

Monhegan Associates, Incorporated – Annual Meeting
August 19, 2022

MAI President Fred Faller called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:05PM ET.

Notice of the meeting was given on social media and in mailings. A quorum was reached, as determined by attendance and voters. Clare Durst made a motion to accept the minutes of 8/20/21 Annual Meeting as circulated in the Spring Newsletter to MAI members, Sandra Dickson seconded. Motion approved.

Reports:

Financials: Glenn Burdick reported on behalf of the Treasurer, the Budgeting and Finance Committees. The value of the portfolio was \$482,000 on 8/12/2022. In the fiscal year the value decreased due to market conditions, a budgeted MAI deficit, and lower than expected donations. MAI budgeted a \$1,400 deficit. The fiscal deficit included \$23,700 for general work and \$16,000 for Green Point Access Trail Matter.

The Budget Committee proposed a breakeven budget for fiscal 2023

The Investment Committee adjusted the portfolio to stay in compliance with the 2020 policies, practices and guidelines: 65% Stocks, 15% Fixed Income, and 20% Cash. The Trustees update the investment policies bi-annually.

Burdick thanked his colleagues on the Finance committees: Maria Casey, John Christie, Clare Durst, Fred Faller, Bill Hidell, Jay Morency, Chris Nelson, and Bob Smith.

MAI Wildlands Coordinator: Rebecca FitzPatrick reported that in her 5th year as the MAI Wildlands Coordinator she maintained MAI social media accounts, trail & nature map sales, attended numerous meetings, and supported the Secretary with the elections. She coordinates work to fulfill Trail Maintenance policies for safety and land protection such as leading trail volunteers, hiring trail builders, and coordinating with the ecology committee on studies.

Trail Maintenance Committee: Ian Leavesley and Richard Farrell revamped one of the earliest policies written, the Trail Maintenance Policy to include parts found in subsequent policies, to clarify the width of trails, and to include fire mitigation guidelines from the Maine State Fire Ranger. They managed up to 12 volunteers at a time to work on trails June-August with R. FitzPatrick's support.

Ecology Committee: Tish Miller and co-chair Candis Cousins Kerns thank the committee members: Sally Boynton, Fred Faller, Richard Farrell, Brian Fiefer, Rebecca FitzPatrick, Kathy Krauss, and Nan Nelson. They implemented the policy on Scientific Research.

Scientific Research approved by the committee:

Poison ivy mitigation with goats by Daniel Bates and Rebecca FitzPatrick, An Analysis of tree-rings by Barry Logan, and a Coastal Maine study by Maine Botanic Gardens. They recently approved a Swamp moonwort study. Todd Little's apple tree study was approved differently.

Ecology Lecture Series for summer 2022 were presented by Zoom for with 50 to 80 registrants for each lecture which ranged from science to history to art.

7/14/2022 The Poetry of Bird Migration. Charles Duncan, international bird conservation work and co-author with Peter Vickery *The Birds of Maine* and Kristen Lindquist, poet, free-lance writer, naturalist, and author of her collected poems in *Transportation*

7/21/2022 The Butterflies of Monhegan. Ernest Williams, William R. Kenan Professor Emeritus of Biology at Hamilton College.

8/4/2022 The Monhegan Wildlands: Artists, Ecologists & the Resilience of a Maine Island. Barry Logan, Samuel S. Butcher Professor Natural Sciences, Biology Department, Bowdoin College and Frank Goodyear, co-director of Bowdoin College Museum of Art

8/11/2022 Hidden Fungal Networks in the Forests of Monhegan. Erik Lilleskov, Research Ecologist and Acting Project Leader, U.S. Forest Service, and adjunct professor at Michigan Tech

One lecture inspired a \$500 donation. Clare Durst managed the technology.

Tours on Wildlands: T. Miller & N. Nelson, thank committee members C.Durst, F.Faller, R.FitzPatrick, Carlie Freibush, J.Galvin, C.Kerns, C.Koerber, K.Krause, B.Smith, and Jerry Vis who met bi-weekly to study the issues. Communicating with visitors who pay for a program to visit the island is broader than only cruise lines. The issue becomes how will the land be treated by the visitors who visit as members of a group whether they paint, hike, knit or lunch. It is said that Cruise ships respect Cruise Maine advisories about where to visit. A draft initial policy has business owners share approved guidelines with each customer they bring to Monhegan. The committee recommends following the lead of the Plantation on the final tourism policy

Scientific Review: Jim Galvin explained the Scientific Review process in a video and a paper previously. With fellow board members Barry Logan and Frank Goodyear both of Bowdoin College they approved five proposals. The board suggests revising guidelines about which proposals go to the review board and which stay in the Ecology Committee. This suggestion grew from their observation that a proposal to take 5 leaves from each of several apple trees on MAI land did not warrant board review. J. Galvin recommends adding two people to the review board.

Land Use: Interim chair F. Faller investigated helping the Museum get land for climate-controlled space for Jamie Wyeth's Rockwell Kent gift. One possibility is a land swap with the Museum and a building currently shared by MAI and the Museum. This includes finding how MAI lands are used from the ball field to bird watching and overlaps with the work to find the group leaders to ask them to share MAI guidelines with their participants.

Membership: Linda Rae reported that MAI has 392 members. Newsletter mailings were sent to members and friends in the spring and fall. A ballot mailing was sent to the 180 full, voting members for the August trustee election.

Nominating: Marlene Arvan reported that with six nominees, the four top vote getters will be the Class of 2025. Precedent allows filling the two vacancies with the next higher vote getters.

Fire and Safety: F. Faller and Daniel Bates, drafted a revised policy in consultation with the ME State Fire Ranger allowing MAI to clear 30-50 ft. to protect wildlands from fire from human habitation. Reinstating placing firefighting tools on trails is under review.

Fundraising & Outreach: G. Burdick reported that two consultants advised on the feasibility of a major fundraising campaign and preparation. Draft Vision Statement: “Monhegan’s Wildlands inspiring generations, timeless, unspoiled, sanctuary.” Draft Mission Statement: “Preserve for posterity the wildlands of Monhegan Island while fostering collaboration with the Island community.”

In Memoriam: MAI mourns the deaths of John Gummere, Beth van Houten, Alan Faller, and Joanne Scott.

Administration: N. Nelson thanked Sandra Dickson and Gerald Vis for their service as Trustees. She thanked Doug Boynton for his many years as Land Use Committee Chair. She thanked Sally Freeman, Secretary; Jim Galvin, Scientific Review Committee Chair, and Fred Faller and Sally Boynton, Land Use Committee Co-Chairs for filling roles in 2022.

From the Floor

- MAI needs more representatives from and better perception by the year-round residents. Year-round residents are invited to serve but often run the village and hold multiple jobs.
- Worker’s housing is critically low residents and Trustees agree. The Trustees are studying the legal issues and the site condition of a possible MAI site for housing.
- MAI must follow the by-laws on land use and be sure the ME attorney general approves.
- The lawyer has begun checking the extensive, well written by-laws and articles of incorporation.

Elections: S. Freeman, thanked R. FitzPatrick for weeks of collecting the mailed ballots and keeping them secure, thanks her and S. Dickson for assistance counting the ballots today at 4PM following the by-laws. The Class of 2025: Sally Boynton, John Christie, Naomi Kordak, Jessie Partridge. Completing terms in the Class of 2023: Bill Hidell, Tish Miller

M. Arvan made a motion to adjourn, G. Burdick seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM ET by F. Faller.

- S. Freeman, Secretary