

Country Pond Lake Association

April 9, 2018 - Meeting Minutes

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

Opening remarks by V. President: Meeting called to order 7:20pm. Greg proposed a motion to nominate Linda as Director of communications. Motion 2nd by Jeannie. Linda presented a schedule of dates for communicating to members & friends through mailchimp, changing the content of duplicates to maintain the interest of members & friends. Jeannie requested a release to notify members & friends about "The Sampler" dated 3/27, publication by DES, naming us website of the month. Greg stated that we may need permission from publisher to release. Jeannie will follow up with the sender regarding the release and how it can be linked for our members & friends to view.

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Incorrect minutes were sent to board members, corrections reviewed. Motion to accept – Jen Second – Greg. The original minutes will be updated to reflect changes.

Treasurer's report: We are projected to be over budget for 2018 by \$746.64 with our current membership of 33. We hope to gain more members to offset this deficit. Lake Host program membership fee & VLAP (water testing) are contained in this budget.

Old business: Frequently asked questions and answers have been added to our website. Kingston Conservation Commission has added our link to their website. Request was sent by Jeannie to Newton Conservation also, pending reply.

Publication information has been sent to Carriage Towne News for CPLA Earth Day event.

12 T-shirts will be picked up by Jen on Thursday for the board members that ordered them for earth day. Individual payment to be made on delivery.

New clean, drain, dry signs for boat ramps and campgrounds are available in Concord at NH DES. Jen offered to pick these up if Greg is not able to get them before Earth Day. Jeannie & Bill will bring a sign to each campground along with literature supporting them.

With permission, CPLA will update the Newton Town ramp sign.

New business: Board members need to submit a short bio & picture to add to the website by April 15th.

Greg & Linda will be attending the 2018 NH Lakes Congress in Meredith on 6/1.

Alicia has done research on water testing & sampling costs. She volunteers to lead, as Chairman of VLAP Special Committee. All are in agreement, motion to appoint by Jeannie, 2nd by Tully. Greg will send Alicia the information that he has from the TMDL study map identifying test sites and, the most recent data in 2007. Alicia has requested funding to cover costs from Newton Conservation Commission. Cost is \$20 per sample X 6 samples per month, May, June, July, Aug & Sept, does not include e-coli an additional \$30 per sample. We will begin 2018 testing in June. Tobi has offered to drive the samples to Concord DES office within 24 hours. We may not be able to coordinate this with Kingston Lake & Powwow Pond because we will be sharing the same equipment. Samples cannot be delivered on Fridays. With additional funding CPLA could purchase its own equipment and coordinate transporting the samples to Concord, saving considerable volunteers' time and effort.

Ideally, Both Kingston & Newton Conservation Commissions will include the sampling costs in their budget each year.

Earth Day: Signs need to be created & posted for the 4/22 event. Jeannie & Jen will make posters, Tully & Tobi will post them. At a minimum, we need to post on Wilders Grove sign, Start of Country Pond Rd, Pond St, West Shore Park at Rt. 125 & potentially more.

There will be a sign in sheet for volunteers at the boat ramp 4/22 9am. Bill will pick up trash bags, after 11am, in the designated areas & bring to transfer station. Photos will be taken for post event publication.

Annual Meeting: Topics & discussion deferred for this meeting

Next CPLA Meeting is scheduled for **4/25/18**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm by Greg, seconded by Jen

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannie Cashin, Secretary