

# Country Pond Lake Association

Meeting via Zoom

March 15, 2022 7:00 pm

## Board Meeting Minutes

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

**Review and accept minutes from last meeting:** Jeannie made a motion to accept the minutes with the following change in the Lake Host section of the Committee reports: *Change from "him " to "Jim Baker"*. Greg 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Financial update

- We have \$3239.30 in checking. The spreadsheet says it's \$6.10 less because Lake Host never cashed that check. Jen will let Lake Host know the check was not cashed
- We have \$2011.69 in savings.

Tax filing

- 5 year tax filing was done in 2020, so not due this year
- Jeff did the N990 post card
- NHCT-12 is due in May. Jen will do this, she has the link and can do it on-line

### **Committees:**

#### **VLAP**

- New for 2022: NHDES is recommending that we take monthly temperature and oxygen profile readings at the Deep Spot. The good news is they believe they have a sampling probe they can loan us for the summer, so no extra trip to DES is needed each month to pick up sampling equipment.
- Alicia set up the first sampling date with Sara Steiner, who will be retraining her and Bill to use the temp/O2 probe.
  - Friday, May 27th at 9am (with Sara)
  - Sunday, June 26th
  - Sunday, July 31
  - Sunday, August 28
  - Sunday, September 25
- No additional volunteers needed, simpler with just Alicia and Bill

### **Social Media:**

Last minute reminder to vote. And Thank you for Voting

We have received some inappropriate inquires on renting dock space, and gift card scam

Jeannie reminded the board that NH lakes suggested to make sure people can sign up easily on the Facebook page. Tobi will pin the sign on to Mailchimp at the top of Facebook page.

### **Weed Watchers:**

No activity yet

**Lake Host:** Greg submitted application. Pat and Jen will head up the effort again. The grant will be \$1,550. Greg created a budget, with the plan to begin on Memorial Day and end 2 weekends after Labor Day. Estimated 25 paid hours per week. May need to tweak these numbers to account for Pat's admin hours and pay rate of \$12/hr. and must include 15% for benefits.

CPLA will ask Pat to propose to the Newton Recreation Commission to include the lake host line in the recreation budget going forward, so we do not have to do a warrant every year. The Recreation commission will need to get approval from the Board of Selectmen. CPLA may need to go before the board to request this support.

### **Communications:**

- Blasts done: None
- Thank you/receipt letters for membership donations 2022
- Email blast to do – 2021 wrap up
- Cover letter for Lakesmart brochures/wanted poster
  - Linda will add a request for financial support and keep the document to one page 2 sided.
  - Jeannie made a motion to purchase 100 t-shirt bags to hang flyer and poster on doors from amazon, Jen 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Website updates
  - Photo - Susan will ask Marie for a winter and a spring photo to post on website and facebook
  - Need to add Country Pond Fish and Game Club as a Supporter
  - Last two Board Meeting minutes to docs page added
  - Supporters updated – 1 for 2022 so far

### **Old Business:**

- Watershed Assistance Grant – no news
  - Greg will inquire if we can have approval for “Pre Award” costs for the grant for outreach, as our lake outreach is seasonal, and it is important to get information into the hands of members.
- Membership analysis/Update Resident List
  - Jeannie has updated as much info as she can, Susan added some emails, Linda will take a walk around her neighborhood to determine which addresses have lake access.
  - This year we are not purchasing a CPLA gear giveaway item for membership.
  - We will have pens available to give away at the meeting
  - Current inventory:
    - Shirts: 2 Ladies XL, 1 Med Unisex, 1 Large Unisex, no hats, 26 koozies, 53 Pens, 36 stickers
    - Jen and Linda may have stickers

### **New Business:**

- Annual Meeting Planning

- Sally has confirmed she will be available in early June
- Susan is following up with Country Pond Fish and Game Club on availability for early June
- Earth Day Cleanup Event
  - This year is the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day, Saturday April 23
  - Jeannie will check on posters. Jen and Sue volunteered to help make and distribute posters.
  - Greg made a motion to approve up to \$100 to support the Earth Day refreshments and any other supplies necessary, Jen 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Jeannie will take care of getting the refreshments for the Earth Day event.
  - Jen suggested we expand earth day activities to include some educational component. We are also hoping to be able to count our educational outreach for our grant, so need to plan these accordingly. Alicia has said she will help with a lot of the materials when we begin to prepare these.

**Next Meeting Date and Place:** April 12, 7pm zoom

**Adjourn:** 8:42pm

Respectfully Submitted by;

Sue Zipkin, CPLA Secretary

**To do list:**

Raffle - Reach out early April to CPLA membership to get donations

Warrant Article – check submission deadlines in November

Track dates of Deliberative meeting in February

Ice Fishing Derby coordinate with Fish and Game