

Country Pond Lake Association

74 Wilders Grove Rd and Zoom

April 14, 2022 7:00 pm

Board Meeting Minutes

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

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Jeannie made a motion to accept the minutes with minor clerical corrections, Greg 2nd all in favor.

Treasurers report:

- Financial update and member renewals
 - No new activity
 - Jen requested that as we get money in from Venmo that it is separated between membership and other dollars. This is important when it comes to tax reporting.

Committees: In the interest of time and with no current activity we skipped committee updates

- VLAP
- Social Media:
- Weed Watchers: Tobi requested to resign as weed watcher coordinator. Greg made a motion to accept Tobi's resignation, Jen 2nd, majority accepted.
- Lake Host: Hiring inspectors
 - Susan will reach out to her contacts at UNH to get lake host position posted to get summer help
 - Jen will reach out to Leane Larson early to get her engaged this year.

Communications:

- Blasts done: None
- Thank you/receipt letters for membership donations 2022
- Email blast to do – 2021 wrap up, Earth Day Cleanup
- Website updates

Old Business:

- **Earth Day preparations**
 - Jeannie created two new Earth Day posters and Sue had her new neighbor Ari create two more. Sue will hang the posters.
 - Linda will send an email blast with the information on Earth Day. Meet up is at 8:45 at the boat ramp we will have some informational pamphlets to give out at the ramp as well as coffee and donuts and trash bags
 - Susan will print out information that Jen sent out from NH DES, NH Sea Grant and UNH Cooperative Extension on proper lawn care and use of fertilizers to hand out at Earth Day event.
- **Lake Smart Flyer distribution**

- Linda prepared a CPLA communication to distribute to all lake residents to be packaged with the New Hampshire lakes Lake Smart brochure. Susan, Jeannie and Jen will distribute this material in green recyclable bags to keep dry case of rain.
- There are only 100 so first priority will be to get to all lake front residents
- Susan, Jen and Jeannie will split up Wilders Grover/Concanon and Highland (other side of lake) and Wenmarks and Marcoux Grove
- Jen will do Ridge Rd
- Greg and Linda will do their area
- **Annual meeting planning**
 - We are still trying to narrow down a date. It looks like June 18th may be the best day. Greg will check with Sally to see if she is available. Then Susan will follow up with a place to hold the meeting.
 - Possible venues: Newton Fish and Game Club, Saddle Up Saloon, VFW, Memorial School, Camp Tasker, Newton Town Hall. We need to we have Internet and a video projector.
 - Elections this year for treasurer and vice president. Jeff said he would stay on if we could not find another treasurer, but we will go ahead and look for a new treasurer since Jeff no longer lives on the lake. Jenn agreed she would stay on as vice president, but we will send out a call for nominations for the two offices.
 - Jeannie suggested showing a video that she saw called Nutrients 101 that explains a lot about nutrients in the water. The video was made by Solitude, which is a for profit company. CPLA's practice has been to only republish information from NHDES and NH Lakes. The Board will review the video before the next meeting to see if it is appropriate.

New Business:

- Spiny Naiad Control Plan
 - All of the board members read the spiny naiad control plan and sent comments back to Greg. Greg compiled all comments and sent to Amy. Greg also sent information on the long-term management plan to all the businesses that could be affected. These included Country Shores, Whispering Pines campgrounds and Camp Tasker. The town Conservation Commissions and the Newton Recreation Commission were also informed.
 - Jeannie asked if we could consider some of the other treatments, such as Phosloc and Alum, to target the phosphorus in the lake, which would then inhibit the growth of the invasive weeds. Greg explained that he had discussed with Sally and these treatments were not appropriate at this time, we have a watershed management plan in place and we need to address the external issues first and have more data on the progress we have made before we can consider other options. Additionally, the Phosloc type of treatment is estimated to cost around \$500k and do not know of any grants that could help pay for it. It is a temporary treatment and is not a long-term solution.
 - The state is responsible for inland waters, NH DES is recommending action on the Spiny Naiad problem, and are working through CPLA to communicate with stakeholders.
 - The plan is an adaptive plan to be reviewed and updated as new information becomes available based on results.
 - The state will pay 100% of the initial treatment cost. However, they would only pay 25-50% in subsequent years. Kingston currently has a town budget for \$14K for invasives treatment that has been used to help subsidize control of milfoil and other aquatic invasives in Powwow Pond. Newton does not have an item for invasive control in their budget.

Next Steps:

- Greg made a motion that we ask NH DES to provide an informational meeting within the next 30-45 days to inform the community of the plan. Jen 2nd the motion. 7 members of board were in favor, 1 abstained.

- Raffle – Linda will update last years call to CPLA membership to get donations for annual raffle.

Next Meeting Date and Place:

May 17, 7:00pm location TBD, in person

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm

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