

Country Pond Lake Association

Via Zoom
May 28, 2025

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm via Google Meet

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

Review and accept minutes from last meeting:

Sue said that the bank balance in the minutes should be corrected, with the appropriate amount being \$38,926.06. MM&S to accept the minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's report:

- Form 990 has been filed.
- Budget expenses have been updated to include charges for printing and Earth Day refreshments.
- Sue is working on the application for additional liability insurance in preparation for the boat ramp construction. The agent Sue is working with said that all companies offer the same coverage and recommended going with the least expensive, is Great American. MM&S to spend \$661 for the annual premium for \$1m coverage as first quoted, with the provision to spend up to \$700 if needed. It was agreed to start the insurance now, as the bidding process is about to begin.
- Sue requested that the Annual Meeting reminder include a request for dues.

VLAP:

- May sampling has been done. June's sample will be taken on the 22nd.

Social Media:

- The Annual Meeting announcement was posted and an event was created.
- Shared an NH LAKES post regarding turtles.
- Shared the NH DES cyanobacteria bloom report and links to the state website.

Communications:

- Joel created a document

Lake Host: Joel reported that Pat has had trouble finding both volunteer and paid lake hosts. She created flyers and has been posting them in various locations including the Newton town website and UNH. Various ways to find paid employees were discussed. Liz said that 16 year olds can be Lake Hosts. She will try to reach out to someone at Sanborn Regional High School. CPLA had been offering \$14 per hour, but \$15 per hour is the average.

MM&S to raise the pay rate for Lake Hosts to \$15 per hour, and to raise the pay rate for the Lake Host Manager to \$17 per hour.

Old Business:

- Annual Meeting.
 - Greg said that the library meeting room was repaired and would be ready in time for the meeting.
 - Greg will check with the divers to confirm that they are still planning to speak.
 - Sally Soule cannot make the meeting but will send Greg a couple of slides to present on the boat ramp grant.
 - VLAP. Bill said he is ready to do a brief presentation.
 - Lake Host. Joel will present slides and will introduce Liz.
 - Finance. Sue will present the budget. She will break out the boat ramp costs and grant to be sure members understand that it should be considered separately from the rest of the budget since the funds are restricted.
- Sue and Liz will handle refreshments.

New Business:

- Nominations. Sue had a couple of people in mind to nominate as Secretary.
- Ramp project. Greg is working on the construction bid request, the first draft is completed. Greg will schedule a meeting with the Newton Select Board to report progress and to ask if the town has any special practices regarding bids of that size. Greg asked KV Partners for a bid on engineering oversight for the project, as that will not be required to be included in the construction bid. Construction permits are in place.
- Ramp project. Greg reported that he met with Sally Soule of NH DES and Samantha Parkman of NH LAKES at the boat ramp to familiarize Samantha with the project
- Cyanobacteria bloom. Bill reported a cyanobacteria bloom to NH DES and brought the sample to Concord for testing. The test came back positive, although weak. Bill said the he has seen other blooms since then.
- Boat Parade. Sue suggested that the Boat Parade be held on August 16, as it was one of few weekend days that she would be available to organize it. The Cashins will host the party if they are available, and the Adamses will be backup.
- Kingston Watershed Committee. Greg reported that the Kingston Select Board has created an ad hoc committee to carry out the BMPs listed in the Watershed Management Plan for Great Pond and Greenwood Pond that was done for Kingston Lake Association. Greg contacted the committee chair and asked if a representative from CPLA could participate, as Country Pond is in the same watershed and also has some BMPs in Kingston that need to be implemented.
- Facebook Post. Ashley McKee posted information on the Wilders Grove FB page about Diquat being linked to Parkinson's disease and that CPLA was planning to use Diquat in Country Pond. The board decided to send a response that we had planned diver remediation for this year, that we do not make proposals, DES makes proposals, and CPLA carries them out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

Action item – Linda to write/send email blast reminding residents of cyanobacteria bloom reporting guidelines.