

# **Country Pond Lake Association**

74 Wilders Grove Rd. Newton NH 03858

July 13, 2022 7:00 pm

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

### **Present:**

Susan, Bill, Greg, Linda, Jeannie, Tobi (via Zoom), Jen, Ashley

**Officer Elections:** Sue to Treasurer, Ashley to Secretary, Jenn to Vice President

- Sue and Jenn will need to go to bank to adjust accounts for Sue becoming treasurer
- Jenn has a key to the CPLA mailbox (USPS located in Newton Junction)

**Review and accept minutes from last meeting:** Jeannie would like to add the name of the person from Kingston Town Hall (Lisa Perrault) that Greg spoke with to the minutes.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Financial update and member renewals
- Online worksheet available to the public (checking numbers and membership numbers)
- Currently just over 20 members including the board in 2022
- Jeff Eichel has paperwork and files to hand over to Sue/Jenn
- Checking: \$3,071.85

### **Committees:**

- Weed watchers: The only recent post was the post about the annual meeting in June. Another post/mail blast is due after this meeting. The annual meeting audio did not record. Tobi has been going out around his beach and locally. He has found some spiny naiad and some southern naiad – no more than this time last season. Greg has not heard from Amy Smagula other than she has not been able to find divers. Jennifer from Big Island Pond Council has previously told us there are a limited number of divers to perform this service. We may not have a treatment option for 2022. Diquat will not kill the seeds already dropped by spiny naiad. Seeds typically do not drop from spiny until September timeframe. Tobi will continue to check other areas of the lake for spiny naiad growth. Jeannie will check with Sean Murray (Westshore resident) to see if he and his diver friends would like to get certified in weed pulling for pulling spiny naiad. If interested, he will need to reach out to Amy Smagula to determine next steps. Beaver Lake in Derry has their own divers that Jeannie can reach out to.
- Lake Host: Leanne Larson has been volunteering in 2022. We currently have 48 volunteer hours which is cash equiv of \$1,471 (minus miles which comes to \$1,390). By the end of the season, we need at least \$1,000 in equivalent volunteer time in order to requalify for the NH LAKES \$1,500 grant next year.

- Annual meeting: Jenn gave budget for Lake Host program of \$7,500, which is an expansion of the previous budget. This is a concern with the lower membership numbers and lower member contributions. CPLA would need to contribute \$3,700 towards this amount, which we currently do not have. The savings account money is needed for insurance for upcoming grants. Paige (current paid lake host) will most likely not continue past July. Sue will email past members whose memberships have expired. Jenn will check in with Pat Masterson to see if Paige is planning to end her watch in July.
- \$2,000 came from Newton warrant article, \$2,030 from member contributions, \$500 from speculative raffles, minus \$300 from NH LAKES membership. \$5,720 total. Greg would like to suggest \$6,000 for Lake Host budget for 2022 season. All members agree.
- Newton warrant article: Jeannie talked to Pat about possibility of adding warrant article amount into the rec budget. The check from the town was cut on June 21, 2022. The check should be in the mail.
- Jeannie suggests Lake Hosts talk to boaters about boat ramp project.

### **Communications:**

- New manager of Lone Tree reservation (Eric Towne) would like to get involved with CPLA
- Speaker Request to NH LAKES
- Bill will add boat parade flyer to the kiosk by the boat ramp along with the photo of the most notorious weeds, lake hosts will also hand out copies of the boat parade flyer. Jenn will get flyers to Pat to give them to the lake hosts (Sue will email Jenn the file).
- Thank you/receipt letters for membership donations 2022
- Email blast to do – Boat parade on August 6
- Website updates: Greg needs to update the site with the presentations from the 2022 annual meeting

### **Old Business:**

- WAG agreements
  - Review of documents with Sally: We have certificate of good-standing, workers comp certificate has been waived
  - UEI number application: Completed
  - Retention of grant data – 7 years: Ashley to create Dropbox account for CPLA
  - Certificate of authority: required as part of grant package, president and secretary can sign the letter say we accept funds from NH DES. Must be notarized.
    - The board agrees to enter into agreement with the NH DES
  - Boat Ramp RFQ – milestones: RFQ will be made public to get bids. Released on 7/18. CPLA would like to get vendor selected by the beginning of September to get engineering work completed to determine budget for warrant article in March 2023.
  - Outreach requirements. Must be approved by NHDES and state “funded by WAG”.
  - Funds from grant for boat ramp remediation will only amount to ~\$35,000 where project cost is estimated at \$70,000.
  - Liability Insurance quote needed for \$1M/incident, \$2M aggregate, no workers comp
- Boat Parade – August 6<sup>th</sup>, social event after with BBQ, could sell raffle tickets there (also at the Poker Run at WGCOA). Linda will have contact at Carriage Towne News add boat parade to notices. Board approves funds for up to \$300.

**New Business:**

- Sue has been working with Michelle and Joel Daly from Marcoux Grove on raffle prizes and active fundraising from other areas of the lake (Wenmarks, Westshore, etc.) including an informational cocktail hour.

**Next Meeting Date and Place:** August 11, 2022 at 7pm at Jenn's house

**Adjourn:** 9:15pm

**To do list:**

Warrant Article – check submission deadlines in November

Bylaws revisions – must be voted on at annual meeting or special meeting

Soak up the Rain – Lisa Loosigian would like to schedule site visits to improve home owner practices