

Board Meeting Minutes

Country Pond Lake Association

July 16, 2025

Meeting called to order by Joel Daly at 7:01 pm via Google Meet

Present: Joel Daly, Bill Cashin, Greg Senko, Linda Foss, Sue Zipkin, Liz MacNeil, Tobi Howell, Michele Daly

Minutes: MM&S to accept the special meeting minutes from 05.28.25 and 05.30.25 as written

Treasurer's Report:

- Current checking balance: \$38,513.26
- Paid membership: 28 members, \$1,220 collected; membership trending upward.
- Partial insurance payment made; second half set to autopay.
- Gambling Fundraiser Update
 - January event raised \$5,371 (below expectations); September date expected to perform better.
 - Annual revenue goal (budgeted) from gambling fundraiser: \$7,700.
 - Renewal paperwork submitted annually by Sue.

VLAP (Volunteer Lake Assessment Program):

- Third week of testing scheduled for Sunday, July 20; results will be posted online.
- State testing transition to Eric Pine may cause brief delay, but the state target remains a week or less turnaround time.
- Bill has continued concern over low oxygen levels below 10 feet in the East section (30 ft depth).
- Oxygen testing is no longer performed by DES due to cost; CPLA does not own an oxygen meter.
- Discussion of anaerobic vs aerobic bacteria and lake turnover issues.
- Recent cyanobacteria bloom has subsided.

Social Media Updates:

- Two posts since last meeting:
 - DES cyanobacteria bloom tracker link.
 - Boat parade promotion (shared 10+ times via multiple community channels). shared 10 times, including whispering pines campground shared it, and via email.

Lake Host Program:

- Program leadership transitioning from Joel to Liz this week.
- Net Income (fund for lake host payroll) is down to \$1,987, need to send a check to NH Lakes with additional funds.
- MM&S approved \$5,000 being sent to the Lake Host Program.

Communications:

- Boat parade email was sent.
- Linda is preparing presentations for Newton and Kingston Select Boards to maintain town relationships and position for future funding needs.
- Kingston funding process for invasive species treatment remains problematic; reimbursement funds are often misallocated to the general fund so they do not appear as their own line item in the budget and can get lost.

Old Business

- Annual Meeting: General review and discussion on ways to improve.
- Boat Parade: Volunteers needed for setup and cleanup.
- Ramp Project:
 - RFP sent to Newton Road Agent and Highway Department.
 - Bids to include references, cost, and performance bond.
 - NH Lakes (via Sally) providing invaluable guidance; expected bid submissions within weeks.
 - Contractor payment can begin at 20–30% of bid upon approval.
 - Greg will share the project schedule with Sue to anticipate the payment schedule.
- 2025 Diver Program: PSA - Social media posts to be made and an email reminder sent about what the diver flags mean.
- Kingston Watershed Committee: They do not have detailed engineering plans at this time and CPLA is providing advice and support.

New Business:

- MM&S approved \$575 for payment of attorney's fees.
- Board bio and photo for Michele Daly.
- Spiny Naiad sightings reported.
- Fundraising discussion: raffle planning.
- Weed growth concerns have been raised to board members; Greg shared that only hand-pulling on own property permitted without a permit. He noted that there is a potential permit option for nuisance plants but that requires community support and funding if it gets to that.

Action Items:

- Greg – Share ramp project schedule with Sue.
- Tobi – Promote diver flag awareness on social media.
- Linda – Promote diver flag awareness via email.
- Boat Parade on Saturday, August 16: Need help with logistics - set up/clean up.
- Talk to people at boat parade social about weeds.
- Need help to secure raffle donations for August 31 Cookout.
- Michele Daly bio and picture for webpage

Next Meeting Date and Place: Wednesday, August 13, 7pm via Google Meet

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm