

TLIA'S 33RD ANNUAL MEETING

The 33rd Annual Meeting of TLIA was held on Saturday, July 8, 2006, with over 50 members in attendance. Co-Presidents Linda Laskey and Judy King welcomed everyone and thanked numerous volunteers and Board members for their help over the past year. They also announced their retirement as of next July and are in need of replacements for President(s), Vice President, and a Board member. A nominating committee was named to fill vacancies.

Susan Barry and Richard Barry, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, each gave their reports. John Laskey gave his Annual Report on the state of the lake: about the same, but more algae noticeable, probably from excessive rains in the spring. Oxygen was fairly good but decreases as the season progresses, then returns to higher levels in the fall when the lake turns over. The clarity was 4.5 meters and phosphorus (PPB) 10; 15 is troublesome. Two students from Poland H.S. monitored streams coming into the lake. The inlet to the lake has thick algae, but is probably natural due to nutrients from decaying matter in the adjacent bog.

Jacqui Misenheimer requested help in the form of groceries for the Poland Food Bank. It was also voted to donate \$250 to help them out. Another motion was passed to donate \$1000-\$1500 to Michelle Garcia's Poland H.S. lake monitoring/testing programs. Results of their studies will be made available to TLIA. Linda announced the awards to two youngsters from Poland Elementary School to attend the Maine Conservation Camp during the summer. Next year, members of the Lake Association will be encouraged to have relatives/children of TLIA write essays and participate in the Essay-Conservation Camp contest. It's a wonderful program (only one week) and teaches youngsters ecological lessons in a comfortable camp atmosphere. Information available through Linda. Please check.

Divers were checking the boat launch area and will continue to do so, looking for invasive plants. Plant patrollers, volunteers from the high school and from the Association, will be cutting and disposing of the invasive plant, Purple Loosestrife, this summer. Much needs to be done to eradicate this invasive from the lake. All lake dwellers are asked to remove it from their own properties before it spreads. Call Babs Shapiro or Linda Laskey for help in identifying it.

The Annual Babs Shapiro Environmental Award was given to husband and wife team, **John and Linda Laskey**, for their endless work in doing good for the lake. The upcoming Road Race, Family Picnic, Lake Store, Beach Cleanup and Subdivision on Johnson Hill were all discussed. A short but informative video was shown, "Every Time it Rains," in lieu of a formal speaker, and was enjoyed by all.

The 50/50 Raffle, chaired by **Peg and Dick Harris**, realized about \$700. It was split between TLIA and **Betty Harvey**, the winner. Great going without a lot of work. People were urged to submit recipes and camp histories to **Peg Harris** and **Linda Laskey** for publication in the near future. It was voted to again donate \$100 to the Library for use of its room for the meeting.

Next year's meeting will be held on the second Saturday of July and Cleanup Day on Sunday. The meeting was adjourned before noon. See you next year!




Linda and John Laskey receive Babs Shapiro Environmental Award for their tireless work in helping Tripp Lake.



Jacqui Misenheimer, Marilyn and Dick Sidle and others at Annual Meeting.

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