

**Lake Abanakee Civic Association**  
**PO Box 406**  
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[www.lakeabanakee.org](http://www.lakeabanakee.org)

**Minutes for 2017 Annual meeting held on Sunday, August 13 at Byron Park Pavilion in Indian Lake. Approximately 55 people attended.**

**Annual Meeting Agenda**

2:30	Sign in, payment of dues, welcome comments	Bob McNamara
2:50	New dam vs Old dam	Brian Wells
3:10	Water report	Jerry Lieberman
3:20	Loon census update	Bronna Romanoff
3:30	Invasive species - lake & land	Bronna Romanoff & Wanda Moccio
3:45	Financial report	Sharon Lieberman
3:50	Board elections	Bob McNamara
4:00	LACA future direction	Open discussion
4:30	Meeting close	

**Introduction** – Bob McNamara

Recapped activities since last year. Web site created and will be used as primary platform for membership drive. Flyer created by Barbara Migdalen. Several board members have handed these out to homes around and near the lake.

Loon nest was relocated away from causeway into cove near Jerrie Saverie Rd. One of two chicks was viable and survived.

Two former members passed away during the year. Ilene Benton and Nick Curcio.

2016 minutes and financial report were approved

**Dam update** – Brian Wells

Rosell processing claims submitted to Town. New dam at same level as old dam. NYS dam safety, inspected and passed. Dept of State sending funds to Town. Two gate design will provide more flexibility and accuracy in setting water level. Exercising new procedures to get familiar with gate operation. Setting a baseline for future operation. New procedure established with Black River/Hudson River Agency. They now of a call list for communicating operational changes. No plans for automated operation of the new gates. DEC requires that spillway always partially opened. Rosell working on punch list of items to be fixed.

**Water quality** – Jerry Lieberman

Jerry gave a comprehensive report on Lake Abanakee. Lake is doing well with no disturbing trends. Lake continues to improve or stay steady in phosphate levels.

Refer to our web site for links to water reports. [www.lakeabanakee.org](http://www.lakeabanakee.org)

**Loon census** – Bronna Romanoff

2017 – four adults and one chick, but whole lake not surveyed.

In 2010 ten adults were counted.

Next year will coordinate among various people that do independent surveys.

Mike Moccio is with Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation and added additional information on loons. Web site for organization is: [adkloon.org](http://adkloon.org)  
Nesting couple were banded 2002 & 2010.  
Types of calls – Mike had audio of the calls.  
Contact – hoots, wails, trebelo  
Distress – trebelo, yodel (male)  
Change calls when they change location.  
ADK loon population stable (growing slightly)

**Invasive species** – Bronna Romanoff (aquatic) and Wanda Moccio (terrestrial)  
Aquatic: multi-year monitoring, NO invasives have been found. 100 lakes in Adirondacks have invasives. Wash and dry boats when going between lakes, which is when there's the greatest chance of spreading invasives.

Terrestrial: twenty wildflowers in wetlands. Yellow iris (ble is native), Japanese knotweed. Can be treated. See APIPP web site for information.

**Finance report - Sharon Lieberman**

Aug 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017: \$825 in dues. (and growing)

Beginning balance:		\$1906.29
Income: Dues	\$825	
interest	\$0.80	\$825.80

Expenses:

Scholarship	\$500.00	
Membership	\$50.00	
PO Box	\$48.00	
Postage	\$60.04	
Web site	\$138.52	\$796.56
		\$1935.53

Profit:		\$29.24
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Scholarship of \$500 went to Chase Hutchins, who will be attending SUNY ADK, Comp. Science

**Board elections – Bob McNamara**

Following nominations were approved.

Officers:

President:	Bob McNamara
VP:	Ed LaScala
Secretary:	Kim LaScala
Treasurer:	Sharon Lieberman

Directors:

John Warren, Pat McNamara, Frank McNamara, Barbara Marshall, Barbara Migdalen, Bronna Romanoff, Susan Ritchie-Ahrens.

**Open discussion:**

Malnourished blue heron on Lavergne Rd. ADK Wildlife Refuge (AWR) came and captured the bird. Derelict boat on west shoreline. Raised by Ed LaScala, Jerry Lieberman is trying to track owner.