

Country Pond Lake Association

Meeting via Zoom

July 14, 2020 7:00 pm

Board Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:06

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

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Jen made a motion to accept, Jeannie 2nd, all in favor. Greg began by welcoming Jeff. Jen has handed off Treasurers responsibilities to Jeff. Jeff has access to bank account, and Google Docs.

Treasurers report:

- Greg went through the financials and membership numbers. We had expected \$1,600 in Member dues and are currently at \$1,830, We are also tracking to meet or exceed our \$800 target for Promotions, Raffle and auctions; currently we are at \$520.00.
- Form 990 was completed and filed.
- Jeannie mentioned we could receive some administrative exemptions from tax filing if we had less than 10K in assets. Jen clarified that we do have to file the form 990, however she did file an exemption from filing the annual report which was granted until 2023, at which point we will need to file for 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. Jen has started a spreadsheet to capture the information annually so we will be able to file when required to do so.
- There was discussion on how to move forward with the mailing address for bank statements and other items. Greg reminded the board that a motion was passed to get a PO box to consolidate all documents to one address. Jeannie made a motion to forgo the PO box to save the annual expense. The board voted in favor of securing a mailbox. Jeff and at least one other board member should have access to the mailbox, however, Jeff as treasurer will have the responsibility to check the mailbox on a regular basis.
- We have not received any VLAP invoices, so they must be getting paid by Kingston
- We have received the 1st Lake Host Invoice.

Committees:

- VLAP: Billing is going directly to town of Kingston. Bill and Alicia did the 3rd VLAP testing last Sunday, and Bill brought the sample to Concord. Have not seen any results yet. Jen asked if the results are going with the invoices to Kingston, but Greg mentioned that Alicia had informed him that she would be getting a copy as well.
Greg will be at the Kingston Conservation Commission on Thursday and will check with Evi Nathan, Chair of the Conservation Commission to see if she has seen an invoice and/or results. He has also suggested that we present her with a CPLA hat in appreciation for all of her help.
- Social Media: It has been a quiet few weeks since the annual meeting. There have been no blasts to repost. Should pick up as we post Annual meeting follow up and requests for Lake Host Volunteers. Greg will ask Kaitlin if we can post her Lake Host picture from website on Facebook. Sue will take some pictures of her and Pat and any other volunteers to post on facebook.
- Weed Watchers:
 - Greg submitted a specimen to Tobi that he thought may have been fanwort. Tobi forwarded to Amy Smagula. The specimen turned out to be water marigold (Biden's

beckii), a native. It is a very tricky one to decipher. The giveaway is that fanwort has stems off the main stem, and then the fan-shaped leaves. Water marigold has fans directly attached to the stem, no stem then a stalk. We now have photos of fanwort for comparison. Also, fanwort is usually bright green, never the blackish color like that. .

- Susan reported that Bobby Ferrara has found multiple large Chinese Mystery Snails on his property by the boat ramp. He said there are also a lot of smaller snails, which we believe are a different species, but Sue is going to try to get a sample of both. She informed him that the large snails should be extracted.

- Lake Host:

- Inspections have been performed by Pat, Kaitlin and Sue.
- We have 92 inspections to date.
 - June: 6 inspections on boats coming from infested waters
 - July: 2 inspections on boats coming from infested waters

No invasive species found, but educated boaters on the proper protocol to clean, drain and dry

- Camp Tasker agreed to allow use of bathroom on weekends
- Police continue to ticket vehicles without the Newton sticker
- Still working to make the calendar accessible to volunteers on board
- Greg is working on the getting the Calendar on website, will try making it public in Google Calendar, that may solve the problem
- Jen will help Jeannie with form and calendar so that she can volunteer at the ramp
- Jeannie offered to contact the camp grounds to see if they were either interested in taking the Lake Host training and performing inspections, or if they would notify us of some dates when most of the boats are launched, so we can send a Lake Host volunteer to do inspections at their boat ramp.
 - Likely this may not go into effect until next year, as we missed the majority of boats coming in, unless they indicate there are significant turn over days where new campers come in, we could try to set up a volunteer for this year. Otherwise we can work on a plan to set it up for next year.
 - Greg confirmed that we cannot use the Lake Host grant funds to pay for Lake Host at private ramps, grant funds must be used for hours at public ramp.
- We are a little over ½ way to our volunteer match for our grant

Communications:

- No Blasts since the annual meeting
- Linda will put a letter head on Google docs
- Thank you letters for donations are up to date
- Jen will draft an email to members regarding Lake Host Volunteering, including a link and/or snapshot of 2-week period at a time to see if we can get some commitments
- Linda to write a follow up communication on the annual meeting, including a link to the recording of the meeting
- Website updates
 - Annual Meeting presentations added to Docs page
 - Will add link to recording
 - Board Meeting minutes added to Docs page

Old Business:

Jeannie suggested that we include the follow up on action items in this section

- Did we ever send thank you to Kingston Conservation? and KLA for equipment loan?
 - Linda will check so see if we did. In the meantime, Greg will bring Evy a hat.

*NOTE that January meeting minutes indicated that \$25 –sticker, \$50- Koozie \$100- hat, for 2020 as noted on website:

Level	Contribution	Donation	Voting rights	Benefits
Supporter	\$5-\$24		No	Email news, CPLA decal
Member	\$25-\$49		Yes	as above plus CPLA koozie
Partner	\$50-\$99		Yes	as above plus name on website
Sponsor	\$100 +		Yes	as above plus CPLA baseball hat and business card on website

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- Membership drive 2020
 - Jeannie and Susan will complete delivery of Koozies and Hats for donations since annual meeting
- Annual Meeting
 - Linda will draft a write up of the meeting
 - No items were donated for auction or raffle
 - Sue will follow up with WGCOA to see if they will do the CPLA raffle basket again

New Business:

- WMP Update – Greg received a copy of the TMDL Model Update from Sally Soule. Document was much more manageable than expected (16 pages). He has forwarded a copy to Alicia for comment.

In summary report tells us that sources of phosphorus have not changed, and the majority is from our watershed. Properties on the lake are the highest contributors. What did change is the estimates of how much phosphorous is entering and how much we need to reduce it to.

- Original study showed approximately 600kg/yr entering lake with a need to reduce to 300 kg/yr or 50% reduction.
- New study shows a revised estimate of 530 kg/yr entering the lake with a need to reduce to 400 kg/yr which is a 20-25% reduction, which seems much more manageable.

There was also a recommendation for water quality data monitoring for more months of the year. This year we had planned to test after ice-out, but due to COVID 19, we did not do the

collection, as the labs were closed for testing. Sally has mentioned that you need 10 years of data to understand general trends and we are just in our 3rd so we have a way to go. Greg to get specifics on when to start/end testing or other expansion of sampling program.

- Greg requested a hat for Kingston Conservation committee, the board unanimously agreed.
- Bill mentioned the culverts are not flowing and the water is very low.

Next Meeting Date and Place: August 11 Zoom 7:00pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm

Respectfully Submitted by;
Sue Zipkin, CPLA Secretary