



**Watchic Lake Association
Board of Directors' Meeting Summary
September 26 2023 at Rob Brisks Home**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Treasurer, Agnes Wiggin. A quorum was established with nine directors present. Paul and Nancy arrived late, bringing the count to 11 directors present. Minutes of the July 27, 2023, meeting were approved by consent. Agnes read the treasures report and there were no questions or concerns.

It was reported that the **Ice Cream Boat** on Sunday 8/20 was a success and was well received by people around the lake. Thank you to Hannaford for the donated ice cream. Several board members will be attending the **social at the Outpost** on the 30th with the hope of reaching out to new members, having a sign and possibly brochures to hand out.

Stephanie reported on this year's **5th annual plant patrol** in which 10 volunteers participated. No new native plants were found and no invasives were found. There was a discussion about signs regarding avoiding invasive plants being placed on the most used boat ramps. A full review can be found on the [Invasive Plants](#) page on this website.

Courtesy boat Inspections were discussed on how to get the message out about the importance of these inspections, including how to reach out to individuals that rent property and individuals that have places from which watercraft can be launched. Stephanie will work on getting individuals names that rent property so the board can reach out to this group about the importance of renters to get their boats inspected before they launch. Dave said he would investigate where we could get signs for boat inspections and invasive plants.

Also noted that Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) has a **new law the went into effect in July**. IFW issued a letter about Clean, Drain & Dry your boat upon removal from any water body in Maine this could also be added to any info sent out.

Membership: Paul noted that we have 155 members at 103 properties as of August 23.

Rt 113 Runoff Remediation System. After the heavy rains this spring, it was decided that a walkthrough of the system was needed to determine if it needs modification. Cumberland County Soil and Water Engineer has evaluated the culvert intake and recommended a specific trash guard and replacing the riprap – trash guard fabrication details are required. We have not received quotes from the contractors we contacted. Next steps will be to update the property owners on the status, agree contracts with contractors, and confirm the trash guard design.

Dave reported that the **water transparency** this year is one of two years since 1974 that the Secchi disk reading was 3 meters or less and the Dissolved Oxygen levels drop to 1 or less at 5 meters. In 1998 the readings were very similar when the area received over 10 inches of rain in the last week of June, similar to the heavy rain we had on several occasions this summer. On August 23 sampling was done surface temp was 74.6 F, Secchi disk 3 meters (9.8 ft), Dissolved Oxygen at the surface 8.2 ppm and drops to 1 ppm at 5 meters (16ft). Fish need a minimum of 6.5 ppm to survive. Phosphorus rich runoff is felt to be the main reason for poorer readings. We will look at incentives to encourage property owners to do the Lake Smart evaluation or address run off on their property.

Annual Project Inspections: Two WLA co-funded projects are left to be reviewed, which Owen is organizing.

Dam Building Maintenance is being managed by Owen and planned for either September 9 or 16.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.