

Country Pond Lake Association

Via Zoom

May 17, 2022 7:00 pm

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to order at 7:05 pm

Present:

Susan, Bill, Greg, Linda, Jeannie, Tobi, Jen

Review and accept minutes from last meeting:

Jeannie requested some revisions to the minutes. The board reviewed and Greg will update and send out for approval by email.

Treasurers report:

- Financial update and member renewals
 - Jeff was not able to attend, will update at next meeting.

Committees:

VLAP

- First scheduled testing date is May 27. Sara from NH DES is coming to take dissolved oxygen readings with the equipment NHDES is loaning us.

Social Media:

- Tobi reposted all email blasts:
 - Cyanobacteria Alert Reached 81 ppl, 4 shares
 - Lake Host email, reached 140 ppl, 12 engagements, 3 shares
 - Public Hearing for treatment of Spiny Naiad Reached 67 ppl 15 engagements, 3 shares
 - One person from WGCOA made one comment in opposition

Weed Watchers:

- Daly's emailed to request someone check out a weed by 10-12 Marcoux Rd
 - Toby will check it out

Lake Host: Hiring inspectors

- Briana is going to come back
- Volunteers Ray, Tina, Sue all agreed to come back and also Leanne Larson
- Sue posted Lake host position on handshake for UNH, SNU, Plymouth, and Merrimack College.

Communications:

- Blasts done: Earth Day, Spiny Naiad LTMP Information Meeting, Lake Host
- Lake Smart brochures distributed – list of recipients
- LTMP sent to Conservation Commissions, Newton Rec Com, Campgrounds and Camp Tasker
- Thank you/receipt letters for membership donations 2022
- Email blast to do – Raffle, Annual Meeting
- Website updates

Old Business:

Update from Sally on Watershed Assistance Grant

- State has signed off – waiting for Federal approval
- We can start counting activities that mention the Watershed Assistance Grant toward our match requirement
 - Sue will assist in guidance for tracking and documenting match to be sure it will be compliant
 - Jen set up a spreadsheet on Google sheets for board members to track their hours
 - We will use the rates in our application to calculate our matching contribution
 - Sue will provide a form to document contributions from external parties that we can use toward our match

Annual meeting planning

- Date will be June 18th Location TBD,
 - Linda will send out an announcement of the date, location TBD
 - Fish and Game club is not available
 - Sue has reached out to Camp Tasker and Newton Town Hall
 - Greg/Linda will reach out to Kingston library
- Presentations
 - Sally will attend
 - We will plan other presentations at our next meeting on June 7

New Business:

- Spiny Naiad Long Term Management Plan information meeting
 - Greg talked to someone from Big Island Pond that has been dealing with Milfoil, Fanwort and Spiny Naiad treatments. She provided a lot of background on what their experience has been. They reached out to their stakeholders. ~50% replied and of those nearly 100% supported herbicide treatment after years of diver treatment not proving effective
 - CPLA is organizing an informational meeting to be held on May 18th at 7pm. Board and Amy Smagula from NH DES will meet at Kingston Library, meeting will be shared with public via zoom.
 - There has been some email activity by COUNTRY POND ASSOCIATION making false and accusatory comments regarding CPLA intentions and that they plan a petition.
 - Greg will do the introduction at the meeting and will clarify CPLA's role is to support the health of the lake, there are limited options to deal with the invasive species, CPLA has organized this information session and Q&A with NH DES, and we plan to request input from the community before moving forward with any treatment.
 - Amy will be prepared to address any concerns from the community
- Recent Cyanobacteria sample sent to NH DES
 - Need to get more members involved who could possibly run samples to Concord for testing
- Markers in lake to identify rocks – Bill asked who is responsible, he noticed one was missing at south eastern corner of the lake
 - Marine Patrol was out to replace on Sunday, may have replaced with 2 black markers to go around perimeter
- Raffle – Our plan is to reach out in spring to CPLA membership to get donations
 - Linda sent a draft to Sue today, Sue will review and send back asap.

Next Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday June 7th 7:00 pm by zoom

Adjourn: 8:25 pm

To do list:

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

Elections send out before June meeting – VP and Treasurer

Boat Parade to be organized by CPLA to encourage lake wide participation – Tie to raffle

Warrant Article – check submission deadlines in November