

# Country Pond Lake Association

Meeting via Zoom

Aug 11, 2020 7:00 pm

## Board Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:04

**Present:** Susan, Jeannie, Bill, Linda, Jen, Greg, Jeff, Tobi

**Review and accept minutes from last meeting:** Greg made a motion to accept, Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Financial update
  - We have \$3,943.38 in the bank account
- Member renewals
  - 3 new members
  - Kingston Conservation Committee has expressed intent, but has not yet joined, Greg will remind Evy Nathan at next meeting
- Expenses
  - Domain and website renewals are due in September, Greg will go on Go Daddy website to see if we can get a discount for early renewal
  - Lake Host expense has been coming from grant, only one invoice so far which was paid 6/9 for \$1092
- Jeff was able to reduce Paypal rate from 2.7% to 2.2% for non-profits, and to link bank account to Venmo which carries no fees

### **Committees:**

- VLAP:
  - Reports are currently being sent to KCC, Greg is scanning and sending to Alicia
  - July sample was abnormally high, Alicia attributed that to the need to reposition boat during testing due to high winds which may have stirred up sediment
  - Alicia is still having an issue getting other information, she will contact Sara Steiner to get the reports
  - Bill reported that water is low, culverts and main tributaries are not flowing
  - Next testing Sunday 8/16/20
- Social Media:
  - POSTS:
    - Repost of Lake Host Webinar series 7/16/20
    - Annual Meeting update 7/21/20
    - Lake Host Emails reposted 7/25/20 and 8/10/20
  - Current followers of CPLA Facebook page is 330
  - Other channels have had complaints on boater behavior, CPLA stance is that we are here for water quality, please contact marine patrol for other issues

- Weed Watchers: Tobi reported that there was nothing new to report- a few more snails have turned up here and there but nothing to worry about. He is keeping an eye out for the return of Spiny Naiad. Greg mentioned he had seen water marigolds near his end of the lake
- Lake Host:
  - We are well on our way to our meeting our match , approx. 80% (\$1389.47 of \$1750)
  - Ray Madore is our newest lake host
  - Ted and Tina Beltz are planning to take the training and begin soon
  - 154 inspections to date, no suspicious weeds found
  - Susan spoke to the Ferraras who said it was ok for any of the Lake Hosts to park in their area across from boat ramp while on duty.

#### **Communications:**

- Blasts done: Lake Host, Annual Meeting write up
- Gmail signature on Google Docs is all set
- Need to do 3 thank you letters for 3 recent donations
- Email blast to do – more Lake Host Program will continue to do every 2 weeks with new calendars, Tobi will continue to repost on FB.
- Website updates
  - Greg added Board meeting minutes added to Docs page
  - Corrected title on presentation
  - Calendar link still won't work on website

#### **Old Business:**

- Membership drive 2020
  - Susan reported 9 hats and 46 koozies remaining, will Venmo cash from sales once she has reconciled inventory for member gifts vs. sales.

#### **New Business:**

- WMP Update - Greg provided update from virtual meeting on 8/5. The following documents are all being reviewed and/or revised:
  - TMDL Model Update is being revised
  - Greg has asked Sara Steiner to review the document with recommendations on monitoring program. It suggests several ways to improve our monitoring by expanding sampling and monitoring. Need to determine the cost of these initiatives, some are easy to estimate, some are not.
  - List of sites to consider for additional grant still ranks Boat Ramp, 74 Wilders Grove Rd, 14 Concannon, Newton Town Beach and Wenmarks Rd runoff as top 5. They have calculated estimates of the cost to fix and cost over 20 years. These only contribute approx. 1-2 lb reduction per year off the 200lb reduction required by the plan.
  - Non-structural Practices evaluation will provide the greatest reduction. This refers to behavioral changes such as cleaning out catch basins, leaf removal, reduction in fertilizer used, etc.
- Aquatic Vegetation write up was shared with Board
- All of the above documents will be rolled into the final plan

- Jen and Jeannie commented on the culverts not flowing, concerned about smell and possible issues that affect health of lake. Although this is not in the scope of watershed runoff issues, Greg agreed to ask the team for advice on how we can get assistance with requesting help from the town to clear the culverts.

**Next Meeting Date and Place:** September 15, Zoom 7:00pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm

Respectfully Submitted by;  
Sue Zipkin, CPLA Secretary