



Clough Pond Association

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Minutes: Meeting of September 29, 2010

A Meeting of the Clough Pond Association Board of Directors was held on September 29, 2010 at the home of Andy Knowlton.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

- President Andy Knowlton called the meeting to order at 6:32pm and noted that a quorum was present. In attendance were: Andy Knowlton, Debra Knowlton, Jean Cote, Tom Edwards, Emma Tillotson, Roanne Sanborn, and Nancy Rondeau. Priscilla Giles and Deb Lincoln were absent.

Addition of Last Minute Agenda Items

- None

Minutes of the Last Board Meeting

- Motion to accept the Minutes was made, seconded and approved subject to the addition of the Balance in the Treasury being added to the Minutes.

Secretary's Report

- Tom said he had nothing to report that was not already included in the agenda.

Treasurer's report

- The balance is currently \$2,182.21.
- Motion to accept the Report was made, seconded, and approved subject to audit.

Committee Reports

- Lake Conservation Corps Committee Report

Tom reports on the meeting at Emma's last week. Tom contacted NHLAKES (Brett) about what was needed to proceed. They just wanted us to be on board and if we can find any sources of funding or supplies we should go ahead and seek them out.

There was some discussion about possible businesses that may be interested in sponsoring some of the LCC activity.

At Emmas' we talked about an effort to get information about the program out to

the residents around the pond.

Andy noted that George Page told him the he had talked with David Rice and that David had contacted the Selectmen and that they were ready to participate but were waiting on a letter from us. We seem to be a little out of phase on this one. In fact we need a letter from the town saying that they want to participate in the LCC program. This needs to be straightened out.

Letters were submitted to NHLAKES by Tom, Nancy and Emma to have their properties included as candidates. Other candidates are still being accepted. In fact, the main reason for getting letters in early is so that NHLAKES can use them in making their funding requests to potential grantors. It takes candidate projects for them to be successful in securing funds.

Note that they hope to change their funding availability timeframes. They found that in the past they have discovered after the first year that there are some tweaks that they want to do with a project when they see the actual results of their efforts. So from here on out they will be asking that the funds do not expire the first year and that they will keep some in reserve for the next year. But they do want to do most of the work in the first year.

We need to work the letters and information to get it out to the residents.

If we are going to put out a press release on the LCC projects NHLAKES would like to preview the release before it is released. As a courtesy primarily.

Old Business

- Lake Host Program Update – Staffed the ramp from May 29 through August 13. Inspected a total of 161 boats: 36 in May, 59 in July, 41 in June, 25 in August. The days of the week where we are the busiest are Friday and Saturday. And given the 36 inspections in May obviously Memorial Day weekend was our busiest weekend. Note: this counts boats, not inspections so when a boat was inspected on entry and again on exit Nancy's count reflected 1 boat not two. Next year we will likely receive no more than \$750 from NHLAKES because of the low boat count.

Nancy notes that we may want to consider diverting some of our focus to other programs than the Lake Host Program. We are a small pond with virtually no recreational boaters except fishermen. Our milfoil risk is minimal. Perhaps the CPA should focus our attention onto other areas as well. But remember we had a SAVE in 2005. So the threat is real.

Deb Lincoln and Cherie Pernaw have expressed an interest in helping the program next year.

We need training early in the season.

We need somehow to get more participation in the volunteer ramp duty. It takes

pestering to get them to act.

Nancy makes the point that the Weed Watchers Program would be a great compliment to the Lake Host Program. At this time we informally check for weeds every time one of us is on the pond. In order to take on the Weed Watchers Program, all we need is somebody to take on the program with a multi-year commitment. We need a leader on this to step up and make it happen. Then the CPA will get behind it.

Nancy wants to have the paid person do the ramp on weekends and holidays since those are the most important dates.

Motion to accept Nancy's report was made, seconded, and approved.

- Incident update: Katie is doing fine. May take advantage of some counseling. The Loudon Conservation Commission will be notified of the incident. We will ask them how they want to handle the non-used funds. We have about \$700 remaining.

- Membership Drive – We want to get the packet out before Christmas.

Welcome letter

By-Laws

Lake Host Program and Brochures

LCC Program and Brochures and pitch

Membership Form

Meeting schedules

Picnic table

Loon nest

- Loon Nest Update – George has some supplies and is point on this project. Looking to put it in place in the spring.

New Business

- Loudon Warrant for funding of the Lake Host Program. Discussion on whether we want to seek greater funding for the Lake Host Program by seeking a Town Warrant rather than working with the Loudon Conservation Committee?

Conclusion: We should leave this alone.

- Business Card Magnets – We want to add a magnet to the packet mailings.
- Next Board Meeting Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 at Nancy's.
- June Regular Meeting Sunday, June 26 at Roanne's. 4:00-5:00pm eats and social. Business meeting starts at 5:00pm. Decided that we would solicit a presenter for the August meeting and have no presenter in June.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Respectfully submitted

Tom Edwards