

Minutes

Country Pond Lake Association

February 27, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm via Zoom

Present: Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Barbara DiVecchia, Tobi Howell, Bill Cashin, Liz MacNeil, Jon Simard, Joel Daly

Absent: Jenn West

Minutes: Minutes from the 1/23/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

Treasurers report:

- Account Balances: \$26,387.35
- Gaming: We received our 1st check for January gaming dates for \$4449.69. It is anticipated that we will receive less this year as our assigned gaming dates are not as good as last year's.
- Sue would like to set up a new Venmo, which will require a CPLA phone number. Susan suggested we could get a phone number, from GoDaddy, and Joel mentioned that he would find out about getting a Google phone #.

Committees:

- **VLAP:** Bill reported that he has scheduled 5 sampling dates, 1 per month, for the current year starting in May and ending in September. We need to make water testing data easier to digest for CPLA members. Joel is working on this, and it will be included as part of our annual write-up.
- **Social Media:** Tobi has not made any posts lately. Carriage Town News is no longer available, but there is a Carriage Town News Facebook group that we can still use to post information to the community. Some statistics for our CPLA website: people who visit our website are 65% female, age range is mid 40s – mid 60s.
- **Lake Host Warrant Article:** We are on the agenda for March 5. Joel will meet with Jenn to get an update from her and to transition her duties to him. Joel will also be meeting with Pat Masterson and will put together a Lake Host summary.

Communications:

- Linda needs to send out thank-you/receipt letters to those who donated last year for tax info.
- Earth Day is April 22nd. We will select a day to do our cleanup at the next meeting.
- Website updates – Joel and Liz have contributed info to the Our Team page.
- Invasive Removal Grant: Greg submitted the paperwork with Joel's help, and Amy Smagula acknowledged receipt.

Old Business:

- Boat Ramp – Greg would still like to get a video of the boat ramp during a downpour to show the Newton Board of Selectmen. The Road Agent may still dig the test pits, so we will wait a little while longer before we hire a contractor to do the work. Liz mentioned that she may be able to use a hand auger to get some soil samples. Liz to meet with the engineer to discuss, and Greg will email him as a follow-up to this meeting.

New Business

- Joel has been working on setting up Google Workspace for CPLA. The advantages are that everyone will have their own account and email, and we can set up shared folders. The workspace has been activated, and we're currently waiting for approval. Joel still needs to set up email accounts for everyone. MM&S to allow Joel to move forward with setting up a phone number for CPLA with a max cost of \$200, all in favor. MM&S for Joel to create a YouTube channel for CPLA with approved content, all in favor.
- Annual meeting date: Saturday June 8, 2024, from 9-12. Greg is looking for suggestions for guest speaker and topic. A couple of suggestions:
 - Have one of the divers that did weed removal last summer speak at the meeting.
 - See if we could get someone to speak about the high water level we've had the past couple of years, maybe someone associated with the Tricking Falls dam.

Next Meeting: Tuesday Mar 26, 2024 at 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm