

Country Pond Lake Association

74 Wilders Grove Rd. Newton NH 03858

April 25, 2018

Present: Greg, Linda, Alicia, Tobi, Jen, Jeannie, Bill

Opening remarks by V.P.: Meeting called to order 6:50pm. The success of Earth Day cleanup, involving approximately 40 volunteers, is a very encouraging sign of interest in our Association.

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Motion to accept Jeannie, 2nd Linda – these minutes had been accepted by the Board previously to enable posting on our website prior to our Earth Day event.

Treasurers report: Current member count - 36

Balance and expenditures - No new expenses - Posters, markers and pre-cut letters donated by Jeannie and Bill.
Current balance \$1,014.54.

Old business: Jeannie and Jen made six posters for our Earth Day event and Tobi posted them at the pre-determined locations. Jen obtained T-shirts and board members paid her individually. The event was published in the Carriage Town News for two consecutive weeks.

Greg obtained the updated signs for Newton's boat ramp and the campgrounds. Jeannie obtained permission from the Town of Newton to replace the old signs with the new ones (same size). Bill offered to supply posts for signs, if needed, and will be the lead person in replacing them. Alicia will ask the Town about access to the glass front locked kiosk, currently at the boat ramp. Jeannie will follow up with Erin at NH Lakes Assoc. to obtain the Clean, Drain and Dry brochures for distribution to campgrounds. Once obtained, Bill and Jeannie will deliver them, along with new signs, to Whispering Pines, Country Shore, and Country Pond Campgrounds.

Bios of Board Members and Special Committees will be on the website soon. A headshot will be displayed with some information, followed by a link button allowing people to read more.

Sponsors donating a minimum of \$100 will have their business card published on our website. We currently have three sponsors. Jeannie will obtain the business cards and give them to Greg.

Greg and Linda are working on a news and events tab for the website.

Jeannie followed up with NH Lakes about communication, regarding featured website of the month, to members and friends and sent the information to Linda. Linda will communicate this recognition as agreed.

New business: Earth Day was a huge success, an email thank you to our volunteers was sent to our friends and members list. Photos of the event were shared at this meeting. Alicia suggested this become an annual event culminating with a pot luck/cookout. Publication with photos will be written for Carriage Towne News, Jeannie will start it and send to Linda for additional input.

Tobi reports that feedback occurred within minutes of posting our successful Earth Day event on Facebook.

Alicia is actively communicating with Trisha at Newton and Evy at Kingston Conservation Commissions regarding funding assistance with water testing and equipment. She will also attempt to coordinate communications between them and CPLA. Obtaining the yellow bags from Newton for Earth Day as requested would have eliminated confusion at the transfer station. We had requested that the Newton Conservation Commission place a link to our website as well.

Annual Member Meeting: A revised, updated flyer will be distributed by Memorial Day weekend. Tobi will recruit and organize dock deliveries. Jen will do the same for land delivery and posting.

A sign in sheet will be prepared by Linda for the meeting. CPLA will allow anyone who wants to become a voting member to register and pay dues prior to the meeting. Cash, check, and PayPal via smart phone will be acceptable forms of payment. Jen will manage collections at the meeting.

Jeannie will get blue cards to be given to voting members upon sign-in.

50/50 raffle tickets will be obtained by Tully. We will need volunteers to manage ticket sales. Presentations/exhibits were discussed. Posters containing pictures will be displayed. Alicia will ask SeeKamp, an environmental consulting company, if they would like to set up an exhibit table and become a sponsor. Jeannie will check with grocery stores regarding a discounted price for supplies and refreshments. Alicia and John plan to make four loaves of tea bread also. A logo contest for CPLA was suggested. We will need to coordinate this effort and could announce it at the meeting.

At this time, we have established an identity with our blue T-shirts. We will have an order form for T-shirts at the annual meeting. Payment in advance will be required.

Greg summarized an agenda for the meeting. Tully will provide the welcome and introduce Greg. Greg will explain why we came together to form CPLA and cover the goals and priorities of CPLA and accomplishments to date. Jen will provide financial information and a budget handout. Tobi is creating a slide show for a backdrop and will be the timekeeper for speakers. Guest speakers will provide 30 min presentations. Member voting on by-laws and officers will follow. We want to allow time for questions prior to adjourning.

Special Committees:

VLAP Coordinator: Alicia will be attending the VLAP training in Concord on 5/19 along with Tobi, Bill, Greg, Roger Clark and Sean Murray. She is one of three volunteers to become a trainer at the initial VLAP testing on 6/12/18. These three trainers will then train alternates. She is working with Kingston Lake Association and Pow Wow Pond Council to coordinate water sampling schedules, as we are sharing equipment with these two associations. Powwow Pond collects samples on a Sunday and delivers to Concord on Monday. Kingston Lake collections are to be determined. Country Pond samplings will be scheduled around these lakes. Tobi has offered to transport our samples to Concord within 24 hours of collection. Drop off days are Mon – Thurs. Alicia will ascertain hours for drop off.

Social Media Coordinator: Tobi posts communication on Facebook when e-mail blasts are sent from Mail chimp. He reports our followers' responses to the board.

Adjourn: 8:42 pm Greg, 2nd Jen