

Country Pond Lake Association

Meeting via Zoom

April 6, 2021 7:30 pm

Board Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:34

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

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Jeannie made a motion, Bill 2nd, all in favor.

Treasurers report:

- Financial update and member renewals
 - 2 new member renewals
 - Current bank balance \$4,657.58
- 2021 Budget
 - Jen prepared budget for review, including notes for discussion.
 - Jeannie made a motion to transfer \$2000, (representing \$500 budget/yr for last 4 yrs) to savings account for Insurance Reserve that will be required when grant work commences. Board voted all in favor, Jeff will make transfer.
 - A few other minor adjustments were made, Greg presented budget to board - Bill made a motion to accept, Board voted all in favor, 2021 budget accepted.

Committees:

- VLAP:
 - Ice out sampling done week of 3/22 by NH DES, they will send results
 - Bill will check with Alicia to see if Sally left any bottles for future samples
 - There will be no sample for May, Lab does not open until June
- Social Media:
 - Fires on Lake and Hazard Tree Post, Each received about 100 engagements
 - Also shared Lakes in Spring on Wilders Grove web page, will share on other sites (camps etc)
- Weed Watchers:
 - Tobi has been out fishing, has not seen much weed activity yet.
 - Will be sending email to Weed Watchers late April/early May
- Lake Host:
 - Grant application submitted, no new info
 - Susan will reach out to UNH Career office in College of Life Science and Agriculture and connect Jen to see if we can find an intern for summer Lake Host work
 - We will start sending emails for Lake Host Volunteers to get trained for summer 2021, all the training hours go towards our volunteer match
 - Everyone should think about people they know who may be interested in Lake Host paid positions or volunteer. Paid Hosts should have a set schedule, but can be as little as one shift per week.

Communications:

OUTGOING:

- Blasts done: Protecting Lakes in Winter
- Thank you/receipt letters for membership donations
- Email blast to do
 - Earth Day cleanup (Linda will edit prior email for this year)
 - Lake Host Volunteers (Jen will update last year's email blasts)
- Website updates
 - Board meeting minutes added to Docs page
 - Jeff bio added

INCOMING COMMUNICATIONS:

Linda agreed to take ownership of GMAIL account. Linda will alert whoever she thinks can best respond to the inquiry. Jen and others will continue to monitor as well, and notify the Board if they have taken action on any emails.

- Facebook about fallen tree – responded by posting on Facebook
- Email from Mary Fidler about something black in the Lake
 - Linda will reach out to see what it was, if weed/vegetation will forward to Tobi.
- Martha Jaquith email to offer her company pay for supplies for our Earth Day event.
 - Greg inquired to see if they could supply refreshments
 - Jen will do some research on recycled products to request for earth day
- Email from Kim Donahue on minimum length of ski craft, Greg will respond

Old Business:

- Promotional Items
 - T-shirt have been received
 - Total Cost was \$100 set up \$580 for 36 shirts
 - Will sell shirts for \$20
 - Jeannie and Susan will review spreadsheet and coordinate to get promotional items out to members who have renewed.
- Review annual budget – budget was reviewed and passed unanimously by the Board.
- Jeannie sent follow up email to Town of Newton regarding Culverts, email from Dianne was returned. Also sent to Road Agent and asked for a reply and forwarded to Sally Soule.

New Business:

- Earth Day cleanup Saturday April 24th
 - We will meet at Boat Ramp at 9 am
 - Masks and Social Distancing
 - Refreshments will be provided
 - Provide Bags/Gloves
 - Bill will provide trash bag pickup along Wilders Grove Rd. we can dispose in Kingston Highway Department dumpster
- CP Kayak paddle event - Evy Nathan from Kingston Conservation Commission reached out to Greg and Linda to see if we would be interested in a joint event with Kingston Conservation/Newton Conservation/Newton Recreation and CPLA
 - Summer Sunset event
 - Greg will check to see if Paddle Boards would be appropriate for the event
 - Event would include Talk about Birds/Fish
 - Good opportunity to sell Raffle Tickets

Everyone on the board was in favor of pursuing this event

Next Meeting Date and Place: May 4th 7:30 pm

Adjourn: 9:01 pm

Respectfully Submitted by;

Sue Zipkin, CPLA Secretary

To do list:

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

2021 Annual Meeting Planning

Ice Fishing Derby 2022 coordinate with Fish and Game