



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Friends of Wilson Pond Area, Inc. July 18th, 2009

President Kay Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:37 AM, and welcomed everyone. Those present (16 individuals, a quorum) introduced themselves. In addition to the notice in the Spring Newsletter, the meeting announcement appeared in The Moosehead Messenger and Moosehead Matters, as well as on the Town of Greenville Website: <http://mooseheadlake.org>. The printed secretary's minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved (Walden, Ryder).

The printed treasurer's report was reviewed and approved (Brown, Sheltmire). We currently have \$ 25,670.00 in cash assets, including 3 CD's and \$ 7796 in the checking account. It was suggested that the Board discuss the purchase of an additional CD. The new State of Maine Easement Registration Form was filed in the spring.

Elections: Kay Johnson was unanimously re-elected and Karen McFarland was elected to the Board. All other Directors were elected or re-elected for 3-year terms in 2008.

Old Business:

- Informational Booths 2009: Phyllis Courter passed around a sign-up list for volunteers to man the table at Forest Heritage Days and Fly-In. She has ordered more pink, white, and blue t-shirts, which will be available for \$ 15 for non-members and \$ 10 for members. The remaining grey t-shirts will be on sale for \$ 7 while they last.
- Loon Count 2009: was held yesterday. 5 Adults were seen on Lower Wilson and 12 adults on Upper Wilson, as counted by Phyllis and Bob Courter, Lynda Sheltmire, Cheryl Brown, and Josh Shoemaker on Lower Wilson, and Ron Walden and Betty Ryder on Upper Wilson.

New Business:

- Pamphlets: We have copies of brochures about loons, and invasive water plants which can be given out at the Annual Meetings and will also be available at the booth during Forest Heritage Days and Fly-In.
- Note cards and postcards: We now have printed note cards for correspondence and printed post card receipts for dues and contributions, as required by the IRS. Contact Kay for copies.
- Campsite discussion: It was decided not to build outhouses due to the expense of transporting the gravel and the difficulty of siting them without undue disturbance of the forest floor. Composting toilets require maintenance. Frank McIver reported that the camp sites look good. Kay has ordered "Wag Bags" which will be placed at the sites to encourage campers to carry out their waste. There will be a campsite clean-up on August 1st at 10:00A.M. Volunteers are needed, and should meet at Johnson's if they need transportation to the campsites. Perhaps we should remove the old toilet with the blue tarp on Rum Point at that time. Also, we should check to see which "Carry In Carry Out" signs are missing, and ask Tom Dudac if he would be willing to make replacements.

- Educational Programs: A program on Waterfront Landscaping will be offered on July 19th at the Center for Moosehead History (formerly the Community House). Hannah Todd from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension will discuss plant selection, ecological considerations, erosion and water quality impact, and rain gardens, among other topics. The Code Enforcement Officer for Greenville, Jack Hart, will also discuss the Shoreland Zoning Act regulations. Training about recognizing Invasive Plants will be held on August 15th at Beaver Cove. Cheryl Brown and Liz Peltier will attend. We could put up signs (with permission from IFW) at the boat launches on Wilson Pond and perhaps on Sawyer Pond, and consider having a volunteer or someone paid with grant money monitor boats there during peak periods.
Ron Walden's friend, John Neff, who has written a book about Katadhin, might be available as a speaker.
- Plum Creek update: Board members met with Luke Muzzy on July 7th. LURC will take the final vote on the Concept Plan this fall. It is expected to pass, but they also expect opposing groups to appeal, so that will probably delay the project for 2 or 3 years. In the part of the Plan which includes Upper Wilson, Plum Creek owns 8.3 of the 8.5 miles of shore frontage, of which 7.4 miles will be placed in permanent protection, and .9 in the development zone. There will be a maximum of 32 lots, probably 16 shorefront and 16 back lots. All will have to go through the subdivision review process. They envision a cluster development with covenants similar to those in Rum Ridge. They expect one common dock and boat launch. There will be an auditor to check compliance with the new Shoreland Zoning standards. There are no plans to bring in electric power, and the right of way will be from Prong Pond Road. There is no maximum lot size, but most will be 1-2 acres. Any potential development in Greenville would most likely be south of the KI road. 96% of the PC land in the concept Plan will be in permanent conservation, with easements held by the Forest Society.
- Role of FOWPA in Land Conservation: Shall we take a more active role in advising landowners about easements and in trying to purchase more? We could have one or two "experts" who know how to place land in easements. We could explore the purchase of Rum Mountain or an easement there. Kay will contact MCH Trust and the Nature Conservancy to see what avenues there are for a proposal to Plum Creek, and if donors or grants are available. She will then get in touch with Hilary, who was part of the original Easement purchase team.
- Wildlife Sightings: Members have seen the eagles and their chicks in the thoroughfare, loons as noted in the Loon Count report, kingfishers, turkeys, foxes, moose, deer, grouse, bats, beavers, golden eye ducks, chipmunks, rabbits, red squirrels, mink, and dock spiders. Members are encouraged to send photos of wildlife to Cheryl to be included on the website.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl J. Brown, secretary