

Country Pond Lake Association

March 6, 2018 (postponed from 2/22) - Meeting Minutes

Present: Tully (Pres), Greg (VP), Jeannie (Sec), Jennifer (Treas), Linda (Board member), Tobi (member), Bill (member)

Opening remarks by President: Meeting called to order 6:45pm. Tully praised the efforts and accomplishments of CPLA interim officers and participating members. He apologized for his lack of availability due to business constraints and offered to relinquish his position or make a change in officer standing if the Board desired. There was no contest. We will continue to operate as we have, as a cohesive team.

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Motion to accept – Jennifer Second -Tully

Treasurer's report: Jen filed CPLA's nonprofit 990EZ form. She received a letter regarding an additional \$75 filing fee (tax). Greg offered to look into this for the group.

An additional \$150 in member donations has been received in 2018. A discussion to send donation confirmation letters resulted in a question about how to specify the calendar year of membership. Jen will begin sending confirmation emails and follow up on suggestions to research the ability to add year of membership checkboxes to PayPal. Greg will add a note to the membership page of the website.

Greg and Linda will follow up on sponsor listing for CPLA website and clarification to donors for year of membership. Tobi will duplicate the information for CPLA's Facebook page.

Greg reports that he received a quote of \$1500 for liability insurance for CPLA. The insurance required, when working in conjunction with the State on projects funded by grants, is for 1 million/incident, 2million aggregate. With current budget constraints, Greg made a motion to start a reserve fund for this of \$500 for the 2019 budget. Second by Jeannie and unanimous agreement.

We have reached out to the Kingston and Newton Conservation Commissions requesting support for funding with VLAP and Lake Host programs. The costs and collection schedules are listed in our previous meeting minutes.

Old business:

CPLA's website now includes a documents tab which includes meeting minutes for members and potential members to view. The Kingston Conservation Commission will allow us to borrow their water testing equipment which is currently used by the Kingston Lake Association and Pow Wow Pond Council for their VLAP water testing programs.. This will save CPLA hundreds of dollars for 2018 water testing.

New business:

VLAP training will take place at NHDES in Concord on Saturday 5/19 at 8:30 am. Attendees will set up carpools.

In order to be effective in preventing the introduction of invasive weed species, it is essential that the Lake Host program includes all the frequently accessed launching ramps on the lake. The Lake Host program is more demanding of volunteers and requires hiring a paid manager to administer the program and file all the required paperwork. At least one more volunteer is needed as a point person and an assistant is suggested. The deadline for grant applications is 3/12 for this year (2018). We will need to focus on obtaining all volunteers to meet these requirements, work with the campgrounds to display signage and provide boater education

literature in 2018. We will reconsider applying for grants for 2019. Bill suggests looking for organizations such as Boy Scouts working on advances to assist this program.

Jeannie will contact CPFGC requesting to be added to the agenda for their monthly meeting. We will meet with other community committees as we are able.

Jen suggested that CPLA provide a service for Earth Day, 4/22, such as roadside trash pickup. All are in agreement. We will discuss details and design for screen printing at our next meeting. An updated spring flyer may also be created.

Annual meeting preparation is underway. Greg has developed a preliminary agenda and will contact guest speakers regarding their presentation content. We will focus on who we are, what we're doing, current and future needs and what members can do to help).

Tobi has volunteered to cue speakers on timing during the meeting.

Next CPLA Meeting is scheduled for **3/26/18**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm by Greg, seconded by Tully

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannie Cashin, Secretary