

Maranacook Lake News

Summer 2018



From the President

Dear Members:

Once again we thank you for your continued support of the Maranacook Lake Association.

Much has been accomplished this past year. Many members have been trained in the identification of invasive plant life and are more than willing to assist you in learning the process, thanks to VLMP (Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program), the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, and the Cobbossee Watershed District.

The process of surveying Maranacook Lake began last year with the help of many of our lake association members. This can only be accomplished with your involvement through training, recruiting, and participation in the process.

Training sessions will be offered once again with the hope that you will aid in the surveying of water frontage near you.

Your dedicated and ambitious board members are constantly working and meeting to provide what is best to foster an enduring philosophy for the betterment of Maranacook Lake.

Please encourage your neighbors to become involved in some way to support our mission.

Sincerely,
Peter S. Washburn

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday July 14, 2018

8:30 to 10:00 AM

Bailey Public Library

39 Bowdoin Street ~ Winthrop, Maine



Guest speaker: Tamara Whitmore
Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

Topics: Annabessacook Update, Survey Update,
Basic Plant Identification

Coffee, juice, fruit and muffins will be served.

Registration: 8:30

Presentations: 8:45

Business Meeting: 9:30

MLA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

MARANACOOK LAKE LOON COUNT 2017



23 adults & 1 chick

* ICE OUT APRIL 25th 2018 *

**Concert on the Lake
at Lowery Landing
South Basin in Winthrop**



SUNDAY, JULY 8th

NOON - 4:00 PM

SCHOOL STREET BAND

BOAT ACCESS ONLY

**CONCERTS at
NORCROSS POINT ~ 2-4 pm
Sunday Afternoons**

The Tentative Line-up:

July 1: The Calypso Soldiers

July 8: The Rascals (with Steve Jones and friends)

July 15: The Colwell Brothers

July 22: Simons and Goodwin

July 29: Rain Date (seriously, that's a rain date, not a band name)

August 5: Muddy Marsh Ramblers

August 12: Maine U.S. Army National Guard Band

August 18: TBA

August 19: Sons of Be's

August 26: The Grownups (with Malinda Liberty)

***All concerts are held Sundays except for Saturday August 18th which coincides with the Annual Winthrop Art Walk & BBQ For Hunger Sponsors: The Town of Winthrop, The Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union, and Kennebec Savings Bank.**



Ed Desjardin and Karen Biser

2018 WINTER SOCIAL

70 supporters of the MLA came together in March. Great way to spend a winter evening with friends and neighbors. We hope to see you 2019!

2018 Bass Tournaments

- 4/29 **Outcast Bass Club** - Jeremy Von Oesen 207-649-3665
- 5/5 **Central Maine Bassmasters** - Josh Blackwood 207-240-9708
- 6/15 **Mainely Boaters** - Stephen Nagy 207-212-6564 In
- 6/21 **Saco Valley Cast Masters** - Steven Philbrick 207-730-3998
- 8/25 **Classic Bassmasters** - David Reiss 207-315-5015



Vulnerability calls for Prevention

by Tamara Whitmore, Executive Director, Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

Out of the 6,000 lakes and ponds in the state of Maine, only 30 are known to be infested with invasive aquatic plants (in addition to 14 infested streams/rivers). And while Maine is by far the least infested state in New England, we have so much to protect! To consider whether a lake may statistically be at a higher risk of becoming infested, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection staff looked at a number of factors that can up the probability a lake will become infested. Factors considered in this vulnerability analysis include proximity to an infested water body, volume of boaters on the lake, and how much area of the lake is shallow enough for plants to grow. **(FYI – Maranacook is ranked 27th out of all lakes in the analysis)**

Because of the existing infestations of Variable Leaf Water Milfoil in Annabessacook Lake, Cobbossee Stream and Pleasant Pond and the high volume of boat traffic in the watershed, almost all of the lakes and ponds in the Cobbossee Watershed are at a statistically high risk of having an invasive plant be introduced. **Which is why we need to be vigilant in our protection of Maranacook Lake!**

Maranacook Lake covers 1,844 acres, and while only a portion of the lake is shallow enough for plants to grow, there is still a large area to carefully monitor for signs of invasive plants. Which is why we at the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed are so thankful to MLA's growing plant survey team! The more people trained to observe the plants growing in the water, the better chance we have at getting rid of an invasive if it is introduced. Along with the **Courtesy Boat Inspection** program, having an active **Invasive Plant Patrol** team is the best prevention in protecting your lake habitat and property values.



Maranacook Lake resident Adrienne Tracy leading FOCW Plant Survey team in 2017.

A major focus for the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed in 2018 will be the removal of invasive milfoil from Annabessacook Lake and surveying vulnerable areas of Cobbossee Lake, which is directly downstream. Because the infestation is relatively new in Annabessacook, it benefits all lakes if we are able to restrict the expansion of this infestation to as small a space as possible. Fortunately, the Friends has a new "ace in the hole" to lead us in this important work! Toni Pied returns to the Friends with several hats: Director of Development & Membership and overseeing our Plant Survey and Plant Control efforts. If you would like more information on our **Cobbossee Annabessacook Milfoil Project**, please reach out to Toni: 2017-621-4100 or toni@watershedfriends.com.



If you would like to check out the factors considered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in their "Vulnerability Study", visit <http://www.maine.gov/dep/water/invasives/vulnerability.html>

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for hosting our MLA board meetings 😊*



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Membership News

There are currently 224 MLA members on the roster,
representing only approximately 35%
of the households on and around the lake.

In 2017, MLA received dues from 186 members
(182 renewals & 4 new members).

32 members did not pay 2017 dues

Invoices for 2018 dues were mailed out in January.

**To date we have received dues from 170 members
(163 renewals & 7 new members)**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**If you are one of the 50+ members who have
not yet renewed your membership for 2018,
a membership form is included for your convenience.**

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 2018 DUES SOON...

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER!

HOW CAN YOU HELP MOST?

Please help us recruit new members

**Talk to your neighbors and friends who
live on and enjoy the lake about what MLA
is doing to protect Maranacook Lake and
invite them to join you in supporting our mission.**

**More members = more resources
available to protect our lake!**

**Membership form is available and online payment
may be made on our website at**

<https://maranacooklake.wordpress.com/how-to-help/>