

Country Pond Lake Association

Kingston Town Library

March 25, 2019 7 pm

Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Greg, Jeannie, Jennifer, Tobi, Bill, Linda (via conference call)

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Motion to accept, Tobi – 2nd Greg

Jeannie asked Greg to clarify Committee Chair from Coordinator, citing that Linda is a Coordinator. Chairs are voting members of the Board, coordinators may not be. With regard to Board members voting, Bill suggested changing the CPLA website Board member list to include all the voting members. Greg will make the changes.

Treasurers report: There are currently 16 paid members for 2019. Donation amounts have increased per member. Checking account balance is currently \$1,173.46. The 2019 budget has been revised due to pending grants and Lake Host Program startup this season. The Conservation Commissions in Kingston and Newton have included CPLA needs in their budget. We are grateful to them. Dependent on this season's needs, we may need to request a re-allocation for the use of funds in the best interest of CPLA.

CPLA received an annual report form from the State which requires a \$75.00 fee. Jenn will investigate whether CPLA is exempt from this filing requirement as some non-profits with less than \$10,000 in assets are exempt.

Committees:

VLAP: DES has released the Annual Report testing results for 2018, soon to be published on CPLA's website. Alicia has created the schedule for 2019 May through September collections. Sara Steiner of NH DES will attend the first sampling to obtain the thermocline readings. Bill made a viewscope for CPLA, John Geilen is making the Secchi disc for measuring water clarity. Alicia has arranged to borrow the other testing materials from Kingston Lake Association and Powwow Pond Association again for 2019 sampling.

Social Media: Tobi discussed the procedure for handling Facebook messages to CPLA. He directs the questions to the Board so they can be addressed to the best of our ability.

Weed Watchers: Tobi plans to contact the 2018 Weed Watcher team in early May to confirm their participation in 2019. He will contact Amy Smagula at NH DES to obtain additional kits. Tobi will maintain a visible presence for his team and ask the public to report any questionable weeds to his team. Drone use will be valuable to the effort of identifying proliferation.

Lake Host: Training for coordinators, in Concord, will be attended by Greg & Jen.

Lake Host inspectors will be trained by NH LAKES and paid an hourly rate. The coordinators must maintain a schedule and report the inspectors' activities. The number of boat inspections performed in 2019 will increase or decrease the grant money available for 2020. Volunteer hours (by the

coordinators or volunteer inspectors) will count toward the grant match that CPLA must achieve. All Board members plan to volunteer hours toward this effort.

Communications: Email notifications have been sent regarding membership renewal and Earth Day clean up.

Website updates: The home page has been updated and has a link to join CPLA e-mail. Board member positions will be clarified. The PayPal link will be moved to the top of the page.

Linda drafted a trifold brochure for CPLA. She will be working on this and obtain input from Board members.

Old Business:

RPC Watershed Management Plan and grant status: Five consulting companies responded to the RFP. Their qualification proposals are being reviewed by NH DES and selection should occur by April 22, 2019. The watershed management plan should be complete in 2020.

Questions regarding the obvious plume in our lake have been directed to NH DES. They will plan a visit after ice-out to take water samples to help identify potential causes for the plume.

Tote bag deliveries were made to our CPLA Partners and Sponsors. There are a few more deliveries to be made this week. Decals are being distributed to all Supporters.

New Business:

Greg will be presenting the Lake Host program to the Newton Board of Selectmen at their meeting in April. He will request permission to institute the Lake Host Program at the Newton boat ramp.

Lake Host program impact on the budget: Greg sent the grant application to NH LAKES. He estimated paid hours, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, at 16 Hours per weekend for 15 weekends. If accepted, we will be eligible to receive \$1,000 in grant money to administer the Lake Host Program. Many lake residents have voiced support for this program. CPLA will need to, at minimum, match the funds allotted. We will need to send reminders to 2018 members for their 2019 donations.

Earth Day cleanup is scheduled for April 20, 2019. Posters will be created and posted. Publication in the Carriage Towne News and emails to members and friends will occur.

Membership drive will include personal reminders to 2018 members.

CPLA's Annual Meeting will be held at the Kingston Library on June 1, 2019 at 9am. Speaker suggestions include: Marine Patrol, VLAP, and the selected consultant for the watershed plan.

Adjourn: 9pm Motion to adjourn by Tobi, 2nd by Jeannie.

Respectfully Submitted by;
Jeannie, CPLA Secretary