

# Windy Waters Conservancy

*Dedicated to protecting and conserving the Waukegan watershed*  
PO Box 91, Meredith, NH 03253  
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## Annual Meeting Minutes

Meredith Community Center Conference Room B

**Date:** July 13, 2013

**Directors Present:** Chuck Braxton, Ray Moritz, Tony Sabutis  
Doug Steele, Don Trudeau, Mary Walker

**Directors Absent:** None

**Members Present:** 23

**Special Guests:** Elizabeth Baird

**Speakers:** Ralph Kirshner — Chairman, New Hampton Conservation Commission  
Mark Billings — Chairman, Meredith Conservation Commission  
Treasurer, Town of Meredith

## Agenda

### 1. Call to Order

- Chuck Braxton called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

### 2. Minutes of previous meetings

- Donna Van Ness moved to accept the minutes of the 7/14/2012 annual meeting. Frank Van Ness seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### 3. Treasurer's report and budget for coming year

- Ray Moritz presented the Treasurer's Report and budget for the remainder of 2013 and for calendar year 2014, which are attached.

### 4. President's report

- Chuck Braxton introduced Elizabeth Baird, who recently sold the portion of her property between the railroad tracks and the river, and thanked her for her generous support of the efforts to conserve and protect the land along the shores of Snake River.
- Braxton then described efforts of the last year and ongoing projects.

### 5. Member Recognition

- Chuck Braxton recognized members for their significant contributions to the WWC: **Duncan McNeish** for his efforts to stop the Meredith Zoning Board of Adjustment's variance for drains on Foundry Ave; **Biron Bedard** for legal services, most recently in support of the purchase of the Baird property on Snake River; **Stan Wallerstein** for legal services in support of the purchase of the Spear property along Snake River; **Boo Gershun** for her efforts in taking the water samples for the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP); **John Wright** and **George Nassor**, who are taking over the VLAP effort on Lake Waukegan; and **Tim Whiting** for his efforts managing the Meredith Lake Host program.
- Braxton also thanked members who have opted for higher level membership, in particular **Valerie and Laurie Castleman**, who became Conservators.

## 6. Election of Directors

- Boo Gershun moved to nominate Chuck Braxton for a 3-year term as Director. Donna Van Ness seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## 7. Questions and Remarks from the floor

- In response to a question by Boo Gershun about the status of Monkey Pond, Chuck Braxton described the WWC's commitment of \$5K in support of a 1-year study leading to a remediation plan for the pond.
- Tim Whiting asked about WWC's thoughts about publishing a newsletter. Chuck Braxton mentioned that the WWC is adding news to the dues solicitation letters. Whiting stated a preference for an actual newsletter, a thought supported by other members.
- In response to a question by George Earl, Braxton described WWC's thinking about efforts to get back former members.
- In response to a question by Boo Gershun, Braxton described the chain of events leading to the decision to adopt the d/b/a name of Windy Waters Conservancy, recognized that there is still confusion among the public about the name, and agreed that more needs to be done to communicate with the public. Don Thompson stated a hope that the WWC can mend fences and get back to using a more unified name.

## 6. Adjourn

- At 10:52 AM, Donna Van Ness moved that the business meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Leslie Steele and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Douglas Steele, Secretary

# Technical Presentations

## *Snake River Stewardship Plan*

Ralph Kirshner, Chairman, New Hampton Conservation Commission, described the Snake River Stewardship Plan, which covers the recently purchased Elizabeth Baird and Spear properties. He described the Snake River Stewardship Committee as a special committee to a special commission. The Stewardship Plan, he noted, has many constraints such as a one-year period in which to use the approved funding including the creation of a trail on the property. Due to the difficult wetlands on the Spear portion of the combined properties, the trail will be only on the Baird portion. He expects that the plan that will be implemented will be a good example of what can be done to educate people about the property and why it is important to conserve it. A copy of the plan will be available in the Conservation section of the WWC web site, [waukewan.org/wwc/conservation](http://waukewan.org/wwc/conservation).

## *Economic and Cultural Impacts of Conservation in the Lakes Region*

Mark Billings, Chairman of the Meredith Conservation Commission and Treasurer of the Town of Meredith, described his background as growing up in a small town much like Meredith and becoming an investment banker and economist for 40 years. His environmental focus started with his involvement with Meredith's Page Pond project as an abutter. He is now a member of the "Trust for Public Lands." He noted that interest in conserving the environment is personal; different people have very different reasons for that interest, such as preserving beauty, maintaining water quality, avoiding over-development, and maintaining property values, to name a few. He noted that a major metric investors use in deciding to make an investment is "Return on Investment" or ROI — after a period of time, how much more will the investment return than it cost. He noted that conserving something in perpetuity makes the issue of ROI moot. In 2010 an important change in New Hampshire law specified that only a Conservation Commission may hold property outside of the town's boundary. This allowed Meredith to contribute to the purchase and stewardship of the Spear and Baird properties and obtain an environmental easement on them. Billings sees the Spear and Baird properties as a tremendous educational effort.

**WAUKEWAN WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**7/1/2011- 6/30/12**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

**Cash on Hand 7/1/2011** **\$ 7,059.16**

**Receipts:**

<b>Membership dues- 35 @ \$50</b>	<b>\$ 1,750.00</b>
<b>Gifts</b>	<b>687.55</b>
<b>Interest earned</b>	<b>1.57</b>
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 2,439.12</b>

**Expenditures:**

<b>Lake Host Program</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>Director/ Officers insurance</b>	<b>744.00</b>
<b>State of NH Water Testing</b>	<b>360.00</b>
<b>Lake Host Sign @ kiosk</b>	<b>110.00</b>
<b>USPS PO Box annual fee</b>	<b>42.00</b>
<b>Printing- dues envelopes, stamp ink</b>	<b>470.00</b>
<b>Scribe fees- 2011 Annual Meeting</b>	<b>125.00</b>
<b>USPS-postage</b>	<b>26.90</b>
<b>Reimbursements-</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>State of NH- trade name Appl.</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Mailing materials</b>	<b>4.29</b>
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,707.19</b>

**Cash on Hand 6/30/12** **\$ 6,841.09**

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**CONSERVATION ACQUISITION FUND:**

**Cash on Hand 7/1/2011** **\$ 600.36**

**Receipts:**

**Donations** **\$ 60.00**

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**Total Receipts** **\$ 60.00**

**Expenditures**

**Conservation Appraisal** **\$ 400.00**

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**Total Expenses** **\$ 400.00**

**Cash on Hand 6/30/12** **\$ 260.36**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Duncan McNeish, Treasurer**

**WSOA**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**January through December 2012**

	<u>Jan - Dec 12</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>40000 - Membership Dues</b>	1,350.00
<b>41000 - Donation to Operations</b>	580.00
<b>42000 - Conservation Fund</b>	60.00
<b>46400 - Other Types of Income</b>	
<b>46410 - Bank Account Interest</b>	1.08
<b>Total 46400 - Other Types of Income</b>	<u>1.08</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	1,991.08
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>62100 - Contract Services</b>	
<b>62140 - Legal Fees</b>	150.00
<b>62150 - Outside Contract Services</b>	250.00
<b>Total 62100 - Contract Services</b>	<u>400.00</u>
<b>65000 - Operations</b>	
<b>65020 - Postage, Mailing Service</b>	44.00
<b>65040 - Supplies</b>	43.59
<b>65060 - Meeting Expenses</b>	200.00
<b>65070 - Memberships</b>	500.00
<b>65080 - Water Quality testing</b>	540.00
<b>65090 - Lake Host Program</b>	1,050.00
<b>Total 65000 - Operations</b>	<u>2,377.59</u>
<b>65100 - Other Types of Expenses</b>	
<b>65120 - Insurance - Liability, D and O</b>	744.00
<b>65160 - Other Costs</b>	285.87
<b>Total 65100 - Other Types of Expenses</b>	<u>1,029.87</u>
<b>66900 - Reconciliation Discrepancies</b>	-155.31
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>3,652.15</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-1,661.07</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-1,661.07</u></u>

**WSOA**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of December 31, 2012**

	<u>Dec 31, 12</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10000 - WSOA Checking	3,963.84
10500 - Conservation Account	10,005.82
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>13,969.66</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>13,969.66</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>13,969.66</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
27200 - Other Liabilities	10,000.00
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	10,000.00
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 - Opening Balance Equity	3,964.41
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	1,666.32
Net Income	-1,661.07
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>3,969.66</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>13,969.66</u></u>

**WSOA**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**January through June 2013**

**Jan - Jun 13**

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**

<b>40000 · Membership Dues</b>	2,200.00
<b>41000 · Donation to Operations</b>	275.00
<b>42000 · Conservation Fund</b>	1,400.00
<b>46400 · Other Types of Income</b>	
<b>46410 · Bank Account Interest</b>	0.36
<b>Total 46400 · Other Types of Income</b>	<u>0.36</u>

**Total Income**

3,875.36

**Expense**

<b>62100 · Contract Services</b>	
<b>62140 · Legal Fees</b>	475.00
<b>Total 62100 · Contract Services</b>	<u>475.00</u>
<b>65000 · Operations</b>	
<b>65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference</b>	45.00
<b>65020 · Postage, Mailing Service</b>	74.18
<b>65090 · Lake Host Program</b>	1,000.00
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	<u>1,119.18</u>

**Total Expense**

1,594.18

**Net Ordinary Income**

2,281.18

**Net Income**

2,281.18

**WSOA**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of June 30, 2013**

**Jun 30, 13**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

**10000 · WSOA Checking**

4,594.92

**10500 · Conservation Account**

1,655.92

**Total Checking/Savings**

6,250.84

**Total Current Assets**

6,250.84

**TOTAL ASSETS**

6,250.84

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Long Term Liabilities**

**27200 · Other Liabilities**

5,000.00

**Total Long Term Liabilities**

5,000.00

**Total Liabilities**

5,000.00

**Equity**

**30000 · Opening Balance Equity**

3,964.41

**31500 · Temp. Restricted Net Assets**

-5,000.00

**32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets**

5.25

**Net Income**

2,281.18

**Total Equity**

1,250.84

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

6,250.84



**WSOA**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
**January through June 2013**

	<u>Jan - Jun 13</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
40000 · Membersip Dues	2,200.00	2,000.00	200.00
41000 · Donation to Operations	275.00	200.00	75.00
42000 · Conservation Fund	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
46400 · Other Types of Income			
46410 · Bank Account Interest	0.36		
<b>Total 46400 · Other Types of Income</b>	<u>0.36</u>		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>3,875.36</u>	<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>275.36</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
62100 · Contract Services			
62140 · Legal Fees	475.00	475.00	0.00
<b>Total 62100 · Contract Services</b>	<u>475.00</u>	<u>475.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
65000 · Operations			
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	45.00		
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	74.18	200.00	-125.82
65030 · Printing and Copying	0.00	200.00	-200.00
65060 · Meeting Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
65070 · Memberships	0.00	0.00	0.00
65080 · Water Quality testing	0.00	0.00	0.00
65090 · Lake Host Program	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	<u>1,119.18</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>-280.82</u>
65100 · Other Types of Expenses			
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>1,594.18</u>	<u>1,875.00</u>	<u>-280.82</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>2,281.18</u>	<u>1,725.00</u>	<u>556.18</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>2,281.18</u></u>	<u><u>1,725.00</u></u>	<u><u>556.18</u></u>

**WSOA**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Overview**  
**January through December 2013**

	<u>Jan - Mar 13</u>	<u>Apr - Jun 13</u>	<u>Jul - Sep 13</u>	<u>Oct - Dec 13</u>	<u>TOTAL Jan - Dec 13</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
<b>40000 · Membership Dues</b>	2,000.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	2,500.00
<b>41000 · Donation to Operations</b>	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
<b>42000 · Conservation Fund</b>	1,400.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	1,600.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,300.00</u>
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>62100 · Contract Services</b>					
<b>62140 · Legal Fees</b>	0.00	475.00	0.00	0.00	475.00
<b>Total 62100 · Contract Services</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>475.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>475.00</u>
<b>65000 · Operations</b>					
<b>65020 · Postage, Mailing Service</b>	100.00	100.00	0.00	145.00	345.00
<b>65030 · Printing and Copying</b>	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	300.00
<b>65060 · Meeting Expenses</b>	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
<b>65070 · Memberships</b>	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
<b>65080 · Water Quality testing</b>	0.00	0.00	540.00	0.00	540.00
<b>65090 · Lake Host Program</b>	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,240.00</u>	<u>245.00</u>	<u>2,885.00</u>
<b>65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>					
<b>65120 · Insurance - Liability, D ai</b>	0.00	0.00	744.00	0.00	744.00
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Exper</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>744.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>744.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>1,675.00</u>	<u>1,984.00</u>	<u>245.00</u>	<u>4,104.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>3,400.00</u>	<u>-1,675.00</u>	<u>-1,284.00</u>	<u>-245.00</u>	<u>196.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>3,400.00</u></u>	<u><u>-1,675.00</u></u>	<u><u>-1,284.00</u></u>	<u><u>-245.00</u></u>	<u><u>196.00</u></u>