as possible.

- **Election of Officers**

Roy explained the Board would elect Board members for staggered terms as required by the By-Laws:

President – Roy Bagley: two terms July 2025-June 26 and July 2026-June 27

Vice President – Janet Cefalo: two terms July 2025-June 26 and July 2026-June 27

Vice President – Calece Johnson: one term July 2025-June 26

Secretary – Ted Baltas: two terms July 2025- June 2026 and July 2026-June 27

Treasurer – Sharon Johnson: one term July 2025-June 2026

Adjournment: 10:20 a.m.

Post-meeting discussions:

Q: Does the Welcome package include the wakeboard law?

A: No, because it is a State law. But the Association is planning to add it to the lake map that is distributed.

Q: Should the Association donate for the personal fireworks fund being discussed on Facebook?

A: No, due to liability issues.