

Clough Pond Association
Annual Meeting – August 16, 2008

The Annual Meeting of the Clough Pond Association was held on Saturday, August 16, 2008, at 4 p.m. at the beautiful new home of Andy and Deb Knowlton at 83 Berry Road, Loudon.

A quorum was present. Prior to a potluck supper, the meeting was called to order by President George Page and ballots were handed out. George explained that the Nominating Committee had not found any candidate for President (he was not running for re-election) or to complete the two years of the Secretary's term as Patsy Booher was resigning. George asked if anyone was interested in being nominated for those positions. He asked for someone to take the Minutes of the meeting. Lou Cote volunteered. Emma Tillotson nominated Tom Edwards for Secretary, and Tom agreed to accept the position. After voting, we sat down to a splendid meal. (Unofficial note: during the meal the Knowltons' dog "Checkerberry" kept trying to alert us that "Something was wrong with Timmy. ... Was he stuck in the well?")

SECRETARY'S REPORT: In the absence of a Secretary, following supper Lou Cote read the Minutes of the June 21st meeting that had been written by Patsy. A motion was made by Nancy Rondeau, seconded by Joe LaBontee, to accept the Minutes. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was read by Jean Cote. She reported that we have \$2,572.79 in the checking account, plus money recently received for dues. We have 6 Single Memberships and 23 Family Memberships equaling 51 voting members for 2008-2009. Jean answered a couple of questions on the written report which she had handed out to the members. A motion was made by Lou Cote to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit; seconded by David Drake. The motion carried.

LAKE HOST PROGRAM: Steve Abbe spoke about this year's program. We are still looking for additional people to volunteer as Lake Hosts. He explained that it is only necessary to watch a 20-minute DVD to be qualified to serve as a Lake Host. He reported that so far this summer the Lake Hosts have inspected 324 boats and put in 166 hours at a value of \$18/ hour and \$3,116.00 towards meeting our Match. We received a donation of \$1,000 from the Loudon Conservation Commission that helped us meet the requirements for our grant from the N.H. Lakes Association.

Steve reported that there are 13 ponds within 25 miles of Concord that have Milfoil. We have an extension until October 15th to put in our hours inspecting boats. The number of people fishing is down now because of the warmer weather, and the fish need colder water to feed. The Town of Loudon is spending \$30,000 right now to combat the Milfoil in Rocky Pond. We gave a big "Thank You" to Steve, David Drake and all those who have volunteered as Lake Hosts.

George Page talked about fixing Berry Road and Clough Pond Road, and taking care of the Pond.

Deb Knowlton suggested that we make up a packet of information for prospective members and neighbors to tell them about the Association and the Pond. The packet could include a copy of our By-Laws and explain the purpose and objectives of the Association.

OLD BUSINESS: Curt Darling gave a report on the water testing he has done for the past fifteen years. He said the phosphorous levels are higher than they have been, but it could be due to all the rain we have had.

NEW BUSINESS: We have membership cards available for those who want them.

Prior to reading the results of the voting, George reported that there were write-ins for the office of President, and asked for any nominations from the floor. Curt Darling, whose name was written in, declined. Andy Knowlton, after much thought, agreed to serve the two-year term as President.

Lou Cote made a motion, seconded by Priscilla Giles, to elect all of the four eligible candidates on the ballot for the Board of Directors: David Drake, Priscilla Giles, Debra Knowlton, and Nancy Rondeau who will all serve two-year terms. Motion carried. Tom Edwards will complete the two remaining years of the Secretary's three-year term, and Andy Knowlton will serve the two-year term as President.

George thanked the Knowltons for hosting the meeting. Curt Darling made a motion, seconded by Perry Hayden, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lou Cote

Secretary Pro Temp

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