

**Draft Maine Lakes (ML) Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**September 17, 2024**  
**Via Zoom**



1. *Susan Adams*, Maine Lakes Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and welcomed everyone (32 members were present on Zoom).
2. *Susan Gallo*, Maine Lakes Executive Director, started a slide show and played the “Lake Trivia – Part 1” poll.
3. *Cheryl St. Peter*, Maine Lakes Board Secretary briefly presented the draft June 17, 2023 annual meeting minutes. Susan Adams asked for a motion to approve the previously emailed minutes. (A link to the draft minutes was also in the Zoom chat.) Peter Kallin moved to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved by a majority of the membership present with no discussion. A copy of the 2023 minutes as approved is [Attachment 1](#).
4. *Kelly Margolis*, Maine Lakes Board Treasurer, reviewed slides showing the 2022 and 2023 actual, and 2024 Budget Financial Summary – Income and Expenses, and Financial Highlights. (A link to the 2023 year-end financials and 2024 budget was in the chat.) There were no questions, and this information is [Attachment 2](#). Susan Gallo added one additional slide thanking Maine Lakes members and 2023 business, foundation, and agency supporters.
5. *Susan Gallo* presented a slide show “*Maine Lakes Year in Review*” introducing the staff and contractors, Maine Lakes’ activities and some projects, including the Lake Economics Study, Look Out for Loons Project, the 2024 joint Conference with Lake Stewards of Maine, MPBN’s series “In Hot Water” and LakeSmart, Healthy Beaches, and Advocacy.
6. *Caroline Seibert*, Maine Lakes LakeSmart Coordinator, discussed LakeSmart in northern and downeast Maine with a slide.
7. *Andrea Stevens*, Maine Lakes LakeSmart Manager, discussed with a slide (1) Partnership Building (e.g., Maine DEP initiative called “OURSHORE” to provide nature-based shoreline stabilization options, helping to update Portland Water District factsheet series, and native plant options), (2) Volunteer Recognition and Networking (volunteers from 17 lakes participated in a gathering), and (3) Homeowner Education (especially concerning questions about extreme weather events).
8. *Susan Gallo* summarized what Maine Lakes is currently working on and looking ahead to 2025, then played the poll Lake Trivia, part 2.
9. *Susan Adams* presented the slate of nominated directors below for election, as well as the nominated officers for one-year terms, and asked for nominations from the floor.

**Newly Nominated (Returning) Director:**

Dick Tinsman	2024 – 2027 Elect for three-year term
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**Directors Nominated for Re-election:**

Laura Wilson	2024 – 2027 Elect for three-year term
Kelly Margolis	2024 – 2027 Elect for three-year term
Toni Pied	2024 – 2027 Elect for three-year term
Doug Kavanaugh	2024 – 2027 Elect for three-year term

**Officers for one year terms:**

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Susan Adams  
Lidie Robbins  
Toni Pied  
Cheryl St. Peter  
Kelly Margolis

**Term as Director**

2022 – 2025 Re-elect for one-year term  
2022 – 2025 Re-elect for one-year term  
2024 – 2027 Elect for one-year term  
2022 – 2025 Re-elect for one-year term  
2027 – 2027 Re-elect for one-year term

There were no nominations from the floor. Steve Lewis moved to elect the nominated board members for three-year terms and the officers listed above for one-year terms; the motion was seconded with a majority of the members present voting in favor. Dick Tinsman abstained, and there were no “against” votes.

10. There were no questions from the membership, but Dick Tinsman wanted to point out that he went to Charity Navigator’s website to see Maine Lakes’ rating; it has a 97%, which is impressive.

Steve Lewis mentioned the joint effort among several organizations to get a lobbyist at the state legislature and wanted to hear Susan Gallo’s thoughts about this. Susan explained the ongoing work regarding this effort.

11. Julie Motherwell won the door prize of a LL Bean Stowaway Backpack through a random number generator.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl St. Peter  
Secretary

Attachment 1 – Approved Minutes of June 17,2023 Annual Meeting  
Attachment 2 – 2024-Budget and 2023-YE-Actual

Besides the directors elected at this meeting, the following directors are continuing to serve on the ML board:

**Directors with terms expiring in 2025:**

Susan Adams 2022 – 2025  
Lidie Robbins 2022 – 2025  
Cheryl St. Peter 2022 – 2025  
Camila Plana 2022 – 2025  
Gail Rice 2022 – 2025

**Directors with terms expiring in 2026:**

Dan Kusnierz 2023 – 2026  
Garrison Beck 2023 – 2026  
Eric Goodwin 2023 – 2026  
Adam Platz 2023 – 2026