

Country Pond Lake Association

Meeting via Zoom

Mar 9, 2021 7:30 pm

Board Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:36pm

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

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Motion to approve Jan minutes and Feb minutes with corrections was made by Jen, second by Greg, all in favor

Treasurers report:

- Financial update and member renewals
 - One member renewal at \$100 level
 - Proceeds from CPLA calendar sales \$192.00
 - Bank balance \$5,188.48 (includes \$1,500 insurance reserve)
- 2021 Budget
 - Jeff and Jen plan to work on the budget in the next few weeks.
 - There will be an adjustment to NH Lakes grant for Lake Host program. 2020 budget was for \$1700 (\$1550 plus extra \$150 due to excess funds from not printing brochures). This year will be \$1200. Variance is due to less volunteer hours contributed last summer. We exceeded our required volunteer match, but not enough to bump us to the previous level. 2020 grant was based on ~300% match for volunteer hours made by Tyler in summer of 2019.

Committees:

- VLAP:
 - Our first sample for 2021 is planned to occur at “ice out” and to be performed by Sally’s team. Greg will let Sally know that may be coming soon due to warm weather forecast and confirm if they will be coming. Bill confirmed he would be able to have a boat to get the sample, and would arrange to do it even if Sally’s team cannot make it.
- Social Media:
 - Tobi shared several NH Lakes posts
 - Live event on Intro to Common Loon and work of the Loon preservation committee
 - Shared 2 Posts for NH Lakes Lake Keepers
 - 2 posts about voting to support the lake host program
 - Post about Country Pond community members concerns about open fires on the ice with a link to DES publication describing how wood ash has a high phosphorus content which is detrimental to lakes.
 - Many posts were shared again to other community pages, Wilders Grove Community Page, Country shores, Newton NH and friends, Newton NH a truly community page
- Weed Watchers:
 - No activity yet
- Lake Host:
 - Greg submitted Lake Host grant application.

- Jen submitted Lake Host Coordinator agreement and signed as Coordinator and Group Leader.
- Greg emailed Pat, who agreed to be Assistant Coordinator again, and will continue to do a Friday afternoon shift.
- Jen will ask Pat to reach out to Kaitlin to see if she is interested in being a paid Host again this summer. Jen will coordinate with Linda to draft emails to reach out for both paid and volunteer lake hosts. Jen/Pat will reach out directly to former Volunteers Ray and Tina, Sue agreed to volunteer again.

Communications:

- Blasts done: Lake Host/Warrant Article
- Thank you/receipt letters for membership donations
- Email blast to do
 - Protecting Lakes in Winter – for info on wood ash phosphorus content
 - Outcome of Warrant Article, explanation of how Lake Host Benefits all Lake enthusiasts
 - Requests for Lake Hosts (paid positions) and Lake Host Volunteers
 - T-shirts available reminder to renew memberships
- Website updates
 - Board meeting minutes added to Docs page
 - Pdf link added for NHDES document, “Protecting Lakes in Winter”

Old Business:

- Promotional Items
 - T-shirt Order to be ready next week
 - Once Jeannie gets final price Board will approve via email, Jeff will cut a check and Jeannie will pick up T-shirts
 - Price for t-shirts to be determine once we get final price for production
- Ice Fishing Derby
 - No outreach was made this year
 - Next year CPLA should reach out to Fish and Game Club and ask if we can set up a table by the Snack Shack to share info on CPLA. We will attempt to coordinate multiple volunteers to man the table, and circulate on the ice to spread the word.

New Business:

- Earth Day 2021 is April 22, CPLA to plan an event on Saturday April 24.
 - We will offer to provide supplies for garbage pick up to be used by household teams.
 - Event will follow COVID protocols of social distance, and take COVID precautions of masks/gloves/hand sanitizer.
 - Greg will reach out to Holly to see if Kingston will lend the vests

Next Meeting Date and Place: April 6, 7:30pm

Adjourn: 8:52 pm

To do list:

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