



Clough Pond Association

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Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting of July 25, 2013

A Meeting of the Clough Pond Association Board of Directors was held on July 25, 2013 at the Tom Edwards' camp.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

- President Andy Knowlton called the meeting to order at 6:36pm and noted that a quorum was present. In attendance were: Andy Knowlton, Debra Knowlton, Tom Edwards, Priscilla Giles, Mike Shields, and Jean Cote. Absent: Roanne Sandborn.

Addition of Last Minute Agenda Items

- Tom wants to add a discussion of the Loudon Conservation Commission grant request/funding for the Lake Host Program.

Minutes of the Last Board Meeting

- Motion to accept the Minutes of the June 6, 2013 Board Meeting was made, seconded and approved. Jean noted that the money left over at NHLAKES for the Lake Host Program was not left over money from the ramp issue we had two years ago but rather just money left over from last season. Tom will adjust that in the minutes.

Secretary's Report

- Nothing not already on the agenda.

Treasurer's report

- Jean passed out her latest report. Jean noted recent dues received and that she was holding an invoice from NHLAKES for the \$1,000 we pledged in the Lake Host grant application that is the usual we receive from the Loudon Conservation Commission. We agreed not to pay the invoice until we receive the money from the Commission and know to whom the check is written.

Andy reports that we have about \$832 left in the NHLAKES account for the Paid Lake Host.

Tom noted that there is no indication in the Treasurer's Report that some of the money in the account is dedicated to a particular program. On the surface the report seems to indicate we have about \$2,500 in the treasury and since that is generally around what we have seen for years we think we are doing alright. But

\$1,250 of that is additional grant money received unexpectedly from the Loudon Conservation Commission last year for the Lake Host Program. In reality we have only about \$1,250 in the account, a significant drop in funds in the last few years. While much smaller in size, we received some dedicated money for Lake Host Program in memory of Mel Tillotson a couple years ago and that was not kept separate in the account.

Is there a way that we can track that money in the Treasurer's Report so that it can be monitored more easily? We lost sight of that money and did not consider it in the planning for this year's Lake Host Program and should have. As a result we have more money than we can likely spend this year even though the money came in specifically to be used last year or this year for that program. Our problems with this run far deeper than it not showing on the Treasurer's Report. If that money were tracked on the report that would have served as a bottom line reminder that we have something to manage better.

Jean reports that she has done category reports in the past. Can we see balances and not just transactions in the report?

Related but financial sidebar issue: We still do not know the current status of a grant from the Loudon Conservation Commission. Andy will follow up with Julie Robinson.

We agreed that we would like to see a category report.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports

- Lake Conservation Corps Committee Report – Tom checked on the status of their return to Clough Pond to tweak the LCC projects, the Edwards' & Tillotson's projects. Still awaiting the grant adjustment that will enable their returning. Also they are looking to help us with the open house we are on the hook for, perhaps this year or next. Andy thought that perhaps they would be interested in creating a video or YouTube tour that could be linked to from the NHLAKES and CPA websites in lieu of the open house.
- Lake Host Program Update – Andy says things are OK. Losing one Paid Lake Host but Andy has a replacement to be trained soon. Emma will also be trained. Katie is moving out of the area and that is driving the change.
- NHVLAP Program Update – Deb reports that we took samples and await their results. We found the deep spot and took it to be in line with Giles/Black Marker and Lebontee/Drake. Generally water quality is good. Discussion took place about the location of the deep spot but Tom thought that we were close enough for water sampling.
- E. coli Testing – Tom still gathering data before he makes the proposal to the town. We do the sampling. The Town pays the lab fees. DES tells us that the Town does not participate in the state's Beach Program so they do not have any

results of testing. Fisk is the Health Officer for Loudon. This means that we will have to do a third, June sampling to comply but that is the state standard for both VLAP and e. coli testing. Among other issues we want to see the results of the tests and know that they are being taken reliably.

- Nominating Committee (Deb & Deb) – What is open: officers President, Secretary, Treasurer; and Nancy, Roanne, and one or two other vacant Board position. Willings: Jean for Treasurer, Tom for Secretary, Deb K. for President, Sandy Decato, and Andy Knowlton for Board Members.

Old Business

- Tom reports that he has Jason Aube to make the feature presentation. Tom described what he will talk about and his background. He is an Outreach Coordinator at DES.

No invite has been placed in the Ledger. Perhaps the Selectmen and LCC invited? Should we have a public announcement? Not advertised. Beanstalk posting? Beach posting? Flyers?

Tom will mail out the announcements. Tom has walked through the tax rolls to check on ownership and addresses. Does not necessarily have mailing addresses for all people.

Discussion about who has a list of addresses, where it is kept, how it is updated.

- Town Beach still needs to be checked on as to the sand replenishment. What is happening?

New Business

- What do we want to be? What do we want to do? Discussion about the organization. Random ideas were presented about what we can be doing. Generally what does the CPA want to be? Refresh the direction of the CPA. What are our plans for the next few years?
- Next Board Meeting – August 8, 2013, 6:30pm, Giles' camp.
 - Subject of meeting: What do we want to do/be for the next few years? Discuss. Make a list. Organize it for tomorrow.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm
Respectfully submitted
Tom Edwards