

Annual meeting minutes, July 13, 2024

Meeting opened that 10:04 AM

1. Rhonda welcomed everybody
2. Moment of silence for Les Carpenter and other persons on the pond who died in the last year.
3. Rhonda welcomed Alex Huizenga. From Stone Environmental Consulting firm. His firm is contracted by the state to help with the watershed action plan. He explained they are going to be surveying this area over the next 2 years and give recommendations to the state. Typically, they report top 5-10 things on an action plan. He did describe that phosphorus is slowly increasing in most Vermont ponds. This is from runoff from roads streams and lawns.

Identify areas that are chronically washed out. He can come to your camp and evaluate. See how you could improve your camp to minimize runoff directly into the pond and have it filtered before it enters the pond. Make recommendations. Participation is voluntary.

If 15% of our pond area becomes Lake wise Certified, then our pond is listed and being Lake wise certified.

Sharlene noted the Better Back Roads program replaced all the culverts several years ago.

Phosphorous is a limiting nutrient for cyanobacteria. If we minimize phosphorous, we minimize cyanobacteria. Phosphorous enters from non-filtered water entering the pond.

Mike asked about beavers. Alex said there is not a lot you can do as if you move them others will come. You can wrap a large tree with wire to try and prevent the damage.

Joe asked about Rails to Trails and how the asphalt will contribute to water runoff into the watershed. Alex said Vermont rail trails are not asphalt and that the run off from the gravel could create an issue.

Jared asked about people with a long lawn leading to the water. Will Alex's firm make them change it? Alex related that this is all voluntary. They don't make recommendations unless the homeowner agrees.

There were maps available to view and Alex remained to solicit questions.

4. Membership
 - a. 68 full members
 - b. 6 associate members
5. Rhonda welcomed Joe and Marge Donovan from Michigan
6. PayPal
 - a. Set up on the website
 - b. PayPal takes a 75-cent fee.
 - c. Consider adding the 75 cents to your purchase.
7. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$1068.29 income this year

- b. Board purchased \$10,000 CD
 - c. Will earn \$450 by 1/2/2025
- 8. Water quality report
 - a. Rhonda read Virginia's note.
 - b. See enclosed note.
 - c. Mark Swistak asked if we can contest the wake boat rule.
 - d. Dave Richardson has not seen a wake boat on the pond yet.
 - e. Wake boats are a concern that they bring in milfoil.
- 9. Discussion about the greeter program
 - a. Ends August 18 b/c no one to work after that.
 - b. Virginia took the course and may work some after that.
 - c. John Haugsrud suggested we ask other lakes if they have persons that want to work here.
- 10. Barb thanked the following persons for their MPCA participation
 - a. Mark and Fred for barbecue
 - b. Virginia water quality
 - c. Pam arranging the caterer for tonight
 - d. Rhonda for doing website and newsletter
 - e. Chris and Sue for ice out
 - f. Sue for helping arranging photos for calendar.
 - g. Barb and Ed for Sid's Pantry and little library.
- 11. Barb spoke about
 - a. Adult books getting checked out from the library
 - b. Children books not so much.
 - c. John Hausgrud donated some children's books
 - d. Vinnie donated books he authored and spoke about his books and writing history.
 - e. Thanks to Mark and Julie for music fest last night.
- 12. Events so far this year
 - a. 4th of July
 - i. Patriotic skier
 - ii. Freedom flyer
 - iii. Boat parade – 18 boats

iv. Sailing regatta

1. 5 boats
2. Jeff Roy won

b. Barbecue tonight

- i. Salt Bistro to supply chicken
- ii. \$8 per person not a member.

c. Bingo change date

- i. 17th now not 10th.
- ii. Thanks to Mike to organize.

d. Calendar photo submissions

- i. Submit now.

13. Board Members nominations

- a. Chris and Fred are done
- b. Joe Donovan would like to be on the board. (Question bylaw year of membership)
- c. Karen Thomas agreed to be on the board.

14. Open Discussion

a. Dave Richardson

- i. Thanks to Rhonda for the newsletter.
- ii. Cell tower is supposed to fly a balloon today for 4 hours.

b. Bob Briggaman

- i. Why was meeting, barbecue postponed to this Saturday?
- ii. Rhonda related her mistake.
- iii. Proposal to vote for which Saturday next year.
 1. Votes for Saturday after the Friday 4th. 20 votes
 2. Votes for the Saturday after the 4th of July weekend 11 votes
- iv. Plan – barbecue and meeting to be held on July 5th, 2025.
- v. Bob Brigham suggested we amend the bylaws if this is the new process.

c. Free Table

- i. Ben asked if anyone could place items
 1. Yes,
 2. Glenn related please take your item if it does not get picked up.

3. Asked whoever put the tiles pick them up.
 4. Ben has water ski items, wake board items.
- d. Boat ramp washout
- i. Jeff asked if we could fix this area.
 - ii. Alex Huizenga noted this area and will bring this up with the state.

Respectfully submitted by Glenn Adams