

LLOYD CENTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
ANNUAL MEETING – 7 MAY 2009
Dartmouth Grange Hall, Dartmouth, Massachusetts

1. After a welcoming reception, the Annual Meeting was called to order by President Mary Ellen Hawes Lees at 7:00 pm., with approximately 40 members in attendance, in addition to staff and members of the Board of Directors.
2. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that the drafted Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting be accepted as published (posted on the Center's web-site, in the lobby of the Center's main building at 430 Potomska Road, and on the bulletin board at the rear of the room at the Grange Hall in which the meeting was being conducted).
3. Ms. Lees called for the Treasurer's Report on the financial affairs of the Center for the fiscal year ending 31 December 2008. In the absence of the Treasurer, Tomas M. Cern, the Clerk, Mary D. Mandeville, presented Mr. Cern's "Report".
4. Executive Director D'Arcy G. MacMahon thanked the Board for stepping up to the fund-raising challenges of this past year. In addition to praising the outstanding work of the board, he cited the fine work of legendary Lloyd Center Administration Director, Fern Allen, noting how much every aspect of the Center's functioning so often rests on her shoulders and how she is truly the Center's unsung hero, especially over these past eight months when we have been without the services of a development person. He also thanked Patricia Sheppard, who, after years of creative and effective work, establishing the reputation of the Lloyd Center's education programs as the area's finest, will be leaving the Center and moving with her two boys in late July to join her husband, whose career has called him to a new position in Maryland. He thanked Research Director, Mark Mello and the entire staff and the many volunteers who form such an important part of the Center's efforts to meet the growing demands for its services. He particularly thanked Liz Moniz whose selfless devotion to the work of the Center and persistence in seeing the long-awaited generator (which will be named, in her honor, the "tin Lizzy") installed, has earned her the gratitude of every member of the staff and every critter living at the Center whose essential air supplies will no longer be shut-off by our too-frequent power outages. He urged guests in the audience to come to the Center and "find your calling there", noting that many hands were needed to fulfill the Center's mission. He invited all present to feel free to recommend candidates for positions on the Center's board of directors, noting that the current board had decided to increase its size from 15 to 18 (and possibly, to 21) members.
5. Ms. Lees then called for the Nominating Committee's report. Board member, Eric Braitmayer, presented the Committee's slate of nominations for membership on the Board of Directors: Myrna W. Hall, Susanna Jacobus Greenup and Kathryn C. Duff, each for election to a three-year term, and Tina I. Nauman and Brian J. Rothschild, PhD., each for re-election to a second three-year term. As no other nominations had been received, the Clerk was directed to cast a vote for the slate, as presented, and the elections were approved unanimously.
6. Eric Braitmayer, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, then presented the Committee's slate for Officers: Robert A. "Brodie" MacGregor for election (by the board of directors) to a one-year term as President/Chairman of the Board, Mary D. Mandeville, for re-election (by the board of directors) to a one-year term as Clerk, and Tomas M. Cern, for re-election (by the board of directors) to a one-year term as Treasurer. As no other nominations had been received and a quorum (at least eight members of the board) was determined to be present, the Clerk was directed to cast a vote for the slate, as presented, and the elections were approved unanimously.
7. Ms. Lees turned the podium over the newly elected board president, "Brodie" MacGregor, who thanked Ms. Lees for her years of work and leadership in many aspects of the life of the Lloyd Center. He spoke briefly about the financial challenges facing the Center and made reference to the need to significantly expand the size of the Center's permanently restricted endowment, so as to provide the income necessary to meet the growing demands for the Center's environmental research and education program services. He said he was gratified to have been elected to lead the board of directors over the coming year and looked forward to working with the staff and all the Center's volunteers in pursuit of the Center goals and objectives. In addition to thanking Ms. Lees, he paid special tribute to

the years of service rendered by retiring board members Bernard Taradash and Charles Murray, and presented gifts for all three.

8. Mr. MacGregor then called upon Mr. MacMahon and Ms. Lees to present the 2009 Haydock Award, which is given annually to an individual selected by the Center's staff and board, who, in the spirit and tradition exemplified by long-time Lloyd Center supporter and nature enthusiast, George Haydock, M.D., is deemed to have personally made a most outstanding contribution to protecting the fragile nature of our coastal environment. Mr. MacMahon read the names of previous recipients: Gil Fernandez (2004), Dick Wheeler (2005), Tally Garfield (2006), Betty Anderson (2007) and Bill Pinney (2008), and announced the name of this year's winner, **Ruth Edwards**, a noted Westport nature-artist, photographer, bluebird aficionado. Ms. Lees made the presentation of the award, a beautifully hand-carved Piping Plover (the work of legendary Bridgewater bird-carver, Bud Tapley), noting that the endless hours Ms. Edwards has devoted to field observations are revealed through her sensitive portrayal of wildlife. Ms. Edwards, whose spectacular prints were on display at the rear of the room, thanked the Center for this “wonderful honor” and spoke of her admiration for the Center's valiant efforts to protect the fragile nature of our coast and neighboring lands.
9. Mr. MacMahon acknowledged the “long-suffering” spouses, partners and families of members of the board and the staff, thanking them for their generosity and forbearance, over the past year, of the extraordinary demands the work of the Center too often makes on those who lead and perform its vital work.
10. He then introduced the keynote speaker, **Susan Jennings**, Director of the Office of Campus and Community Sustainability at the University of UMass Dartmouth, whose presentation ("The Call to Adventure: Sustainability as Transformation") explored the “extraordinary times in which we live, which call on us to redefine almost all our thoughts and actions.” Making reference to the late American mythologist, anthropologist and writer, Joseph Campbell's book, The Hero with a Thousand Faces, she described how, in mythology, the hero begins in the ordinary world and receives a call to enter an unknown world of strange powers and events. She spoke of us all as potential heroes, if we choose to answer the historical “Call to Adventure” that we face and spoke to the way in which climate change, fossil-fuel depletion, economic collapse and political uncertainty may be our own “Calls to Adventure”. Sustainability, she noted, is the path through our collective trials that can allow us to transform ourselves, our institutions, and the world as we know it. She said we can all transform our society in a positive way by joining the green revolution, and called on everyone in the audience to “step up, be a hero, and help save the planet for the next generation”. Following a spirited “question and answer” period, Mr. MacMahon presented Ms. Jennings with a gift from the Lloyd Center.
11. Mr. MacMahon repeated his call for interested citizens of Dartmouth to respond to the Dartmouth Select Board's current effort to appoint a **Nitrogen Management Committee** to deal with critical issues affecting the town's waterways, many of which had come to light through the Center's collaborative Turn-the-Tide study, coordinated over the past several years by former Lloyd Center scientist, Newton Millham, PhD.
12. In closing, he paid tribute to Lloyd Center Research Director, Mark Mello, citing the great conservation plan recently agreed to with A.D. Makepeace (Plymouth, Mass.), which will protect thousands of acres of prime habitat, the largest conservation easement ever obtained by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. He noted that the final configuration of the property was determined primarily with information generated by the Lloyd Center and congratulated Mr. Mello and the team of people from the Land and Habitat Protection Program and the Natural Heritage Program who made this long-term conservation strategy possible.
13. Finding that there was no new business to be brought before the meeting, Mr. MacGregor accepted a motion for adjournment, which was seconded and voted unanimously, thus the meeting at 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Braitmayer, Secretary