

2024 Minutes

Basin David Tilton Pond Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 1:00pm @ Starling Hall, Fayette

BDTPA Members total=26

Required quorum=25% of members in good standing, having paid dues

26 household voting units present

1) Call to Order

2) Vote to approve 2023 minutes-accepted

3) President's Comments

Thanks for helping out with water quality

4) Reports from Officers and Liaisons

- a. Treasurer's Report –presented by Monique Longtin in Gail Rioux's absence: accepted.
Noted that two organizations weren't given donations and there was a discrepancy between last year's minutes and today's report.
- b. By-Laws Update – Steve Melchiskey, Vice President: will update and redraft, includes:
1. Mission and education/safety, 2. Membership and voting/nonvoting, 3. Platform for meetings including annual and video conferencing and 4. Model of operation – to have a Board of Directors and Elected Officers instead of Board of Trustees
- c. David Pond Impoundment– John Andrews: trapper came in last year, didn't get any beavers, beavers active again but not as much.
- d. Water Levels -Bob Harradon- this is 8th year of collecting: July 25th, 4 inches higher, 466 readings, 393"
- e. John Andrews – lots of brush, what to do; someone dumped brush in driveway to impoundment
- f. Invasive Plants in Tilton Pond – Bob Capers, BDTPA rep to 30 Mile River Watershed Association (MRWA): reported on invasive/non-native bladderwort found last year in Tilton Pond (eight bladderwort plants are native), known and unknown characteristics of this invasive plant, how it might travel, 30 MRWA and the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) response. Group discussion and concerns, private owners' removal.

Vote to authorize president and officers to make task force with DEP and 30 MRWA to develop strategies to manage invasive bladderwort-accepted

- g. Water quality- Whitney Baker, 30 MRWA: information including annual report on ponds is on website: <https://30mileriver.org>

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- h. LakeSmart – Deb Cayer: free and educational evaluation of lakefront homeowner's property to help protect water quality with non-regulatory recommendations. FMI, write to Deb Cayer at debbiecayer@gmail.com

5) Ongoing Business

- a. Dues to affiliate organizations

30 MRWA (\$700 recommended)

Lake Stewards of Maine (\$100 recommended)

Maine Lakes Society (\$100 is recommended)

Vote to raise donation to 30 MRWA from \$700 to \$900 and other organizations as is-accepted. (Total \$1,100)

- b. Election of Officers and Trustees (nominations from floor welcome)

Slate of Candidates for 2024-2025

- 1. Officers:

a. President	Stephen Smith-Erb
b. Vice-President	Steve Melchiskey
c. Treasurer	Gail Rioux
d. Secretary	Ellen Smith-Erb

- 2. Trustees:

a. Fred Jackman	(John Andrews finishing three year term)
b. Chris Riley	(one years remaining – not up for vote)
c. Sue French Smith	(two years remaining – not up for vote)

Vote on slate of officers and trustee- accepted

6) New business

- a. Request for updated contact info at <http://bdtpa.org>.
- b. Lori Beaulieu- Ballot question this fall on selling Starling Hall. FMI on keeping Starling Hall, go to Friends of Starling Hall at <https://starlinghall.org>
- c. Request for direct donations to 30 MRWA for water quality testing.
- d. Reminder that individuals can make direct donations to 30 MRWA for water quality testing.
- e. Vote to donate \$50 to Friends of Sterling Hall (FOSH) for use - Accepted

7) Set date for 2025 annual meeting. Board shall decide July or August 2025 date.

8) Motion to adjourn