

# **Country Pond Lake Association**

## **January 23, 2018 - Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Greg Senko (VP), Jeannie Cashin (Secretary), Jennifer West (Treasurer), Linda Foss (Board member), Tobi Howell (member), Bill Cashin (member), Alicia Geilen (member)

**Absent:** Tully Zipkin (Pres)

Meeting called to order 7:50pm

### **Opening remarks by Vice President:**

Greg provided information about the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) Watershed study. Our area is viewed as a valuable watershed flowing into the Merrimack River. We are planning to be involved in this project as it will include Country Pond and its tributaries. The existence of this project and the TMDL study of CP will save us valuable time in preparing an application for a Section 319 Grant to fix issues in the watershed. Having an active VLAP water quality monitoring program is a mandatory step in applying for one of these grants.

### **Review and accept minutes from last meeting:**

Motion to accept – Jennifer Second - Greg

### **Treasurer's report:**

We have nearly doubled our remunerating membership since our last CPLA meeting last month, including two sponsors. Several members have paid amounts beyond the established dues. PayPal is a convenient option for our members even though we pay \$1.06 for each transaction. The CPLA bank account balance is currently \$815. These funds will allow us to implement a baseline VLAP water quality monitoring program and obtain the NH Lakes membership level required to apply for a Lake Host program grant. However, the funds are not sufficient to implement a Lake Host program, only to join NH Lakes. At least an additional \$700 will be needed for a Lake Host program. Additional funds will also be needed to cover the annual member meeting.

2017 net income was \$734.99. Expenses total \$380.98. Jennifer will be filing CPLA's nonprofit 990EZ form.

### **Old business:**

We will continue to utilize Gmail and Facebook for communication and updates to members. Some email addresses are still a mystery, even after reaching out to identify interest in CPLA. There are some email addresses belonging to people who no longer live on or near CP. Those email addresses will be removed from the contact list. Jeannie will reach out again with a message to notify the unknown people informing them that their email addresses will be removed from our contact list if they do not reply by a specified date.

Global Integrated Technologies, Tully Zipkin's company, has paid \$180 for the CPLA website for one year.

Tobi agreed to join the Newton & Kingston Community pages in Facebook with the intent to reach more people and provide updates on CPLA progress.

We plan to divide our current email list into "friends" and dues paying "members" in order to provide different levels of communication when funds are available for contact management software.

A new page will be added to the website for posting meeting minutes and other key documents.

Currently, the Go Daddy account being utilized is linked with our acting President's accounts. There is concern of breaching these accounts in error, compromising their format. We need to attempt to separate our URL and website, having CPLA stand alone, to prevent any potential mistakes. Tobi will coordinate with Tully to research the steps necessary to accomplish this.

**New business:**

Greg shared an informative power point presentation that he created following our meeting in Exeter with RPC & NHDES. The information compiled includes the TMDL (total maximum daily load) amount of nutrients entering Country Pond from the last available statistics in 2007. This is represented in graphs, pie charts and numerical percentages. Country Pond is designated for primary contact recreation but is considered impaired for that use due to the cyanobacteria blooms that occur.

Although in 2017 our cyanobacteria level was at its highest in the month of September, VLAP water testing is usually only performed in June, July & August at a cost of \$120 per month. It is recommended by NHDES that VLAP testing be extended to include May and September. Testing will begin in June this year and May next year. 2018 costs will be \$480 if CPLA does not have to buy its own sampling equipment (another \$500-\$700 cost). A request has been made to Kingston Lake Association to borrow its equipment which is currently shared with Pow Wow Pond Council. Testing for phosphorous levels is \$20 per sample (required for VLAP). In addition, samples can be testing for E.coli at a cost of \$30 each. E.coli is not required for VLAP. There will be 6 test points (3 deep, 2 inlet, and 1 outlet) tested each month (6 samples x \$20 = \$120/month).

Water collection volunteers must be trained, which DES will provide at no cost. Alicia and Bill suggested the idea to present "Adopt a Shoreline" to members interested in participating.

Alicia offered her assistance in grant applications. If approved for a grant, CPLA must obtain commercial general liability insurance for a minimum of \$1 million coverage (maximum \$2 million aggregate). These costs must be factored into creating a budget for CPLA 2018. Greg is investigating costs.

Next CPLA Meeting is scheduled for **2/22/18**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm** by Greg, seconded by Linda

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Jeannie Cashin, Secretary