



Clough Pond Association

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Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting of October 9, 2014

A meeting of the Clough Pond Association Board of Directors was held on October 9, 2014 at the Knowlton's place.

Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

- President Deb Knowlton called the meeting to order at 6:33pm and noted that a quorum was present. In attendance were: Deb Knowlton, Tom Edwards, Jean Cote, Andy Knowlton, Emma Tillotson, George Hayden, Priscilla Giles, Deb Lincoln, Sandy Decato. Absent: Mike Shields.

Addition of Last Minute Agenda Items

- None

Minutes of the Last Board Meeting

- Confusion about the minutes prevailed.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance in \$1,431.92 in the account.
- Memberships are up from recent years. Likely attributed to better contacts through snail mail. So noted.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded, and approved.
- Follow-up discussion about the financial health of the organization.
 - Biggest expense over the years is the water testing.
 - Jean gave consideration to some of Tom's proposed accounting changes but felt it was overkill for this organization.
 - Concern was raised about the drop in the balance of the account over the past few years. It has been going down each year lately so we are spending more each year than we are taking in.
 - NHLAKES still has some left over money of ours that we are saving over there for next year but is not shown in the balance of our checking account.
 - Office supply expense are down mostly as a result of those expenses not being submitted for reimbursement, a donation if you will from the folks involved.
 - Sponsorships were discussed. Do we need a committee or what to move this forward. Not enough members to think we will get something moving.
 - Motion to approve going out and soliciting sponsorships was made, seconded, and approved. Tom and Deb L. to carry this forward.

Committee Reports

- **Lake Host Program Update**
 - Andy reviewed the available funds available and those used in the program.
 - We inspected 246 craft, over the 168 from the previous year.
 - We have about \$500 available to start next year.
 - Sandy noted that being there every weekend, especially in the morning, they were seeing the same people over and over again. Perhaps we need to mix up the days and times more.
- **VLAP Program Update**
 - Added in the 3rd sampling and much of that data is on the website.
- **E. coli Program Status**
 - Noted that the lifeguard ceased operation before the end of the season. No reason known to us.
 - Deb K will make contact with the Recreation Committee to gather input on the status of the beach as well as the e. coli at the same time. Again, no information available here at this time. E. coli, runoff, lifeguard, improvement of conditions, stepped beach, etc.
- **Get the Lead Out, NH**
 - Included at the ramp all summer long and got the information out to the boaters.
 - Many of our fisherpeople responded with "there is no lead in my tackle box. It has not been sold for a long time."

Motion to accept the Committee Reports was made, seconded, and approved.

Old Business

- **Accomplishments this year**
 - Did not get the town to buy into the VLAP and e. coli proposal.
 - Loudon Conservation Committee is on our side with their support of our efforts.
 - Article in the Concord Monitor and Loudon Ledger got more information out about the CPA than we have in the past few years.
 - The Lake Host On Duty sign is in use.
 - Clough Pond website now added to NHLAKES association links.
- **Membership ID Cards**
 - No financial reason to have membership cards.
 - We do want to give them something for their money. In hand. Take home.
 - We linked it to a receipt as a dual purpose.
 - We agreed to table this issue for the immediate future.
- **IRS 501(3)(c) Status**
 - No recommendation to continue seeking 501(c)(3) status from a financial contributions viewpoint.
 - Form now simplified for submission. Nut still costs \$300.

New Business

- Next Board Meeting - Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 6:30pm. Location remains to be resolved.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted, Tom Edwards