

Country Pond Lake Association

Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2021

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:10

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

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Postponed until next meeting

New Business:

This meeting is to focus on 3 items:

1. **Email from Amy Smagula, NHDES Exotic Species Program Coordinator, regarding Country Pond naiad management for 2022** Amy sent map of findings and the following information about the proposed treatment targeting the Najas minor (spiny naiad), as that is the state-listed invasive, and the state will pay for this treatment as we do for first-time treatments on a waterbody. The alternate option is to have divers try to harvest the plants out, which is slower and less effective. The other alternative is not to manage at all.
 - A. What is currently known about the proposed treatment:
 - a. The contractor will do the treatment in July or early August, before seeds form, ideally
 - b. We have only been actively managing this plant in one waterbody for a few years, and another waterbody for just this season so far. The waterbody where management has been done annually has seen continued expansion of the plant, despite diving and treatments, so control is difficult to achieve. There are no guarantees of eradication or containment with this particular plant.
 - c. There will be a one-day swim restriction on the day of treatment
 - d. There will be a couple to a few day irrigation restriction for those who irrigate with lake water, until the herbicide concentration drops below irrigation restrictions
 - e. Target plants will die off a couple weeks post treatment
 - f. We may need to treat again in future years, as the seed bank plays out. After the first treatment the state offers grants to help pay for 25-40% of the control costs, local funds (lake association, town, etc) would pay for the balance.
 - g. There are of course concerns about treatment leading to nutrient release which can fuel algal blooms
 - B. Amy is asking whether Lake association and residents wish to have chemical treatment done
 - a. CPLA believes it is a stakeholder decision, not a Lake Association decision.
 - b. We will arrange a public meeting in spring and Amy has offered to convene to share information and provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions.
 - C. In the meantime, she is going to get bids
2. **Meeting with Sally Soule about other options to reduce phosphorous levels internally** - Greg met with Sally on zoom to discuss other options if poor lake conditions and high phosphorus this past season continue.
 - A. Nippo Lake is going through a treatment using aluminum to capture phosphorus
 - B. There was no existing permitting process, so it has taken 2 years to get approval
 - C. It can make a dramatic sudden difference
 - D. Need to have a long-term plan to improve the watershed, as it will revert back if not managed.

- E. Treatment is expensive, Attitash Lake was ~\$500k, could probably get some grant funds, but would require significant matching funds

3. Next steps for grant – Full proposal due January 14th

- A. We received application package
- B. Construction improvements at Newton boat ramp must be detailed
 - a. Greg will set up meeting with Mike Pivero next week
 - b. Mike said he wanted to contribute some of his time
- C. Need to get an estimate of what it will cost for engineering drawings
 - a. Drawings will make permitting process easier
- D. Other budget items, Sally has some templates to help us calculate
 - a. Alicia provided estimates of her time for permitting applications, need to get her estimates for VLAP as part of the monitoring costs
 - b. Need Linda's estimates for communications emails, printable materials
 - c. Greg for management process
 - d. Sue for Billing/Financial Management

Next Meeting Date and Place: December 14th 7:00 pm

Adjourn: 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted by;

Sue Zipkin, CPLA Secretary

To do list:

- Raffle - Reach out early April to CPLA membership to get donations
- Annual Meeting Planning
- Ice Fishing Derby coordinate with Fish and Game