

Basin David Tilton Pond Association
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Fayette Elementary School
August 7, 2021

BDTPA Members total=48

Required quorum= 25% of members in good standing, having paid dues
23 household voting units including proxies present

- President Joe Fitzpatrick started the meeting with history of meetings and request for respect toward each other.

Reports of Officers and liaisons:

- Treasurer's Report was read by Linda Stanton for Treasurer Monique Longtin, who was absent. Please see details on BDTPA website.

Starting Balance 5/31/20	\$5,261.04
Dues/Donations	+1,600.00
Expenses	- 923.31
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New Balance	\$5937.73

Treasurer's report was voted on and approved.

It's not too late to mail in your \$25 dues!

Please forward your annual membership dues of \$25 to Monique Longtin @
330 Shore Road, Fayette, ME 04349

- Water Quality Report-Deb Cayer. Deb is the LakeSmart coordinator for both David and Parker Ponds. The LakeSmart team will meet with owners, assess property for protecting lake quality, provide education and help problem solve.

FMI on LakeSmart evaluations, go to

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wr2B3j8_Qo5yvakaSgjNWCb2E9T6xO3o-ORZKoOrlXg/edit

and or contact Deb Cayer at debbiecayer@gmail.com or (207) 320-0397.

- 30 Mile River Watershed Association (30 MRWA)-Linda Stanton gave brief introduction and her involvement; introduced 30 MRWA Executive Director, Lidie Robbins.

Outreach

- 30 MRWA- Lidie Robbins, Executive Director and Whitney Baker, Program Manager gave an extensive overview of the organization and programs including staff, board members and volunteers that make up the program; water quality assessments they regularly provide for our ponds; collaboration with other programs, communities, land owners, and people in the communities to keep lakes and streams clean; coordination of immediate and multi-layered response to crisis of infestations of invasive plants. Of particular note is their regular frequency to our ponds to assess for water quality from May to September.

Numerous facts and data provided on the 30 MRWA and specific information on our ponds.

Discussion of impact of climate change on our ponds and fish.

FMI on the 30 Mile River Watershed Association, go to

<http://30mileriver.org/>

- Loon education-Tracy Hart of Maine Audubon was not able to attend. Discussion on challenges for loons including extremes of water level, predators, and humans. Discussion of having floating loon nesting platforms, pros and cons of signs on/near islands as well as how to educate owners and visitors to the ponds. Boats need to stay 200 feet away from loons.
- Maine Lakes – Deb Cayer- LakeSmart was initiated by Maine Lakes Society, now known as Maine Lakes.
- Tom Jenkins reported on decrease in boats around Basin Pond. He has contacted staff at Fayette Town Hall, which report a boat rack, considered a “structure,” can’t be placed within 100 feet of the water’s edge and conservation easement is only 50 feet.

Nominations of Officers for 2020-2021

President:	Joe Fitzpatrick
Vice President:	Tom Jenkins
Secretary:	Ellen Smith-Erb
Treasurer:	Monique Longtin
Trustee:	John Andrews
	Gail Rioux
	Sue French Smith
30 MRWA Rep:	Joe Fitzpatrick
Water Quality:	Deb Cayer

Slate of officers was voted upon and approved.

Dues to affiliate organizations

- 30 MRWA. There was discussion on keeping dues at \$500 or increasing, that then included discussion on dues increase for BDTPA. Reminder that people can also donate privately.
Donation of \$600 voted on and approved.
- Lake Stewards of Maine.
Donation of \$100 was voted on and approved.
FMI on Lake Stewards of Maine, go to
www.lakestewardsofmaine.org.
- Maine Lakes. There was discussion of donating \$2 per member as in the past or \$100.
Donation of \$100 was voted and approved.
FMI on Maine Lakes, go to <https://www.lakes.me>

New business

- Discussion on increase in dues for BDTPA, from \$25 to \$30, **beginning June 1, 2022.**
Voted and approved.

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- History of local ponds- Joe Fitzpatrick initiated discussion of organizing local and historical stories of the ponds. Stories can be shared on BDTPA. Joe will further coordinate.
- Plant Patrol- Steve Smith-Erb, will contact Lidie Robbins of 30 MRWA and asks for assistance in assessment for invasive plants on David Pond. Appreciation given for Joe Longtin's service. Please contact Steve at scse@maine.rr.com if you are interested in helping out with identification of invasive plants or want more information.
- Water level steering committee- Tom Jenkins- he's been monitoring and 30 inch fluctuation continues.
- Joe Fitzpatrick discussed the water level and dam, his work with local people and state officials, dam has not been impacted entire year, expressed appreciation for working with Fred Jackman.
- Discussion of influx of beavers.
- Discussion of Air Bnb renters that led to idea of writing up and organizing materials to send out to owners that would help educate renters as well as guests.
- Joe Fitzpatrick gave appreciation for respect of members towards each other and working together for the good of the community.

Motion approved for next annual meeting for BDTPA on August 6, 2022 at 10am.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Smith-Erb, BDTPA secretary