

Country Pond Lake Association

Cashin House

Sept 11, 2019 7 pm

Board Meeting Agenda

Present: Greg, Linda, Jeannie, Jennifer, Tobi, Bill, and Sue

7:10 pm Greg called meeting to order

Review and accept minutes from last meeting: Tobi accepted, Jen Second

Treasurers report:

- Financial update
 - Expenses for the period were \$263.39,
 - 201.45 for Go Daddy renewal (saved \$60)
 - Brochures 45.98
 - Refreshments for Watershed Management Grant meeting \$15.96
 - Total Revenue \$665.00 (Member renewals, sales, donations and raffle)
 - Member renewals (3) \$75
 - Donations \$5.00
 - Tote bag sales \$15.00
 - CPLA raffle \$570.00

Committees:

VLAP:

Greg got approval from Kingston to purchase Kemerrer bottle for approximately \$575. He has it and will turn it over to Alicia when he receives his reimbursement from Kingston. Kingston paid May invoice, Newton should pay June and July, we have not received August or September Invoices. Sara Steiner will loan us the equipment to do Sept Dissolved Oxygen measurements. This will show levels from top to bottom. Levels at bottom are of concern as algae consumes oxygen that fish rely on over the winter.

Social Media:

There were a few posts, including the one on leaves, and CPLA raffle. Tobi just did another live filming of the lake. A few new likes and followers.

Weed Watchers:

Tobi sent emails and received responses from the weed watchers. Jeannie suggested trying to get weed watchers more involved with the lake happenings. Susan suggested asking them to be liaisons for their weed watching areas to help communicate on behalf of CPLA.

Lake Host:

Extension of Friday afternoon inspections for 2 more weeks. The last paid shift for Pat M was Sept 6. We logged 67 inspections. There were no invasive species found. We did educate 4-5 people who reported they were not aware of the proper clean/drain/dry procedures. Pat logged 53 hours, Tyler 104 hrs. administrative hours were 61 combined for Jen, Greg, Bill and Pat, with the majority done by Greg. This averages over 3hr/boat inspection. In comparison, the entire Lake Host program had 7 saves reported on NH Lakes. Our Lake Host program raises our visibility. Next year CPLA will host a training locally to encourage more lake residents to attend and volunteer. Jen suggested we should focus on retirees.

Because we were unable to pay Tyler for his hours, due to NH Lakes requirement that one cannot be both a volunteer and a paid Lake Host, we will purchase a gift card for \$100 for him and send a thank you note from CPLA.

Greg received a note from Crystal from NH Lakes asking him to take the end of year survey and indicating that our activity will make us eligible for a slightly higher award next year. She also thanked us for our volunteer match of \$4,974 which was 1,000% match.

Communications:

Email blast went out about the kick-off meeting, and the raffle. We have yet to send one out requesting people submit information. Greg is waiting on Julie LaBranche, Rockingham Planning Commission, who said she will create a place for people to self-report points of interest for the project, she said she will get this done by Monday, 9/16/19.

Susan will get a list to Linda of those who contributed to the WGCOA raffle basket so Linda can publicly thank them. List will include Merchants who contributed and volunteers who donated, or secured donations for the basket.

Linda will prepare a year-end summary in October, Jen to provide some financial info to be included and emailed to the membership, as this is the only time other than the annual meeting that the members are exposed to the financial data. It can also be a lead in to the 2020 membership drive.

Website updates made were the removal of info on hiring Lake Hosts, will repost early 2020, Presentation from Watershed Management meeting was added to Documents page. A news item follow up has not yet been posted.

Old Business:

- Newton Old Home Days – Saturday Sept 14, 11 – 4 – Due to other commitments we did not have enough representation to make a meaningful presence at this event, so we will hold off until next year.

New Business:

- Sally Soule, NHDES, sent CPLA " A citizen's guide to Volunteer Lake Watershed Surveys, How to Conduct a Nonpoint Source Phosphorus Survey". This document would be great material for anyone interested in learning more about the project and will be added to the Documents page of the website. For example, Liz MacNeil, lifelong resident of lake (age 25) who has expressed interest in sharing her skills as a Geotechnical engineer with CPLA. It is our hope to get her and many more in her age group engaged in this project and CPLA in general.
- Greg has agreed to provide a boat tour of the lake for the grant team. Other board members were interested in knowing the date/time, to possibly follow along and learn about the areas of interest.

- Greg suggested we use a single address for CPLA for consistency, some items currently listed at 74 Wilders Grove (former secretary) some with the Treasures address. Jeannie will research cost of PO box, number of keys and hours of availability, or other option is to transfer all to Treasurer.
- Pow Wow Pond is making a proposal to Kingston Conservation Commission to establish an Invasive species management fund which would be accessible to any waterbody in Kingston, so that they don't have to raise a warrant each year. They are asking Kingston to contribute 10.5k and E. Kingston to contribute 5K plus money from the state. Their warrant articles are fully supported each year.
- Susan reported that officers of WGCOA agreed to transition the Boat Parade to CPLA. WGCOA will still donate a basket for a raffle, and with CPLA leadership, we can involve the entire lake. Dates to consider are 3rd or 4th weekend of July for maximum participation.
- Discussion on possibly hosting one other social event on a different date, bonfire/cookout or some other fundraiser
- Susan will work with Sharon McSweeney who runs Boat Parade subcommittee for WGCOA to transition this event and invite her to lead a subcommittee for fundraising and Boat Parade for CPLA.
- Jeannie did research on how to do a warrant article; we will review this at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: 10/16/19

Adjourn: 8:35pm

Respectfully Submitted by;
Sue Zipkin, CPLA Secretary