

# **Country Pond Lake Association Meeting Minutes**

74 Wilders Grove Rd. Newton NH 03858

July 18, 2018

**Present:** Greg, Linda, Tobi, Jeannie, Jen

**Opening remarks by VP:** Meeting called to order at 6:40pm. Due to our weather, with heat and downpours, we are lucky to have maintained the quality of our lake water. Many other lakes have had cyano blooms.

**Review and accept minutes from last meeting:** Revisions have been made, motion to accept - Jen, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Linda

**Treasurer's report:** Clarification that Partnership membership level with NH Lakes was needed. Jen will complete the \$300 transaction and registration. This level will allow CPLA to apply for grants to assist in funding the Lake Host Program, get consulting advice and other assistance from NH Lakes.

Reimbursement for annual meeting supplies has been paid.

**Old Business:** Correspondence occurred between Greg and a concerned member regarding fireworks on our pond. The member cited statements from Tom O'Brien of NH Lakes regarding fireworks as detrimental to water bodies and discouraging their use. The member thanked Greg for his response which referenced the DES Fact sheet that states the potential impacts and how to minimize them, but also notes that they are far less harmful than the frequent pollution from stormwater runoff. It was noted that our website needs to have Board Meeting Minutes added, last entry was in April. The summary of the Board Members' activities to establish CPLA will also be added to the Documents page.

**New Business:** Amy Smagula, NH DES, provided training to our Weed Watchers last evening at the Kingston Library. She identified weeds, collected by members, in Country Pond. Her slideshow is specific to the species known to be in Country Pond as well as the species to watch out for. It has very clear pictures and has been added to the Links page of the CPLA website. She noted in her presentation that early spring and late summer are good times to look for invasive species because invasive species tend to sprout earlier and last longer than native species.

Greg would still like to view watershed sites around Cobbett's Pond where Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been implemented to reduce the nutrient load entering the pond. Jeannie will set this up. We are continuing to review potential demo sites for "Soak up the Rain" training of the Board members. Greg is working on this with Lisa Loosigian of NH DES.

Logo revisions are in the final stage of completion.

Jen has more of our original T-shirts. Linda will add this to a member e-mail and Tobi will add to Facebook.

We discussed many ideas for a fall fundraiser. The Board Members agree that we need a committed group to organize this. Jeannie will reach out to the members voicing interest in volunteering on a Fundraising Committee. A call for volunteers needs to be sent to all members & friends.

**Adjourn:** 9pm – Greg motioned to adjourn, Jeannie 2<sup>nd</sup>

Respectfully Submitted;

Jeannie Cashin – Secretary CPLA