

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

## **Country Pond Lake Association**

January 29, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm via Google Meet

**Present:** Greg Senko, Linda Foss, Barbara DiVecchia, Joel Daly, Sue Zipkin, Liz MacNeil, Bill Cashin

**Absent:** Tobi Howell

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

- Checking Account Balance at year-end: \$20,010.47

### **Boat Ramp:**

- Completed final ARPA funds grant application and submitted to NHDES
- The award should happen quickly – expecting final approval Feb/March
- Project needs to be completed by Sept. 2026, so the work will be done during the winter of 2025 after draw-down on the lake (mid-November)
- We will need to send it out for bid
- Greg believes that we need to purchase additional insurance to protect the CPLA board. Greg got an estimate of \$650 which would insure us for up to \$1million in liability. MM&S to purchase additional insurance with a cost not to exceed \$700, all in favor.

### **Budget Discussion:**

- Greg reviewed the preliminary budget that he has created with the group.
  - Total income \$159,308 including \$97k from the ramp grant.
  - Total expenses \$146,150, including \$10k reserve for ramp project, \$7k for Lake Host, and \$20,000 for spiny naiad treatment. \$300 to send three Board members to the NHLAKES Lake Congress.
- Discussion about Spiny Naiad treatment options and cost. Bid requests were sent out according to the instructions provided by NH DES to the approved treatment providers. Bids from divers ranged from \$30,000 to \$45,000. Herbicide treatment cost was quoted at \$20,000.
- Last season spiny naiad growth was so extensive that the \$19,000 that was spent on diver treatment did not come close to remediating all the growth areas. If growth is similar in 2025 it is estimated that more than \$45,000 in diver treatment would be required to remediate all the growth areas.
- With the state providing only a 50% match and CPLA's other financial commitments (boat ramp project), it will not be feasible to contract with divers for the full amount required for complete remediation in 2025.

- MM&S to request that NHDES fund diver treatment for 2025 at \$20,000 (\$10,000 grant from NHDES and \$10,000 in matching funds from CPLA/Kingston), all in favor.
- All agreed that we should instruct the divers to prioritize treatment areas where there are boat ramps or other public access points.
- Data will be collected to assess the effectiveness of diver treatment for another season. If the divers are not effective at controlling the growth and spread of the naiad again this season, CPLA will have to consider herbicide treatment going forward.
- We should also get some hard data from other lakes that have used herbicides. Possibly get a speaker who could talk about their experience with using herbicides at their lake.

**Social Media:** Sue suggested that we ask Tobi to make a post to publicize the Ice Fishing Derby that is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday February 18, 2025 at 7PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm