

DRAW DOWN
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September 20 motion was withdrawn by Hallee in order to facilitate a better understanding of the process to the membership. Some of the members appeared to be confused on what they voting.

The original request by the president was then put to a vote, and more confusion abounded. After five recounts from the show of hands, the date of September 13 prevailed by a vote of 35-33, with many disgruntled members expressing their displeasure with the procedure.

Phosphorus levels continue to be a matter of concern to the

association. The association president said, “today, estimates of phosphorus flowing in from the water shed approximately balance estimates of the lakes assimilative capacity. That wasn’t true 30 years ago.” According to Richards, that is thanks in part to the work of the China Region Lakes Alliance.

Surface testing for phosphorus levels have been done since 2005. Data released from 2009 showed surface phosphorus readings at between 16 and 23 parts per billion, with the highest reading occurring in late November. On the surface, 30 ppb is enough to trigger a bloom.

In 2007, 2008 and 2009, phos-

phorus levels remained steady at 15-20 ppb in August and September. Beginning in 2007, phosphorus readings from surface samples for August and September continued to be in the high teens. October readings were also in the high teens.

Warm temperatures, sunny days and limited rain fall contributed to a minor bloom in June of this year.

Nate Gray, from the Maine Department of Marine Resources spoke briefly on the alewife run for this year, and reported that the 2010 harvest was 10 percent to 20 percent lower than 2009. He partially attributed that to a marked decrease in the number of

river herring along the entire eastern United States seaboard.

In other business, a nonbinding straw vote of the membership present was taken concerning a proposed by-laws change regarding membership qualification to the association. The proposal would change the membership requirements to include Webber Pond property owners only. Over 75 percent of those present voted to maintain the open membership clause that currently exists in the by-laws. Should the by-laws committee and the directors desire to pursue the by-laws change, the matter would come up for a formal vote at the 2011 annual meeting.

Also, the association unanimously voted to pay the \$1,000 membership fee to the CRLA and a \$500 donation to the boat inspection program at the Webber Pond public landing.

The slate of officers was retained: Frank Richards, president, Charles Backenstose, vice president, and Cate Pineau, secretary/treasurer.

Directors re-elected include Daryl Fedorchak, Allen Browne, Robert Nadeau, Roland Hallee, Mary Bussell, Phil Haines, Rebecca Lamey and Maggie Stickle.



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