

# Minutes

## Country Pond Lake Association

December 05, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Joel Daly, Barbara DiVecchia, Tobi Howell, Bill Cashin, Jennifer West

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 11/2/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Account Balances: Checking Account: \$9436.63
- Sue paid a website domain renewal charge that turned out to be a known scam: \$289 MM&S reimburse Sue for this cost
- Sue renewed the PO Box as well
- Sue proposed that we open a business Venmo account for CPLA. MM&S to have Sue open this account. Jeff will terminate the old account.

### **Committees:**

- **VLAP:** Bill reported that the state has a cyanobacteria assessment program that's in a startup phase. They're also doing a grant program through UNH to evaluate culverts/stream crossings: <https://www.des.nh.gov/land/roads/stream-crossings>
- **Social Media:** the next communication will be the year-end wrap-up.
- **Lake Host:** Jen reviewed the Boater Survey Report, although the numbers don't appear to be accurate.
- **Warrant Article:** We reviewed the warrant article petition. Jen will update the document and Sue will work to get the needed signatures for the document.

### **Communications:**

- **Spiny Naiad:** We are getting bids for treatment next summer. We got a list of approved vendors, and there are 3 for Country Pond. Cost estimates have come back from 2 of them:
  - 1 estimate from a guy who works by himself. 15 days for \$8000
  - 2 divers that we used last summer estimated \$16000 for 15 days
- Linda will be doing a season wrap-up covering the Boat Parade, raffle results, spiny naiad removal, VLAP, money from gaming commission, etc. Joel & Bill will prepare the VLAP content for Linda.
- No new membership donations
- Last month's minutes have been added to the website

### **Old Business:**

- Boat Ramp – There has been some activity observed at the boat ramp, so the assumption is that the test pits have been dug.
- Conflict of interest declarations: Sue's interpretation is that you will only need to submit something in writing if you have a conflicting interest.

### **New Business**

- Joel is working on the Google accounts but needs to complete his bio before he can submit the changes.
- Annual meeting date (preliminary): June 15, 2024. Actual date will be finalized at the next meeting.
- Liz MacNeil would like to become more involved in CPLA. Sue will ask Liz to provide some ideas on what she would be interested in.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday Jan 17, 2024 at 7PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

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## Country Pond Lake Association

November 02, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Joel Daly, Barbara DiVecchia, Tobi Howell, Bill Cashin

**Absent:** Jennifer West

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 9/13/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Sue reported that we received our 2<sup>nd</sup> check from the gaming commission for \$11,023. This is great news as we may not be getting any money from the state next year for invasive removal. We have 5 remaining gaming dates left. We must pay \$1000 as a Facility Rental Fee (\$200 per day for 5 days so far) for the gaming. Sue has already paid the \$50 lottery commission registration fee for next year. MM&S to continue to apply for gaming commission funds, all in favor.
- Account Balances: Checking Account: \$10,108.95; Savings Account: \$364.00  
Sue plans to move \$800 back to the savings account.

### **Committees:**

- **VLAP:** VLAP has been completed for 2023. We still have invasive weeds and cyanobacteria blooms but now we have the water quality data to go with it. Bill will be setting up dates for next year (5 total) in March 2024. Joel will work with Bill to add this year's VLAP data to the CPLA website.
- Tobi submitted some fish (2 perch, 3 bass, some bluegills) to the state for mercury testing. He has not gotten results back yet. This can be added to the match for mileage, etc.
- **Social Media:** Tobi made 1 post since our last meeting:
  - 9/20 – Notice regarding the flooding/no wake reminder
- **Lake Host:** We have around \$436 carry-over for next year. Some hosts were not able to work as many hours as projected so the personnel costs were below budget. MM&S to submit the warrant article for \$3000 again for next year, all in favor.

### **Communications:**

- Linda will be doing a season wrap-up covering the Boat Parade, raffle results, weed removal, VLAP, money from gaming commission, etc.

### **Old Business:**

- Spiny Naiad Survey – project was completed for this year. Divers worked a couple more days in mid-Sept. Overall, they covered roughly 80% of the areas with spiny naiad. We spent a total of \$8,160 on the divers. Amy Smagula of NHDES will give us guidance for getting bids for next year. We would like to get Newton involved in paying for some of these costs in the future since they contribute some funds for Pow Wow Pond invasive treatment. Greg will reach out to the Powwow Pond Council to see how they're getting funding from Newton. We may need to do a warrant article.
- Boat Ramp – Greg shared the survey/design plan from KV Partners. Test pits still need to be dug in order to finalize the plans and cost estimate for implementation – waiting on road agent. Greg to follow up on this as we're running out of time to get funding from Newton for this project next year. We would like to get a video of the boat ramp during a rainstorm.

### **New Business**

- The volunteer match worksheet got overlaid, so we lost some of the data. Joel reported that we can get a free google account as a non-profit with free 30Gb of data storage. Joel can set it up and invite everybody. It would be great to keep all our files in one spot. MM&S to have Joel set up a shared area and Gmail accounts for CPLA board members, all in favor.
- Joel will also be making some improvements to the CPLA website to make information more accessible to CPLA members.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday Dec 5, 2023, at 7PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

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## Country Pond Lake Association

September 13, 2023, 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Joel Daly, Barbara DiVecchia, Tobi Howell, Jennifer West

**Absent:** Bill Cashin

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 8/15/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Sue will work on invoices later this week. Divers have been paid. \$1000 has been paid to NH Lakes. We have 2 gambling dates coming up - 9/15 & 9/17 - that should bring in some money. The Raffle brought in \$580.

### **Committees:**

- **VLAP:** The August VLAP data showed that the phosphorous level was high in August due to the heavy rain runoff. There will be 1 final sampling in September.
- **Social Media:** Tobi gave the following update:
  - 8/25 – Raffle Announcement
  - 8/30 – Reminder for raffle
  - 9/8 – Cyanobacteria alert
- **Lake Host:**
  - We are down to 2 paid lake hosts. Our remaining budget is \$508.80, and Sue will be sending an additional \$500 for Lake Host. This will be enough money to cover the lake hosts until the end of September if needed.

### **Communications:**

- Linda will be doing a season wrap-up covering the Boat Parade, raffle results, weed removal, etc.
- Greg will be reaching out to the Kingston Conservation Commission to see if we can get funding for weed control.
- Greg sent an application back to Amy for the 2024 Plant Control Grant.

### **Old Business:**

- Spiny Naiad Survey – Not sure if there will be any further work done this year although we have remaining funds to do so. Greg expressed concern over pulling plants this late in the season since it was thought that they should not be disturbed after the plants have gone to seed.
- The Concannon Rd project has started

- Boat Ramp – the engineering company is planning to dig a test pit next week to test for drainage subject to the road agent’s availability.

### **New Business**

- Sue mentioned that several Grove members have expressed interest in receiving more information about what CPLA is doing, for example, weed removal, VLAP results, meeting minutes, etc. Recent VLAP data is not currently available on the website. Suggestion to send out emails to members with links to some of this information on the CPLA website. Joel has offered to assist Greg with making some improvements to the CPLA website to make information more accessible to CPLA members.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday Oct 18, 2023, at 7PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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## Country Pond Lake Association

August 15, 2023, 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Joel Daly, Bill Cashin, Barbara DiVecchia, Tobi Howell, Jennifer West

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 7/11/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Balance: \$10,155.09
- We received \$2748.89 from Ocean Gaming Commission for July 4. We have more dates coming in September.

### **Committees:**

- **VLAP:** Bill has completed sampling for the last 3 months. The latest results have been sent to Greg. Joel will assist Bill with the next sample, and Cathy Ross will assist Bill in September. Bill will continue to bring the samples to Concord the next day, and there was a suggestion for Bill to claim this mileage for reimbursement.
- **Social Media:** Tobi gave the following update:
  - June 11 – No Wake post
  - June 11 – Boat Parade reminder
  - June 11 – Last call for CPLA store
  - June 25 – Boat Parade reminder
  - June 28 – Boat Parade reschedule
  - Aug 12 – CPLA clothing ready for pickup
  - To do: Post results and photos from Boat Parade
- **Lake Host:**
  - We have coverage every day, just not every shift. Our current balance is \$1661.90. We have already met the \$1500 grant match for NH Lakes. There was a discussion about using any extra money to support our match requirement for the Watershed Assistance grant. We would need to keep the paid hosts through the end of September to use all the warrant funds.

### **Communications:**

- Linda will do communications for the Boat Parade results.
- Greg has made updates to the CPLA website to add info for former board members and CPLA history. Still need to add bios and photos for Barbara & Joel.

**Old Business:**

- Promotional Items: Greg mentioned setting aside a large men's shirt for Kingston road agent Phil Coombs. Sue mentioned possibly opening the store again for the fall.
- Spiny Naiad Survey – Divers have already spent 2 days pulling spiny naiad in the lake near Sunshine Drive and the island. They removed 24 gallons of material at a cost of \$1200. The divers will be returning later this week on Thursday & Friday.
- The Concannon Rd project will start soon. They will be using more granite curbing than initially planned.
- Boat Ramp – the engineering company has made a detailed survey plan of the boat ramp. They will be using a backhoe to dig some test pits, so we should notify residents that the boat ramp will be unavailable while they are doing this.
- The raffle and cook-off will be on Sept 2. Sue will be working with Michele Daly on the raffle.

**New Business:**

- Greg mentioned that we need an incident form for the insurance company.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday Sep 13, 2023, at 7PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm



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## Country Pond Lake Association

July 11, 2023, 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Joel Daly, Bill Cashin, Barbara DiVecchia, Tobi Howell, Jennifer West

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 6/6/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Balance is \$7557.56, breakdown: \$6093.45 in checking and \$1464.11 in savings
- Discussion about creating a separate account for the gaming proceeds. It was decided that for now we can just add another column to the existing spreadsheet to track this money. This can be revisited in the future if needed.

### **Committees:**

- **VLAP:** Bill took the first sample on May 25 with Sara Steiner and one intern. The last sample was taken on June 25 with Gino DiVecchia assisting Bill. Bill brought the samples to Concord the next day - results are not back yet. Water is very high – 36 feet at the highest point. Tobi will assist Bill with the next sampling on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Greg has received the missing data from 2022, so data is up to date as of May 2023.
- **Social Media:** Tobi gave the following update:
  - There has been a lot of activity this month (more followers, “likes”, comments, etc) probably due to the additional advisories.
  - June 9 – link to merchandise site
  - June 14 – posted link to Cyanobacteria Bloom Reporting Form
  - June 15 – posted lake friendly tips from NH Lakes
  - June 16 – posted info from Andrea’s presentation at the annual meeting
  - June 20 – posted link about LakeSmart program
  - June 23 – posted cyanobacteria warning/advisory
  - June 30 –cyanobacteria advisory removed
  - July 4 – No Wake post
  - July 11 – another no wake posting, Boat Parade reminder, and last call for CPLA store
- **Lake Host:**
  - We hired an additional person starting Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> who will be taking shifts on Monday, Sunday & Thursday in August. We may be \$100 - \$200 over budget. MM&S to send \$1500 to NH Lakes to cover payroll until the next meeting.

### **Communications:**

- Linda will do communications for the Boat Parade, the online store and the LakeSmart program.

### **Old Business:**

- Promotional Items: Twenty items have been purchased so far – we need to order a minimum of 36 items. CPLA may buy some items to make up the difference if needed – we can use some items in the raffle, and we could possibly give an item to each of the lake hosts. Sue will request that the store remain open for a while longer than the current closing date of July 12. It will take 1-2 weeks to receive the ordered items.
- Boat Parade – will be on July 29. Jenn will not be able to attend but has offered to use her yard for the BBQ following the parade. Sue mentioned that Jeannie had offered the Cashin's yard for the BBQ as well, and Bill will check with Jeannie and let the group know if they will host instead. Sue will ask for volunteers for setup/cleanup for the BBQ at the next Grove meeting, and she said we could get tables and chairs from the Grove. The group would like to see if any of the campgrounds would like to participate in the boat parade or provide a judge for the parade. Bill has reached out to some of the campgrounds already, and Joel volunteered to reach out to Country Pond campground. MM&S to spend \$300 for the boat parade and BBQ. Sue will look into possibly buying sandwiches instead of BBQ so no cooking required. Sue will also get a trophy for the parade.
- Watershed Assistance Grant – nothing has happened in the past month. Anything related to lake health can be logged toward this grant. Some discussion about whether the Lake Hosts' hours can be logged toward this.
- Spiny Naiad Survey – Greg has noticed some spiny naiad in the lake near his dock and shared some photos of it with the group. Amy Smagula will do a follow-up survey in 1-2 weeks.
- The raffle and cook-off will be on Sept 2. Sue will be working with Michele Daly on the raffle.

### **New Business:**

- Linda will create a conflict of interest declaration form and send it out to the group for individuals to sign.
- The group would like to recognize Jeannie Cashin for her contributions to CPLA as its founding member. Discussion to make her an honorary member of CPLA, give her an item from the CPLA store, and give her a plaque for being a founding board member.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday Aug 15, 2023, at 7PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

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## Country Pond Lake Association

June 6, 2023, 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Jeannie Cashin, Bill Cashin, Barbara DiVecchia, Tobi Howell, Jennifer West

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 5/5/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Balance is \$7332.32, breakdown: \$5868.45 in checking and \$1463.87 in savings

### **Committees:**

- **VLAP:** Bill took the first sample on May 25 with Sara Steiner and one intern. The next sample will be taken on June 25 and Gino DiVecchia will assist Bill.
- **Social Media:** Tobi gave the following update:
  - There has been a lot more activity than usual this month (more followers, “likes”, comments, etc)
  - May 10 – annual meeting announcement and event created.
  - May 23 – cyanobacteria advisory posted. A lot of activity was generated on Facebook due to this posting.
  - May 30 – Another reminder about the annual meeting as well as details regarding the re-sampling for cyano. He also posted the link to use to report cyano blooms.
  - June 6 – Post about the cyano advisory being removed.
- **Lake Host:**
  - There are a few more people who will be doing shifts – Jenn to send out the schedule to the group.

### **Communications:**

- A reminder for the annual meeting was printed in the Carriage Town News and emailed to CPLA members. Also, an email was sent to Kingston Lake Association & the Pow Wow Pond council to invite them to the annual meeting.
- The date for the boat parade needs to be changed because Sue will be out of town. The new date will be July 29. Jenn cannot be there but said we could use her yard for the gathering afterwards.
- The raffle and cook-off will be on Sept 2, cook-off item TBD. Sue will be working with Michele Daly on the raffle. Raffle tickets will be sold on-line and at the event. Need to reach out for raffle donations.

- CPLA Website – need to add the link that can be used to report cyano blooms. The Supporters page will be updated after the annual meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

- Annual meeting: The agenda and presentations for the annual meeting were reviewed. Jenn will get the refreshments. Linda has the papers that will be given to paid CPLA members for voting at the meeting.
- CPLA By-Laws discussion – Linda will do the By-Laws presentation at the annual meeting. Any additional changes to the by-laws will be made after the annual meeting. Linda suggested that we reach out to NH Lakes to help us with the By-Laws. Jeannie said that she would be submitting a letter, resigning from the Board of Directors. Joel Daly would like to be a member-at-large of the CPLA Board of Directors.
- CPLA Online Store - Items available on the website were reviewed. We want to limit the color palette available for promotional items (tan and blue, gray if no tan available). The store website will be mentioned at the annual meeting and at the WGCOA meeting, and Tobi will do a post when the store is open. The decision was made to keep the store open until our next meeting on July 11.

#### **New Business:**

- Spiny Naiad Grant – Amy sent additional terms & conditions for this grant: CPLA members cannot do any of the work. CPLA members can only observe, not participate. A new survey will be performed by NHDES in July to determine if diving treatment is required.
- Concannon Road Culvert – One of the culverts on Concannon Rd was filled with concrete by the Newton Highway Dept. An emergency permit (failing culvert) was granted by NHDES to do this work. Greg is investigating what will happen to the other culvert.
- MM&S to add Joel Daly to the CPLA Board of directors as a member-at-large.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday July 11, 2023, at 7PM**

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm

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## Country Pond Lake Association

May 3, 2023, 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Jeannie Cashin, Bill Cashin, Barbara DiVecchia, Jennifer West, Sally Soule

**Absent:** Tobi Howell

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 4/11/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Balance is \$7001.22, breakdown: \$5537.35 in checking and \$1463.87 in savings
- Member renewals: Received \$200 in membership renewals on Earth Day

### **Committees:**

- **VLAP:** Bill contacted Sara Steiner – she will come on May 25 with 2 interns to do preliminary testing. No oxygen testing this year. She will also bring sample bottles for June as well so there is no need to go get them. There will be 5 testing cycles this year.
- **Social Media:** Tobi gave the following update via email:
  - 4/21/23 - we posted an Earth Day reminder
  - We are currently in a flood situation. Suggested that we do an email and FB post for the end of the week/weekend when the weather is set to improve about boaters and wake/ waves etc... (Like we did in July 2021)
- **Lake Host:**
  - No staffing yet other than a few volunteers. Irena's exchange students may be able to volunteer. Jenn still needs to investigate using Handshake (UNH).

### **Old Business:**

- Proposed Bylaws Changes: MM&S, all in favor, to accept the proposed changes to the Bylaws. There will be an email blast ahead of the annual meeting to ask members to review the proposed changes before the meeting, no discussion is planned at the meeting. There will be a simple yes or no vote to approve the changes at the annual meeting.
- Funding from gaming commission – Sue has submitted the required documentation & a check, and she is waiting to hear back from them.
- Promotional Item (tank tops) – MM&S to approve \$640 for the purchase of 40 tank tops (20 for men & 20 for women, in various sizes) at \$16 each. If possible, we would like to have these available for purchase at the annual meeting in June. Jeannie will submit the order.

### **New Business:**

- Watershed Assistance Grant: After a long (6+ months) process, the Watershed Assistance Grant has been approved. Time & expenses spent on this project since June 1, 2022 may now be submitted for grant match. The work done for Earth Day can be submitted, as well as VLAP monitoring (gas for boat & mileage for delivering samples). Need to review the \$ rates that can be used for professional and volunteer time.

A contractor for the boat launch design has been hired. Greg & the Kingston road agent (Phil Coombs) have reviewed the Concannon site, and the project looks less complicated than expected. Sally suggested that we tell the contractor that materials are “not to exceed” a specific amount to keep the costs down. We may need Sally’s help with how to submit invoices for this project.

- Annual meeting: The agenda for the annual meeting was reviewed. Greg to ask Andrea to bring materials on lake health topics to the meeting. MM&S to spend \$100 on refreshments for the meeting (water, coffee & cookies) and \$40 for bags to use for handing out flyers at the meeting. Jenn will get the refreshments and Linda will get the bags.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday June 6, 2023, at 7PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

# Minutes

## Country Pond Lake Association

April 11, 2023, 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Tobi Howell, Jeannie Cashin, Bill Cashin, Barbara DiVecchia, Jennifer West

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 3/14/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Balance is \$7168.20, breakdown: \$5684.57 in checking and \$1483.63 in savings

### **Committees:**

- **VLAP:** Bill said dates have not been set yet, but they are ready to go. Just need to get sample bottles. Dissolved oxygen reading won't be taken this season. Sara Steiner, NHDES, will be present for the first sampling and bring two interns for training.
- **Social Media:** Tobi did several posts recently, including:
  - 3/16/23 Save the Dates for Earth Day and the Annual Meeting
  - 3/27/23 Email blast about Earth Day
  - 4/10/23 Unital's proposal to spray herbicides in Kingston
  - Next post will be the official Earth Day poster.
- **Lake Host:**
  - There are currently 3 people interested in doing shifts, roughly 15 hours per week. Sue may be available for a shift or 2 during the week. Jenn will reach out to past volunteers to see if there is any interest in volunteering this year. No real leads through NH Lakes.

### **Communications:**

- Greg received a phone call from Executive Councilor Janet Stevens, who congratulated him on the Watershed Assistance Grant (apparently, she considers it a slam-dunk). Councilor Stevens asked about funding for implementation of the boat ramp project since the WAG only covers the engineering planning stage. Greg told her that an additional \$60-75K was needed to implement the plan and she said that there may be funds available for this. Councilor Stevens sent a request to Commissioner Scott to discuss funding for this project.
- Some discussion on the paving project on Concannon Rd in Kingston. Phil Coombs (Kingston Road Agent) will oversee this project. Need to go over the details with the residents of Concannon Rd.
- Earth Day brochures and flyers have been printed.

- Linda will be doing a press release in the Carriage Town News regarding the annual meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Proposed Bylaws changes were reviewed in detail. MM&S, all in favor, to accept changes as discussed. Proposed changes need to be sent out 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Linda will update and send out the final document for the board to review and approve via email before sending it out to members.

**New Business:**

- The Boat Parade will be on Aug. 5, 2023 - Jenn will host.
- Vote to accept grant for Spiny Naiad remediation. MM&S to allow Greg to sign the Grant Agreement. Jenn to execute Certificate of Authority document that will allow Greg to sign the Grant Agreement document. Amy Smagula will do another survey to see if the Spiny Naiad remediation is necessary.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday May 3, 2023, at 7PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm



# Minutes

## Country Pond Lake Association

March 14, 2023, 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Tobi Howell, Jeannie Cashin, Bill Cashin, Barbara DiVecchia, Jennifer West

**Minutes:** Minutes from the 1/3/2023 meeting were reviewed. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

### **Treasurers report:**

- Balance is \$7454.55, breakdown: \$5970.92 in checking and \$1483.63 in savings

### **Committees:**

- **VLAP:** Bill talked to Pat at the Newton Recreation Committee about the kiosk at the Newton Town Beach, and it has been approved. Bill will put the kiosk in place when the weather improves.
- **Social Media:** Tobi did a post in January, and he did another post today (3/14/23) to remind people to vote yes on Article 18. Tobi will do future posts communicating the results of the warrant article, the grant for stormwater runoff, the new brochure, etc.
- **Lake Host:**
  - NH LAKES Grant Application: We qualified for \$1,730. Once we get the results of the warrant article, we need to post for these positions. Sue to investigate where we posted last year.

### **Communications:**

- Promotion of raffle result (plane ride). A write-up was done by Sue and Jeannie, and Greg added it to the CPLA page along with some photos.
- Linda to start a list for thank you/receipt letters for 2023 membership donations.
- Brochure update: Linda has updated the brochure and will confirm the cost to print the new brochures. MM&S, all in favor, to print 150 copies of the brochure for Earth Day, which is on 4/22/23. Also looking into adding a flyer to give out along with the brochure.
- Linda will do an email blast for Earth Day. Some discussion on bogus emails, but all agreed that there is no harm sending an email to a potentially bogus email address. Linda will investigate the bad emails, but not a top priority.

### **Old Business:**

- Watershed Assistance Grant
  - No update from Sally

- Trish sent a package to Sue about receiving funding from the gaming commission (**Ocean Gaming**). The next step is for Sue to get fingerprinted. Sue does not think there is a 2-year waiting period, but she will verify. MM&S, all in favor, to approve \$300 for the gaming commission application and Sue's fingerprinting cost.

**New Business:**

- Annual meeting date was confirmed for Saturday June 10. Still need to confirm a speaker for the meeting . Greg to contact the Kingston Library to reserve a room for the meeting. The group agreed that in-person attendance at this meeting should be encouraged, so no option to attend the meeting via Zoom will be offered. Need to send out a save-the-date reminder.
- The CPLA promotional item this year will be tank tops with the same design that was used for the t-shirts in the past. Jeannie to get more information before the next meeting regarding sizing choices (male & female), quantity and cost.
- Proposed Bylaws changes – Jeannie has reviewed the bylaws and has made some changes to simplify the verbiage. She will send out the proposed changes for review, and the group will discuss at the next CPLA meeting. Any proposed changes need to be sent out 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday April 11, 2023, at 7PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Minutes  
**Country Pond Lake Association**

1/03/2023

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm via Zoom

Present: Greg Senko, Sue Zipkin, Linda Foss, Tobi Howell, Jeannie Cashin, Bill Cashin, Barbara DiVecchia

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the 12/7/2022 meeting were reviewed, and minor updates were made. MM&S to accept the minutes, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The bank balance is \$7273.85
- Sue paid \$550 to insurance company

**Committees:**

**VLAP**

- No update – waiting for ice-out. Bill mentioned that he has the kiosk that was on Jay Hubbard's barn. Bill to reach out to Pat to ask for permission to place on the Newton Town Beach. Bill to work with Alicia to see if NH DES wants to do an ice-out sample this year.

**Social Media and Communications**

- Tobi posted the winter wrap-up email on Dec.21 with typical response.
- Sue & Jeannie to do write-up of the raffle result (plane ride) to post on the website. Included in this write-up should be a thank-you to the raffle donors.
- Next email blast will be for the ice fishing derby. Suggestion to hand out brochures at derby. MM&S to approve \$100 to print 100 brochures for CPLA. Discussion about having a warming fire and serving refreshments during the derby at either Jen's beach or the Cashin's beach. Sue will ask Jen to check with the Newton Fish & Game Club to see if they are ok with CPLA having a food stand at the derby. Sue to ask Jason if we can borrow the hot dog steamer for this event.
- Jeannie made a few suggestions for the website:
  - Remove the info about the CPLA hats since there are none available for sale
  - Update website to add a request for volunteers to help CPLA, not just requests for financial support

- Recognize the raffle sponsors on the website. Linda to send Greg a list of raffle donors, which will be added to the sponsorship page of the website.

### **Lake Host Program**

- The petition for the 2023 Lake Host warrant article is due on January 10, and Sue will be getting the required signatures. The planned warrant article will request \$3,000 of Lake Host funding from the town.
- Convert to Selectman's article next year – will be less work and no need for signatures.
- Sue reported that Jen was told that there is someone interested in the lake host position.

### **Old Business:**

- Watershed Assistance Grant
  - No updates

### **New Business:**

- Sue has reached out to Jeff and his wife Trish to investigate funding from gaming commission. Trish will be checking with her contact at the casino for more information, and Jeff offered to attend an upcoming CPLA meeting. Requirements for this funding:
  - Need to be a non-profit 501C
  - Need to be registered with NH Charitable Trust
  - 2 year waiting period
- Speaker for annual meeting – Linda suggested we have a speaker that will give a more nature-oriented presentation (for ex., wildlife, loons, eagles). She also mentioned that NH Lakes could do a presentation on lakes and climate change, and this would be free - contact Andrea Moreau at NH Lakes for this. The annual meeting will be in June – date TBD at next meeting.
- Jeannie mentioned that the changes to the bylaws need to be done before the annual meeting. She will send out the recommended changes, and the group will discuss at the next CPLA meeting.
- Greg reviewed the budget for 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm

Next meeting Tuesday, January 7, 7:00pm