

Clough Pond Association

Pot Luck Meeting – Sunday June 28, 2015 4:00pm – Steve Jackson's (rain location)

Pot Luck with plentiful food & visiting – 4:00pm

Business Meeting – 5:00pm

Attendance: Sandy MacPherson, Steve & Ellen Jackson, Polly Touzin, Laura Darling, Sandy DeCato, Emma Tillotson, Tom Edwards, Lou & Jean Cote, Deb Lincoln, Priscilla Giles, George Page, George & Perry Haydn, Steve & Barri-Lynn Medeiros.

- I. Minutes of August 10, 2014 meeting were handed out and everyone perused the minutes. There were no corrections.
Discussion: Thanks to Steve Jackson & Ellen for hosting at the last minute due to rain. Thanks to Polly Touzin for coordinating (rain prevented us from meeting at her house.)
- II. Treasurers Report was handed out. Jean reported as of 6-28-2015 the balance in the treasury is \$1,722.72.
 - A. Tom explained the cost of the new sign (\$200.00) to be used by Lake Hosts at the ramp. The new sign has room for sponsors (Brookside Pizza gave us \$1,000.00 & their logo is displayed on sign, website and newspaper article.)
 - B. The old large sign at the boat ramp was cleaned up/repaired (\$72.90) and placed on posts (purchased by the Town). Mike Shields, Tom & Karen Edwards put the sign in place.
 - C. Other treasury related discussion
 - Jean thanked all who paid dues. The upcoming year starts Sept. 1
 - Question came up why doesn't Town take responsibility for water testing & Tom explained that they had been approached & their stance (Health & Safety Officer) is they don't want to pay for **ALL** the Loudon Pond's testing. Tom explained CPA pays for all water testing and we'll be adding E.coli to the VLAP tests. The Ledger will be notified of the E.coli results and the results will appear on website. E.coli testing is not mandated by the state.

- Polly wrote a nice article about Highland Lake's milfoil problem but the Ledger for some unknown reason did not print it in the June issue.
- Treasurers Report Accepted

III. Committee Reports

A. Lake Host Program – Sandy DeCato

- Sandy reported that NH Lakes reimburse us \$22.00 per hour of volunteering and that she is still looking for volunteers to fill the holes in the schedule. Contact her if available. The more volunteers we have the more math & grant \$ we receive.
- Discussion: some of the Lake Hosts don't wear Lake Host Hats or T Shirts. Perhaps visors would be more appealing to Lake Hosts? We'll ask if we can get visors.
- Can we have informational sign put up at boat ramp? i.e.

DID YOU KNOW...

- ›NO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT ON THE POND (2 PEOPLE OR LESS)
- ›Keep 150 ft. from shore when boating.

- Sandy reminded us that the Lake Hosts have Boater's guide with all that info available at the ramp.

B. Volunteer Lakes Assessment Program – Deb Lincoln

- Deb explained that the VLAP volunteers test the pond water in 4 different locations (including the beach for E.coli), once a month during June, July & August. The samples are taken to the State Lab and they send us the results approx a month later. The results are displayed on the CPA website. The CPA pays for all the testing.
- The State is hoping VLAP programs will test for cyanobacteria but need to provide us with more info & equip. before we can do that.
- Tom envisions a VLAP intern program perhaps using high school kids from Merrimack Valley or other source? Perhaps with 30 volunteer hours and a writing piece? (Tom's granddaughter will join us for the July & August sampling as a "pilot".)
- Sandy D. suggested internship would be a great thing to include in a Ledger Article.

C. Get The Lead Out Initiative – Sandy DeCato

Lake Hosts are also educating the fisherman about the detrimental effects of lead tackle to the Loon population. She would like to offer another Lead Free Tackle Swap on a high traffic weekend like we did last year on opening day.

D. Committee reports Accepted.

IV. Elections

A. Need President (Tom Edwards interim term expires 2015 but he offered to continue if nominated)

B. Need at least 4 Board of Directors

- Mike Shields & Emma Tillotson are stepping down
- George Hayden & Sandy DeCato will stay on if nominated
- Need someone to replace Deb Lincoln who moved to Sec.

C. Sandy McPherson volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

V. Old Business

A. Sponsorships – Tom spoke with Dick’s Sporting Goods but didn’t get a good reception.

B. We brainstormed Ideas of possible Sponsors

- Eggshell (opening day breakfast)
- Beanstalk
- Country Store on Village Road (Dan Plourde Sand & Gravel)
- Kim Bean – Dry Wall & Snow Plow
- Ads from Loudon Ledger
- Greg Fillmore
- Hungry Buffalo Restaurant
- Steve suggested the town make a \$150.00 line item in the budget for Clough Pond.

C. Membership

- Tom wants someone to keep the membership list updated so we can do a mailing/email at moment’s notice.
- 17 folks came to today’s meeting out of a mailing of 78 – Why?
- Ideas for August Meeting - Potluck August 16 - 4pm
Marine Patrol, Loon Preservation, Hatchery (fish & Game), State Legislators (Moffitt & Saunderson)

D. Meeting Adjourned 6:42pm - Respectfully submitted, Deb Lincoln