

Clough Pond Association

Potluck Meeting - August 16, 2015 – Home of Mike & Kathy Shields

Attendance: Kathy & Mike Shields, George Page, Lou & Jean Cote, Emma Tillotson, George & Perry Hayden, Carolyn Berry Mieth & Dick Clarey, Barri-Lynn & Steve Medeiros, Ellen & Steve Jackson, Deb Lincoln & Priscilla Giles, Tom & Karen Edwards

Meeting began at 5pm

I. Guest Speaker:

A. Intro: “Chip” Doherty: State Police Marine Patrol Division.

Marine Patrol is a little bit short handed over the past few years.

Chip covers 4 counties.

6 yrs ago when Chip joined there = 90 uniformed officers. This year there = 20.

They are actively hiring for seasonal positions and he put in a “plug” that if we knew of anyone looking for a job to contact State. (The job lends itself well to those going into criminal justice.)

B. Ski Craft vs. Personal Water Craft

Chip explained that Clough Pond is considered unrestricted body of water.

However because ski craft (jet skis) are not allowed on bodies of water less than 75 acres, they are not allowed on Clough Pond. Ski craft can exceed 20 MPH, are less than 10 in length and can accommodate operator and 1 passenger only.

(He also explained that “Jet Ski” is the trade name for ski craft, like Ford is for cars.)

A personal water craft (PWC) can seat 3 people and are classified as a boat, and therefore legal on Clough Pond.

C. Marine Patrol phone number is on the back of boaters manual that the Lake Hosts hand out at the boat ramp. Call ANY time of day.

If you want to report ski craft flagrantly disobeying safe passage then call Marine Patrol. 603-293-2207 hit 0 (dispatch). Try to get the bow number for identification.

“Safe Passage” is considered 150 ft. away from ANYTHING. If the PWC or boat is within 150 of shore or swimmers or other boats then they must travel at headway speed.

Distance for ski craft (Jet Ski) from shore = 300 ft way from anything. Body of water has to be over 10 acres in order to be under Marine Patrol jurisdiction.

Fish & Game can also follow up on a report.

It is unlawful to move buoys. Marine Patrol has to do it. Every Spring they have to replace about 10% due to snow mobiles running over them.

Swimmers do not have to stay within 150 feet near shore. It is the boaters responsibility to stay at headway speed and 150 ft. away from the swimmer. Boaters need to give way to kayaks, canoes, swimmers stand up paddle boards etc.

Anything with a motor & Sailboats 12 ft. and over needs to be registered. The vast majority of canoes & kayaks launch at Fish & Game sites. They use facility but don't pay for it so Fish & Game are considering requiring those boats to be registered as well. There is a \$68.00 fine for not having boats registered. \$84.00 for no PFD (life jacket).

NOTE: During our meeting, a PWC drove around the pond with 3 passengers & were towing an inner tube with 2 kids. Chip said that the PWC with its driver and 2 passengers were legal but not the 2 kids on the tube because that put the PWC over the limit of “passengers”. He spoke to them on his way out after the meeting! 😊

Carolyn Berry Mieth inquired about the Marine Patrol using “volunteers”. Chip will put her in touch with the Captain.

Meeting Cont.

I. Secretary – Deb Lincoln

Minutes of the June 28th meeting were emailed to the committee and handed out to the membership. Minutes accepted.

II. Treasurers – Jean Cote

A. Report is broken down into where money came from and what its been used for.

B. On back is update of the Lake Host program.

C. Ecoli testing has been done twice.

D. Membership - 34 voting members have pd. for this upcoming year. 4 single and 15 family memberships.

Tom asked Jean to send him names of new members and changes so he can update website and mailing database.

III. Committee Reports

A. Lake Hosts - Sandy DeCato - Has spent 1500 dollars with about \$800.00 left and nearly exhausted the allotted funds. If we inspect 300 boats, we go to the next level of funding and receive additional grant monies from NH Lakes. We can keep lake hosting into October for more hours.

B. VLAP – Tom Edwards - We did water testing 3 times this year. We added e. coli at beach and one time cyanobacteria.

The State is trying to establish a base line for cyanobacteria, so they'll be able to predict it better in future.

Beach testing for e. coli - we've done it 3 times and results have been posted on website. The e. coli numbers were less than 2 and their threshold for action to be taken = 88. ☺ At the 2nd testing, the results were 6.

We brought an intern this year (twice) Tom's Granddaughter. Her Mom thought she really enjoyed it. Tom will explore it further for next year.

e. "Get the Lead Out" – Sandy DeCato - She tries to get the word out at the boat ramp to NOT use lead sinkers (hazard to Loons and other diving ducks) but most of the folks they talk to already know about the program and lead tackle.

IV. Old Business

- A. Lake Host – Sandy DeCato said in her report that 4 new bodies of water in NH have been declared as having milfoil. Oxbow Pond Canterbury = 1
Need for early detection!!!!
- B. We don't do weed watcher program where designated people watch shoreline and shallow water for new weeds popping up. If they are detected early, it is possible to eradicate milfoil. There were 39 saves this yr. in NH. Over 4000 inspections and over 1000 saves since the program began.
- C. Discussion: Can we put a sign at ramp saying that we are doing E. coli??? Perhaps something also about memberships and supporting our good work?????

V. New business

We didn't invite Billy (Brookside Pizza) to our mtg. He seemed to be happy with the way his ads were and that was enough for him.

VI. Elections:

Slate of Officers nominated for 2016

President: Tom Edwards

Treasurer: Jean Cote

Secretary: Deb Lincoln

Board of Directors:

Priscilla Giles 2016?

Barri-Lynn Medeiros 2016

Perry Hayden 2017

George Hayden 2016

Sandy DeCato 2017

Lou Cote made the motion that the secretary cast a vote for the whole slate as nominated. Passed unanimously.

George Hayden & Barri-Lynn M. volunteered to be on the slate for one year through 2016 and everybody else is 2017.

Meeting adjourned 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Lincoln, secretary