

Country Pond Lake Association

Meeting via Zoom

February 15, 2022 7:00 pm

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:04

Present: Susan, Bill, Greg, Linda, Jeannie, Tobi

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Bill made a motion to accept the minutes from December and January, Greg 2nd all in favor.

Treasurer's report:

- Financial update and member renewals
 - Our banking balances are \$2,011.54 for savings and \$3131.30 for checking
 - Susan will send a note to Jen and Jeff to get an update on the Tax filing

Committees:

- VLAP: no activity
- Social Media: no activity
- Weed Watchers: we have not heard anything from Amy on the invasive weed treatments
- Lake Host: Warrant article for 2022 funding, Jim Baker gave a pitch for the warrant article Lisa Gonyer and Mike Pivero also spoke in favor of it. The warrant passed with no problem.
 - Jim made the following suggestion for next year – go to the Selectman well before the town warrants are being formulated and request the Selectman propose the warrant for the Lake Association. In addition to voting to support it, they also present and advocate for it at the Deliberative. Requesting the Selectman propose a warrant is not unusual and given that it has passed several years in a row they will likely do it. Their proposing it has more weight with voters than a petition warrant article.
 - Greg suggested that the next step is to come up with a plan and a budget and go before the selectmen in May or June and ask them to build the Lake Host support into their budget for the conservation commission as is done in Kingston for Kingston Lake Association.

Communications:

- Blasts done: Support HB1066
- Thank you/receipt letters for membership donations 2022
- Email blast to do – 2021 wrap up Linda is planning to have this by April/May to send out
- Cover letter for Lake smart brochures/wanted poster Linda is working on this, will circulate soon
- Website updates - tbd
 - Winter photo – Susan asked Marie to send to CPLA mailbox
 - Add last two Board Meeting minutes to docs page
 - Supporters to be updated

Old Business:

- Watershed Assistance Grant final proposal submitted on time
 - Kingston road agent is just expecting us to pay for materials for the Concannon road project
 - For the Newton Boat Ramp, we don't have enough matching contributions to cover all the cash-out-of-pocket costs.
 - Need to get final engineering drawings for permit applications and accurate costing
 - The town does own the ramp, it is managed by the recreation dept. We may need to go to the town for matching funding
- Membership analysis?
 - Jeannie provided an updated list of names of all residents around the Pond
 - Linda will send a MailChimp list for Jeannie to compare to her new list, and Jeannie will highlight anyone who is new on the list
 - Sue will fill in the emails from the Wilders Grove Residents
 - Jeannie asked Greg to determine the homes in his area (Meeks, Shady, etc) that should or should not be on the list. Can we ask Ray Madore to do the same for his area?
 - Jeannie asked Jen to differentiate where Country Pond Rd address changes towns to assure correct mailing address please & update that

Linda is preparing a cover letter that will go with NH Lakes Lake smart Flyer to be delivered door to door the names on the final list. Once we have the list finalized, we can use that as a master list to track who has, and who has not renewed. We will time the outreach to count towards the grant match. Greg will confirm when we can start counting outreach activities.

New Business:

- Ice Fishing Derby – Susan/Tobi/Jen will be around and can pass out stickers/pamphlets and try to collect emails of any interested parties on the lake.
- Annual Meeting Planning
 - Need to pick a date in June per bylaws. Greg will check on dates that Sally will be available, as we will want her on the agenda.
 - Once we have a date, we can work on a venue, as we should be able to hold in person this year. Jeannie will reach out to whispering Pines to see if that might be a good option to hold the meeting. Need to check on AV capabilities in case we need to zoom Sally or other presenters. Sue will find out if Mike Lockwood is a member of Newton Fish & Game Club.
 - Greg suggested we have a representative from another lake that has gone through the Alum treatment process (Attitash or Nippo Lake) come speak of their experience.
- Earth Day is Friday April 22, need to start planning a communication.
- Informational meeting on weed treatments to be scheduled for April/May?

Next Meeting Date and Place: March 15, 7pm zoom

Adjourn: 7:51pm

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

Warrant Article – check submission deadlines in November

Track dates of Deliberative meeting in February