

# Country Pond Lake Association

Meeting via Zoom

October 13, 2020 7:00 pm

## Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

### **Treasurers report:**

- Financial update and member renewals
  - We have \$4,392.89 in bank account, \$1,500 is insurance reserve
    - Includes Susan 9/15/20 \$205.00 Venmo for CPLA gear
  - Greg has membership check from conservation commission, will mail to Jeff
  - Jen submitted last payroll for 4 more hours for Pat

### **Committees:**

- VLAP:
  - No updates, Bill and Alicia will coordinate with Sally for next testing at “Ice Out”
- Social Media:
  - Not much activity this month. A few new followers and likes. Tobi reposted NH lakes webinars.
  - Tobi will post some fall lake pictures, some drone footage
- Weed Watchers:
  - Tobi reported lake is clear, water is low, weeds are visible and dying fast  
No sightings of Spiny Naiad or purple loosestrife  
Tobi will send a thank you to weed watchers and ask for continued support next year
- Lake Host:
  - Greg did some analysis
    - 2020 had 219 inspections vs. 67 in 2019. Of the 219, 32 arrivals (15%) came from impaired waters
    - We had 107 volunteer hours
    - Total payroll cost to date \$3,200 vs budget of \$4,000
    - With \$1000 warrant and \$1750 grant we only had to contribute approx. \$500 from CPLA funds
  - Jenn will draft a write up (with input from Pat) of how the program evolved this year, this can be used for next year’s warrant request, and in thank you to lake host volunteers
  - Jen confirmed we can have 16-17 yr old work ramp if deemed competent with parental consent. NH LAKES recommends that a minor does not work alone.
  - Jen to follow up with Pat on NH Lakes Lake Host Program evaluation

### **Communications:**

- No new blasts done since last meeting:

- Email blast to do –
  - Thank you letters for membership dues – there are a few recent donations that need to be done
  - Summary/wrap up for the year
  - Send a Membership renewal reminder as a stand alone
  - Request for T-shirt design
- Website updates
  - Board meeting minutes added to Docs page

**Old Business:**

Promotional Items:

- Jeannie shared some pricing on towels, she also suggested some other options such as water bottles/mugs. She will work with Susan to put together a table with different options and costs for next meeting, so we can make a decision in time to have info to include in membership drive email.

**New Business:**

- WMP Update
  - Grant application – not ready for 2021, Sally sent detailed email with reasons we are not ready to submit for 2021. Greg to attend meetings, Jen volunteered to attend if she could have some notice.
  - Issues to be worked out:
    - Local leadership – who will manage grant, NHDES cannot
    - Landowner commitments for BMPs
    - Project scope
    - Matching funds – minimum 40% cash or services - Julie will schedule meetings with Newton/Kingston to help them understand how we can help them with their MP4 goals by working with us, they would be our match.
      - Kingston is more complicated because they have 3 other impaired waterbodies in addition to ½ of Country Pond.
  - Greg shared webinar: Is there too much P in your lake? Tobi will post on facebook
  - Warrant article 2021 – We will ask for \$2500.00 this year based on the growth of the program. We will have statistics on the 2020 program and projections for 2021 as backup information to share when we get signatures for the warrant.
    - Jeannie will review her notes from last year to confirm the date warrant is due, potentially Jan 3.
    - After 3 years of warrants, we plan to request this be a line item in the general fund

**Next Meeting Date and Place:** November 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted by;  
Sue Zipkin, CPLA Secretary